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Press Release

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GMHA Launches New Outpatient Foot & Ankle Specialty Clinic

(October 14, 2022; Tamuning, Guam) Guam Memorial Hospital Authority (GMHA) has launched a new Foot & Ankle Specialty Clinic for outpatients in our Special Services Department (SSD). Dr. Dustin Prins, DPM, is the hospital's new Foot and Ankle Specialist and will lead the new outpatient clinic. Dr. Prins is also the Medical Director of Wound Care at GMHA and board certified as a certified Wound Specialist Physician.

Patients will be required to have a referral to the GMHA Foot & Ankle Specialty Clinic. For a patient's first visit, their provider will need to send the referral along with clinical notes, current medications, and pertinent studies related to the patient's condition. This includes operative reports, laboratory results, imaging results, etc. Once the referral has been received, a representative from the SSD will contact the patient to make an appointment and provide additional instructions.

Dr. Prins is very experienced in treating issues of the foot and ankle can detect the early stages of diseases that display warning signs in the lower extremities, like diabetes, arthritis and cardiovascular disease. As a Foot and Ankle Surgeon, Dr. Prins has more experience and training specific to the foot and ankle than any other healthcare provider. With diabetes an epidemic and one of the leading causes of death in Guam, GMHA is pleased to have the expertise of Dr. Prins at the GMHA Foot & Ankle Specialty Clinic to provide treatment to the community.

Dr. Prins is board-certified by the American Board of Foot and Ankle Surgery in Foot Surgery and Reconstructive Rear Foot and Ankle Surgery. He is also a member in the American College of Healthcare Executives, the American College of Foot and Ankle Surgeons, and the Guam Medical Association.

Our feet and ankles carry the weight of our entire body and it's important they're in healthy condition. The shoes we wear play an important role in the health of our feet. In Guam, zories, sometimes called flip flops or thongs, are one of our favorite styles of footwear. Unfortunately, they are also one of the worst types of shoes for our feet because they lack arch support and force toes to over-grip, which can cause issues with the ligament that runs down the bottom of our feet. Our love of zories makes it more important that we pay attention to our feet and ankles.

Anyone experiencing issues with their feet and/or ankles are encouraged to speak to their primary care physician about a referral to the GMHA Foot & Ankle Specialty Clinic. The clinic is open Monday to Friday from 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM. The GMHA Special Services Department can be reached at (671) 647-2488 or 648-6724. Required documents may be faxed to (671) 647-2348.

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