

specialist foot care will be explored and some solutions suggested in relation to the diagnosis, assessment and management of foot problems.

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**181 CALL THE PODIATRIST! MANAGEMENT OF FOOT PROBLEMS IN INFLAMMATORY ARTHRITIS**

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This presentation will focus on the research that has significantly influenced both the foot health interventions that are now provided to people with inflammatory joint conditions and the development of guidelines that directly impact on patient care. Aligned with this has been the increasing profile of podiatry within rheumatology and also the recognition within podiatry of rheumatology as a specialisation. However, the podiatrist's role within rheumatology is currently under threat as services are driven to focus on other patient groups. This is happening despite recommendations from guidelines and support from rheumatologists. The risks associated with this decline in