

Training of nurses in diabetic care

This refers to your Editorial entitled "Training of nurses in diabetic care".¹ You have omitted an important "Member of Diabetic Care Team" in Vascular Surgeon. In my cardiovascular practice, out of cases presenting with "Pain in Legs" they fall equally in the categories of peripheral vascular disease, diabetic neuropathy and sciatic type condition, mostly from degenerative & osteoporotic disease of the spine.

Interestingly of the peripheral vascular disease patients about 10% are known diabetics and around 5% turn out to be diabetic on screening.

Since atherosclerosis is high among diabetics leading to vascular disease, initially as small vessel disease, it is mandatory that the services of vascular surgeon are included in the Diabetic Care Team.

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Criteria for credit for publication of research

Many thanks for the current issue of Pakistan Journal of Medical Sciences. Your editorial¹ has raised a very important issue. I hope HEC (Higher Education Commission) will be able to tackle this issue.

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