# THE REAL COST OF DIABETES

DIABETIC FOOT COMPLICATIONS ARE COMMON AND COSTLY

#### DIABETIC FOOT HEALTH



Up to 25% of those with DIABETES will develop a FOOT ULCER



Estimated annual U.S. burden of diabetic foot ulcers is at least

> \$15 BILLION

#### COST OF DIABETES IN THE US



\$176 BILLION direct medical costs

BILLION
indirect medical costs
(disability, reduced productivity,
premature death)

### **INVESTMENT IN CARE**

\$1 invested in care by a podiatrist results in \$27 to \$51 of savings for the health-care system, among patients with commercial insurance.



\$1 invested in care by a podiatrist results in \$9 to \$13 of savings, among Medicare eligible patients.

## **OUTSMART DIABETES**

Podiatric medical care can reduce amputation rates up to 80%



The inclusion of care provided by podiatrists for those with diabetes alone will save the health-care system \$3.5 BILLION per year



