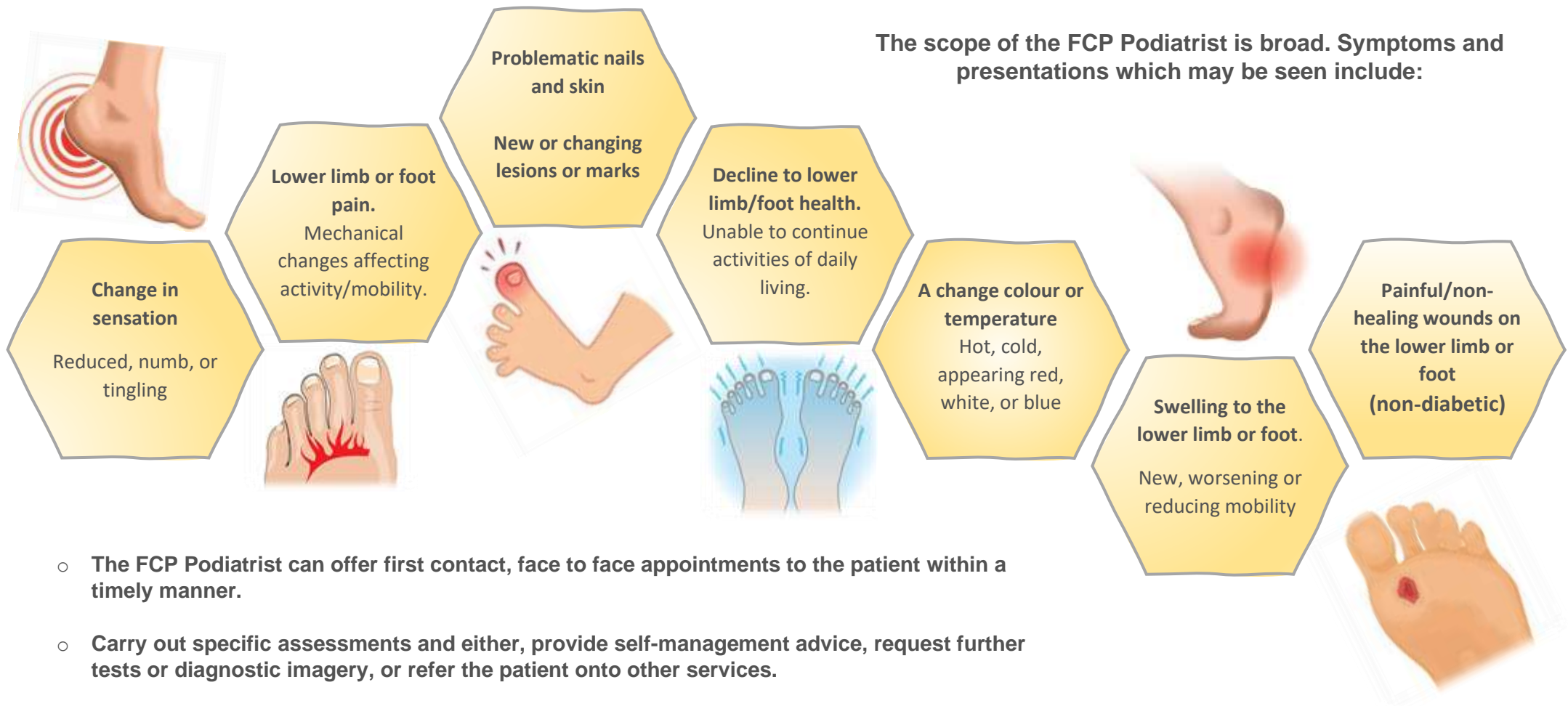


FIRST CONTACT PRACTITIONER (FCP) PODIATRIST



The scope of the FCP Podiatrist is broad. Symptoms and presentations which may be seen include:

- The FCP Podiatrist can offer first contact, face to face appointments to the patient within a timely manner.
- Carry out specific assessments and either, provide self-management advice, request further tests or diagnostic imagery, or refer the patient onto other services.
- Unable fulfil routine treatment. However, if something presents as urgent, treatment may be offered to prevent unnecessary delay in referral process and to facilitate care.

'According to recent government policy, podiatrists in FCP roles are the right healthcare professionals to deliver the right care, at the right time for a large proportion of the population. Podiatrists in FCP roles have the potential to improve patient outcomes, reduce activity limitation, prevent further declines in sedentary related health conditions, reduce hospital admissions and positively contribute to the national health economy'. (Podiatrists as first contract practitioners – The College of podiatry)