

# The Top 10 Things



*You Must Know Before Choosing A*

## Podiatrist

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## Introductory Letter from Dr. Robert Bondi and Dr. Laurel Bondi

Dear Friend,

If you are suffering from foot or ankle pain that prevents you from enjoying your life and the activities you love with family, you are in the right place. Everyone's feet are unique, and so are the ways podiatrists care for them. As you do research on the best podiatrist, you may feel overwhelmed by all the options that are available. How will you know if the podiatrist truly understands your foot or ankle pain and how to effectively treat that pain?

At The Foot Doctors of KC, our goal is to educate our patients and partner with them for ultimately they can have healthy and pain-free feet. We love nothing better than hearing our patients say, "Finally, my pain is gone!"

After helping more than 60,000 patients since 1986, we can confidently say that 4 out of 5 patients find relief from pain at their first visit! As a result of waiting, not only are you suffering more and potentially even creating permanent damage, but surgery may be in your cards. Again, when you feel ready to learn more about your options, we are here for you.

Additionally, we understand how important it is to feel comfortable when choosing a doctor, especially someone who can diagnose pain in your feet. You should be fully educated on your option in order to make a confident choice. Whether you choose us to help you with your feet or not, we are confident this report we wrote, "The Top Ten Things You Must Know Before Choosing A Podiatrist," will help you in finding the best podiatrist for you.

Sincerely,

*Dr. Robert Bondi,*  
*Dr. Laurel Bondi*

P.S. When you are ready, we invite you to schedule a complimentary visit by calling 816.525.4778 today!

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## Are They an Expert in Their Field?

Your podiatrist should have at least some experience under their belt. Typically, the more experience someone has, the better they are at what they do. When it comes to your health, you should be especially discerning – and this includes treatment for foot or ankle pain, or any other problems concerning the feet.

At The Foot Doctors of KC, we've helped over 60,000 patients since 1986. Our time in practice and the vast number of patients who have found pain relief and reclaimed their active lives are a testament to our commitment to you.



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## Do They Take a Consultative Approach?

Your podiatrist should take a consultative approach when speaking to you about your needs as well as your treatment options. This essentially means that your podiatrist will take the time to sit down with you, listen to your symptoms and thoughts about what's going on, and partner with you to find the best treatment option for your condition as well as your unique lifestyle. Your podiatrist should be willing and able to answer any questions you may have, as well as addressing any concerns that come up.

Here at The Foot Doctors of KC, we go the extra mile to ensure that you're involved in the process of diagnosing and treating your unique foot or ankle condition. We are firm believers in being your partner as we determine the clearest route for your feet to get better faster. Your feet are an important part of your life and we want to give you the best options, period.





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## Are They Equipped with The Latest Technology?

As you search for your podiatrist and research the different equipment and technology used in the field, you may come across things such as diagnostic ultrasound, x-rays, and some other equipment that aids in diagnosing and better treating your foot or ankle condition. Though it's beneficial to have a lot of this equipment, some of it is unnecessary while certain other types of equipment help a great deal and aren't found in all podiatry practices.

Here at The Foot Doctors of KC, we have a unique advantage over most podiatry offices. Our patients have the benefit of access to our diagnostic ultrasounds, digital x-rays, interactive portal for patients to retrieve information, molecular genetic testing, and CryoProbe for warts and skin lesions. This equipment allows us to diagnose an array of conditions that other podiatrists can't. Being equipped with the right tools allow us to provide the best treatment for our patients.



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## Do They Provide a Comfortable Environment?

You're probably wondering what kind of atmosphere or environment a podiatry office offers. The truth is, this varies from one practice to the next and one podiatrist to the next. It also depends a little on what kind of practice they have as well as what their personal preferences are.

At The Foot Doctors of KC, our office is welcoming from the moment you arrive. If you prefer a warm, independently owned office environment, we can offer you that. Our doctors and staff are friendly and always ready to help you with whatever you may need.



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## Do Patients Experience Relief After Their First Visit?

If you are experiencing foot or ankle pain, visiting your local podiatry office should bring you some form of relief. Many patients seek out a podiatrist due to an increase in their discomfort. When researching a podiatrist, be sure to ask if they can help you find relief during your initial visit.

4 out of 5 patients who visit The Foot Doctors of KC feel relief from their foot or ankle pain after their first visit. Our goal is to provide you the care you need, so you can get back to doing the activities you love. During your initial appointment, one of our expert doctors will evaluate your condition and begin treatment as soon as possible.





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## Do They Offer Early Morning Appointments?

When you are experiencing foot pain or ankle pain, the last thing you want to hear is that you have to wait for an appointment with your podiatry office. You want your pain addressed and treated as soon as possible, and most podiatry offices will not have appointments available the same day you call. You may also discover that once they finally get you in for an appointment, that an entirely separate appointment has to be scheduled for the treatment solution.

If you are in pain or discomfort, or are experiencing another foot or ankle concern, our compassionate team at The Foot Doctors of KC will do their best to ensure you can be seen for an early morning appointment. You don't have to worry about being seen in a timely manner. We understand how busy life can get, and addressing foot or ankle concerns as quickly and efficiently as possible is something we consider a crucial factor in finding a podiatrist that is right for you.



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## Do They Have Same Day Emergency Services Available?

When you are experiencing foot or ankle emergency, the last thing you want to hear is that you have to wait for an appointment with your local podiatry office. You want the pain addressed and treated as soon as possible, and most offices will not have emergency services available the same day you call. You may also discover that once they finally get you in for an appointment, that an entirely separate appointment has to be scheduled for the treatment solution.

If you are experiencing foot and ankle discomfort, our compassionate team at The Foot Doctors of KC will do their best to ensure you can be seen the same day you have an emergency. We understand how busy life can get, and addressing and concerns with your feet or ankles as quickly and efficiently as possible is something we consider a crucial factor in finding a podiatrist that is right for you.





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## Do They Treat All Ages?

You may be researching podiatrists for your child or a loved one, as foot problems can develop at any stage in life. Maybe your child has an ingrown toenail or your grandmother needs a podiatrist to see regularly due to diabetes. No matter the case, your podiatrist should be family-friendly and able to treat patients of all ages, from infancy to elderly.

Here at The Foot Doctors of KC, we see patients of all ages and have treated numerous foot and ankle conditions of all kinds. We strive to be the best at what we do and age restrictions would only serve to hinder the number of people we can help heal. No matter what age a patient is or what their condition may be, we want to help you get the best care possible.



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## Do They Offer Discounts?

Many patients seeking podiatry care often try to avoid breaking their budget. They go as far as to prolong treatment, even though pain in their feet or ankles limits their mobility. Your podiatrist should offer incentives with your needs in mind. Be sure to find a podiatrist who is willing to work with you.

At The Foot Doctors of KC, we want you to have the help you deserve. Podiatric treatment is an investment that ensures your body performs at its optimal level. This is why we offer discounts on our treatments, giving you the opportunity to get the best podiatry care for your foot or ankle condition.





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## Are Most Insurances Accepted?

One concern for people is whether their podiatrist will accept their particular insurance plan or not. If you're uncertain whether the podiatrist you're researching is able to accept your insurance, you can always give them a call and ask in advance so you're prepared or can seek out another podiatrist.

At The Foot Doctors of KC, we accept most insurances. We understand the importance of investing in your foot and ankle care. We will work with you to file claims and find the best solution for your budget. We also offer flexible payment options to cover those cost not covered by insurance companies.



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## Bonus: Do They Have Flexible Payment Options?

We know this report was titled “The Top 10 Things You Must Know Before Choosing Your Podiatrist,” however Flexible Payment Options are so important, we just had to include it in the list. Like many doctors’ offices, when you receive services at a podiatry office, you typically receive a bill requiring cash, money order, check or credit card for the amount in full. This bill can often be disheartening and cause you to think twice about being proactive with your podiatric care.

At The Foot Doctors of KC, we believe your foot and ankle care comes first. We keep our costs fair, accept many insurances and provide flexible payment options to help our patients get the help they need. When you walk through our doors, you can feel confident that your foot or ankle pain is our main priority.



## Closing Letter from Dr. Robert Bondi and Dr. Laurel Bondi

Dear Friend,

We hope you found this report both insightful and helpful. If you're just beginning your search for a podiatrist, we encourage you to use the preceding questions to plan your upcoming consultations. If you've already chosen a podiatrist, please don't hesitate to follow-up with their office and ask any of the questions contained here that you may not have known or had the opportunity to ask before.

At The Foot Doctors of KC, we embrace a consultative approach. Rather than speeding through consultations, we encourage our patients to ask questions because we want you to feel comfortable and confident that the medical decisions they make are the correct ones. We're forthcoming because we believe in transparency, and we think you'll agree that honesty really is the best policy.

There are many more things we could tell you about choosing a podiatrist, but we've touched on the most important points and it's time for you to go and get the podiatric care you deserve. While we hope you ultimately choose to move forward with our team at The Foot Doctors of KC, in the end, our primary goal is simply to help you find the podiatrist that you feel is best suited to your needs.

If there is any way we can be of further assistance, please don't hesitate to reach out. We look forward to helping in any way we can!

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