

# 2023 INVITATION **TO INDUSTRY**

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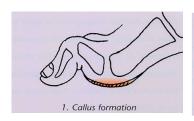
# **KEY FACTS**

- Every 20 seconds somewhere in the world someone loses a leg due to the complications of diabetes
- More than half of these people die within 5 years after such an amputation
- More than 85% of amputations are preceded by a diabetic foot ulcer
- Over 100 million people with diabetes will develop a foot ulcer during their life
- These outcomes are preventable, when health professionals follow evidencebased comprehensive guidelines
- In 1999, the first IWGDF Guidelines were produced, the only comprehensive international guidelines
- The IWGDF Guidelines are updated every 4 years, to reflect the latest scientific evidence
- The IWGDF Guidelines have been translated in more than 25 languages
- More than 100,000 copies have been distributed
- More than 100 international diabetic foot experts from all continents contribute their free time to the production of the guidelines
- Use of the IWGDF Guidelines has resulted in the prevention of hundreds of thousands of amputations

# INVITATION TO INDUSTRY

Currently, there are millions of people with diabetes suffering from poorly healing foot ulcers and every 20 seconds somewhere in the world someone loses a leg due to the complications of diabetes. Successfully managing these ulcers, or better yet preventing them, depends on the close collaboration of various types of health professionals, such as diabetologists, general and vascular surgeons, infectious disease specialists, wound care specialists, podiatrists, etc. All these experts must integrate up-to-date care in their speciality into an effective multidisciplinary foot team. The key factors for success are that team members share common goals, have access to the same knowledge base and follow evidence-based, comprehensive guidelines.

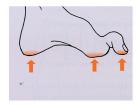
In 1996 the International Working Group on the Diabetic Foot (IWGDF) was founded to develop guidelines on the prevention and management of diabetic foot complications. These are the only international and multidisciplinary guidelines that are produced through a rigorous, scientific process undertaken by health care workers from all over the world, in collaboration with several organizations such as the International Diabetes Federation (IDF). In addition, the IWGDF produces systematic reviews and practical guidelines for daily practice, which are all published in an international scientific journal and on our website. The guidelines are adapted for many different countries and have been translated into all major languages of the world. To stay current, every 4 years the quidelines are updated and new chapters are added under supervision of the IWGDF Editorial Board.

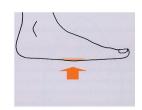




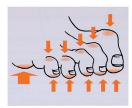














In 2021 the IWGDF started the production of a new set of guidelines that will consist of 7 guideline chapters, each underpinned by a one or more systematic reviews of the scientific literature. This information will come together in a short document for all health professionals globally: the Practical Guidelines. Using the widely respected GRADE system, each chapter is written by a separate working group (of around 12 members) comprising clinicians, scientists, and other experts from all over the world. Recently, the European Society of Vascular Disease (ESVS), the American Society for Vascular Disease (SVS) and members of the Infectious Disease Society of America (IDSA) have joined us in creating intersociety guidelines. Before publication, the IWGDF will seek input of various other disciplines involved in diabetes-related foot disease. The final documents will be presented at the International Symposium on the Diabetic foot (ISDF) in The Hague in May 2023. This quadrennial meeting is the largest and most prestigious conference devoted to diabetes-related foot disease in the world. Subsequently, we will publish the texts in an international journal and we will start the translation process into all major languages.

This unique process of producing evidence-based, multidisciplinary guidelines with a worldwide scope, which are the basis of many national guidelines, is daunting. It requires multiple meetings with over 70 experts-in-the-field who during two years voluntarily devote their free time to this task. While we use modern communication media as much as possible, in-person meetings are also required. As the IWGDF has no source of funding, we require financial support for these meetings and for publication of the documents. Previously, the unconditional financial support of several partners has made our activities possible. We will again need financial support to enable us to produce the new 2023 guidelines. These documents put the best information, in the clearest presentation, in the hands of health care workers who see patients with diabetes-related foot disease. The limbs and lives of these patients rest on ensuring they get the best care. We hope you will join and support us in this important campaign to prevent foot amputations, premature death and poorly healing foot ulcers in the growing population of people with diabetes.

Over the years, the IWGDF Guidelines have been translated in more than 25 major languages

## The IWGDF **Editorial Board** members:

















In 2019, the previous IWGDF Guidelines were published. This was done by diabetic foot experts who voluntarily devoted their free time to this task. By doing so, they contributed to reducing lower amputation throughout the world, details can be found on our website **www.IWGDFguidelines.org** 

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# SUPPORT FOR UPDATE OF THE CONSENSUS



The new version of the IWGDF will be published in 2023.

We are kindly asking you to consider funding in the form of an unrestricted educational grant to IWGDF to support the development of the new guidelines.

# Educational Grant €25.000

#### Benefits:

- Invitation to two industry meetings, which will be held in Q2 2022 and in Q1 2023 Both we meetings will be held virtually.
- 2 free registrations for ISDF 2023
- 2 invitations to the invited speaker and board dinner at ISDF 2023
- Acknowledgement as sponsor in the guideline and on the IWGDF website
- 2 hours of consultancy from relevant members of the working group

#### Please note:

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