

Advanced Practice Summary Report

Project title	Establishment of a podiatry led high risk foot clinic in the community.
Health service	Latrobe Community Health.
Project aim	Providing high risk foot clinics in a community health service setting across two sites (Morwell and Moe) with a high number of high risk clients.
Key outcomes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Significantly reduced the HRFC DNA rate to 3.4% from the LCHS general podiatry DNA rate of 19.9%, with an average of 7.5%. • Enabled senior practitioners to increase their skills around diabetes and wound management and therefore assist in retaining experienced allied health practitioners within the public system, providing career pathways. • Improved productivity and efficiency through podiatrists, diabetes educators and dietitians reviewing clients at the same time, minimising duplication and the number of times the client needs to tell their story and joint correspondence letter is sent to GP. • Reduced number of patient visits through clients ability to see the podiatrist, diabetes educator and dietitian in the one appointment in the one place. • High Risk Foot Clinics now operating weekly with approximately 44 active clients attending. • No waitlist for this service – clients are booked straight into an appointment in this clinic. Clients are able to be seen in the clinic within 1 week of referral. • Improved patient care with AP podiatrist acting as a care co-ordinator for the client, helping the client navigate through the health system and providing a holistic approach to the client's health. • Formed a professional mentoring partnership with the lead podiatrist at Monash Health, High Risk Foot Clinic Dandenong. • Developed competencies and procedure documents for AHAs involved in the high risk foot clinic . •
Total investment	<p>Funding provided plus in-kind support: \$70,556</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Funding costs included: Staffing, operational costs, equipment / capital costs, other costs including consumables • In-kind support costs included: PD and AHA <p>Total FTE to provide service:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Primary team: podiatrist, diabetes educator, dietitian • Secondary team: wound nurse, GP and counsellor co-located and provide input into the clinic. • Virtual team: Monash Health High Risk Foot Clinic confirmed. •
Resources developed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Procedure of LCHS High Risk Foot Clinic • Competency