


Podortho® Nurse's are all registered with the College of Nurses of Ontario (CNO) and members of the Ontario Podortho Nursing Association, the Registered Nurses Association of Ontario (RNAO) and/or the Registered Practical Nurses Association of Ontario (RPNAO)

Podortho® Nurses (RN's and/or RPN's) regulated governing body is the College of Nurses of Ontario who incorporate;

- ✓ standards of practice
 - ✓ Communicates and sets best practice guidelines for all nurses
 - ✓ Monitors best practices and the performance of every nurse in Ontario via their **Quality Assurance Program**
 - ✓ Enforces a complaints and disciplinary program
 - ✓ Mandated to protect the public
 - ✓ Every Nurse carries Liability Insurance as per membership requirements with the OPNA
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All nurses registered with the College of Nurses of Ontario must adhere to these set regulations

Standards of practice/Best Practice Guidelines

- <http://www.cno.org/en/learn-about-standards-guidelines/standards-and-guidelines/>

Quality Assurance Program

- <https://www.cno.org/en/myqa/>

College of Nurses Recognition of the Ontario
Podortho Nursing Association Inc.

- <https://www.cno.org/en/learn-about-standards-guidelines/nursing-links/>

Complaints and disciplinary program

- <https://www.cno.org/en/protect-public/making-a-complaint-public/>

Protect the Public

- <http://www.cno.org/en/protect-public/>

Membership requirements

- <http://www.cno.org/en/maintain-your-membership1/>

Code of Conduct

- <http://www.cno.org/en/protect-public/code-of-conduct-for-nurses/>

Liability insurance


- <http://www.cno.org/en/maintain-your-membership1/professional-liability-protection/>



Ontario Podortho Nursing Association practice Statement

Professional Podortho[®]Nurse's are Registered Nurses (Registered Practical Nurse / Registered Nurse) that specialize in the field of advanced medical foot and lower limb care. The primary objective of a Podortho[®]Nurse is to optimize foot health, improve client mobility and overall health related quality of life. This is achieved by performing lower leg and foot assessments, which has been known to detect early signs of life threatening diseases or disabling conditions.

In conjunction, Podortho[®]Nurse's use the nursing process to assess and diagnose, develop and implement a plan of care, and evaluate patient outcomes, while working as part of an interdisciplinary health care team or independently to ultimately provide adequate quality patient/client care.




Ontario Podortho Nursing Association Membership Requirements

All Podortho® Nurses must be registered with the College of Nurses of Ontario and possess a non restricted license. <https://www.cno.org/en/protect-public/confirm-a-nurses-membership-status/>



Must complete post graduate studies in foot and lower limb care accredited and acknowledged by the OPNA meeting requirements as outlined in the Podortho Nurse Core Competencies (PNCC) document. https://www.opnassociation.ca/wp-content/uploads/woocommerce_uploads/2016/10/Core-Competencies-Podortho-Nurse.pdf




Must acquire advanced learning in Orthotic therapy and compression therapy programs outlined in the OPNA resource care partners section of the website. Post graduate course certificates must be provided to the OPNA board of director's in order to be provided with an OPNA registration number. <https://www.opnassociation.ca/#>



Nurses Role of Foot Care in Ontario-Statement provided by the College of Nurses of Ontario

*Registered Nurses (RNs), Registered Practical Nurses (RPNs) and Nurse Practitioners (NPs) (collectively referred to as “Nurses”) are regulated health care professionals who provide foot care in a variety of care settings, long term care homes, hospitals, CCDC’s, FHTs, physician offices, and in the community in patients home or in private health clinics. Nurses assess patients, provide preventative care and educate and refer patients to other practitioners where necessary. Nurses also provide non-invasive foot care services, such as clipping nails, paring calluses and corns, debriding morbid tissue, treating ulcers, providing wound care, monitoring conditions of the foot, **prescribing and dispensing orthotics**, and wrapping and bandaging the feet. (College of Nurses of Ontario 2014). HPRAC, stakeholder Feedback on the Chiropody/Podiatry Referral: The current Model of Foot Care in Ontario. Part II(b); Other submissions, 54.*



Registered Nurse, Registered Practical Nurse, Podortho®Nurse's Education

Diploma and/or Degree	Diploma or Degree in Nursing- Studying 3-5 years in the field of nursing http://www.cno.org/en/become-a-nurse/approved-nursing-programs/
Post-Graduate	Post graduate education in foot and lower limb care with accredited Podortho Nursing program adhering to Podortho Nurse Core Competencies (PNCC) set by the Ontario Podortho Nursing Association Inc.
Post-Graduate	Additional post graduate studies in biomechanics, gait analysis, orthotic therapy and, compression therapy

Post Graduate summary of Podortho Nursing Curriculum (Evidence-Based Best Practice Standards instilled)

