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**DEBUT ISSUE OF *FOOT & ANKLE SPECIALIST* FEATURES  
MULTIDISCIPLINARY TREATMENT FOR DIABETIC FOOT INFECTIONS**

*Los Angeles, London, New Delhi, and Singapore (February 13, 2008)* – Foot infections are common among diabetic patients and are a major cause of hospitalization and amputation. A multidisciplinary surgical and medical team is necessary to adequately treat severe diabetic foot infection.

An article in the debut issue of SAGE's *Foot & Ankle Specialist (FAS)*, written by Thomas Zgonis, DPM, FACFAS, John J. Stapleton, DPM, and Thomas S. Roukis, DPM, FACFAS, details a 3-step treatment plan for patients with diabetic foot infections, recommending first controlling the infection by removing the infected tissue, then conducting a comprehensive assessment, and finally, restructuring the tissue to assure that the wound is closed properly. Following this approach can help save the limb.

“This type of article is essential to show how well we are able to incorporate different specialties and to help show a diverse approach to the treatment of a complicated problem,” said Bob Baravarian, DPM, co-editor of *FAS*. “This new journal will enable practitioners to address a broad range of disorders and provide their patients with the best current diagnosis and therapy.”

*FAS* is edited by Bob Baravarian, DPM, chief of foot and ankle surgery at Santa Monica/UCLA Medical Center and Orthopedic Hospital, assistant clinical professor at the David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA, and co-director of Los Angeles' University Foot and Ankle Institute, along with Greg Berlet, MD, a board certified orthopedic surgeon who is Chief Section of Foot and Ankle, and a clinical assistant professor, Department of Orthopedics, Ohio State University. The new journal provides 11,000 foot and ankle caregivers the latest information in foot and ankle treatment by publishing research, reviews, technical perspectives, case studies, and other evidence-based articles.

The *FAS* article titled “A Stepwise Approach to the Surgical Management of Severe Diabetic Foot Infections” is being provided by SAGE at no charge for a limited time at <http://fas.sagepub.com/cgi/reprint/1/1/46>.

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