

Advanced Practice Summary Report

Project title	Clinical Practice and Evaluation framework for a limited Advanced Practice Podiatric Surgery service
Health service	Austin Health
Project aim	Providing a clinical care management pathway for patients with toe ulcers (<i>Percutaneous tenotomy of toes</i>) to enable faster healing of apical toe ulcers and prevention of impending or recurrent toe ulcers and subsequent amputation.
Key outcomes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Developed new procedure for pathway of care for clinical management of patients with toe ulcers. • Education included: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Healing of apical ulcerations – Recurrence of ulceration or new ulceration – Adverse outcomes (medical, structural, biomechanical) • Developed policies and procedures to support the enhanced care pathway. Including evidence, credentialing, scope of practice, governance and guidelines. • Engaged with key stakeholders to collaboratively develop the patient care pathway and the clinical practice framework for an advanced practice podiatric surgery role. • Developed data collection framework and analysis plan that includes patient outcomes and patient feedback. • The procedure reduced: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – the need for hospital admissions and amputations due to infected toe ulcers – the need for antibiotics – the frequency of clinic appointments – the duration and frequency of wound dressings.
Total investment	<p>Funding provided: \$21,100</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Funding costs included: staffing, operational costs. <p>Total FTE to provide service:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 podiatrist
Resources available	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Patient selection algorithm