

New Scope of Practice Law in Podiatry

New York State Board for Podiatry

- Laws of 2012, Chapter 438
- ***Effective February 17, 2014***
- No change in scope of practice until law is effective

What does it mean for you as a
Podiatrist in New York State?

Current Scope of Practice

- Diagnosing, treating, operating and prescribing for any disease, injury, deformity or other condition of the foot.
- May include performing physical evaluations in conjunction with the provision of podiatric treatment.
- Treatment of traumatic open wound fractures only in hospitals.

New Scope of Practice For All Licensed Podiatrists

- All Current Scope, plus
- Wound care:
 - will include the treatment of wounds if they are contiguous with wounds relating, originating or in the course of treatment of a wound on the foot within the podiatric scope of practice
 - **but** will not extend beyond to the level ending at the distal tibial tuberosity.
- No other changes in scope for those who do not obtain one of the ankle surgery privileges
- ***Effective February 17, 2014.***

New Scope of Practice for Podiatrists Holding an Ankle Surgery Privilege

- Everything on preceding slide, plus:
- Diagnosing, treating, operating and prescribing for any disease, injury, deformity or other condition of the ankle and soft tissue of the leg below the tibial tuberosity.
- ***Effective February 17, 2014.***
- ***Podiatrist must submit application to the State Education Department to obtain a privilege.***

Standard Ankle Surgery Privilege

- Surgery on the ankle which may include soft tissue and osseous procedures, except procedures reserved for those holding the advanced ankle surgery privilege (see next slide).

Additional Procedures for Those Holding the Advanced Ankle Surgery Privilege

- Surgery on the ankle which may include:
 - ankle fracture fixation,
 - ankle fusion,
 - ankle arthroscopy,
 - insertion or removal of external fixation pins into or from the tibial diaphysis at or below the level of the myotendinous junction of the triceps surae, and
 - insertion and removal of retrograde tibiototalcanneal intramedullary rods and locking screws up to the level of the myotendinous junction of the triceps surae,
 - **but does not include** the surgical treatment of complications within the tibial diaphysis related to the use of such external fixation pins.
- ***The practice of podiatry does not include partial or total ankle replacements or the treatment of pilon fractures.***

Requirements for Obtaining an Ankle Surgery Privilege

- File an application with the department.
- Be licensed as a podiatrist in New York.
- Meet training and certification requirements for:
 - **Standard ankle surgery (3 options), or**
 - **Advanced ankle surgery (2 options).**
- Pay fee (\$220).

Training and Experience for Standard Ankle Surgery – Option 1

- Graduation, on or after June 1, 2006, from a 3-year residency program in podiatric medicine and surgery accredited by an acceptable accrediting agency, and
- Certification in reconstructive rearfoot and ankle surgery by a national certifying board having certification standards acceptable to the Department.

Training and Experience for Standard Ankle Surgery – Option 2

- Graduation, on or after June 1, 2006, from a 3-year residency program in podiatric medicine and surgery accredited by an acceptable accrediting agency,
- Board qualification (but not certification) in reconstructive rearfoot and ankle surgery by a national certifying board having certification standards acceptable to the Department, and
- Documentation of acceptable training and experience in standard or advanced midfoot, rearfoot and ankle procedures that has been approved by the Department.

Training and Experience for Standard Ankle Surgery – Option 3

- Graduation, before June 1, 2006, from a 2-year residency program in podiatric medicine and surgery accredited by an acceptable accrediting agency,
- Certification in reconstructive rearfoot and ankle surgery by a national certifying board having certification standards acceptable to the Department, and
- Documentation of acceptable training and experience in standard or advanced midfoot, rearfoot and ankle procedures that has been approved by the Department.

Training and Experience for Advanced Ankle Surgery – Option 1

- Graduation, on or after June 1, 2006, from a 3-year residency program in podiatric medicine and surgery that was accredited by an acceptable accrediting agency,
- Certification in reconstructive rearfoot and ankle surgery by a national certifying board having certification standards acceptable to the Department, and
- Documentation of acceptable training and experience in advanced midfoot, rearfoot and ankle procedures that has been approved by the Department.

Training and Experience for Advanced Ankle Surgery – Option 2

- Graduation, before June 1, 2006, from a 2-year residency program in podiatric medicine and surgery that was accredited by an acceptable accrediting agency,
- Certification in reconstructive rearfoot and ankle surgery by a national certifying board having certification standards acceptable to the Department, and
- Documentation of acceptable training and experience in advanced midfoot, rearfoot and ankle procedures that has been approved by the Department.

Duration and Registration of Privileges

- Valid for the life of the holder, unless revoked, annulled, or suspended by the Board of Regents.
- Registration period for privilege is the same as the registration period for license.
- Triennial registration fee for privilege is \$210.

Ankle Surgery Limited Permits

- To enable podiatrist to obtain the training and experience required for one of the privileges.
- Separate permits for standard and advanced ankle surgery.
- To obtain a permit, a podiatrist must:
 - be a NYS licensed podiatrist,
 - **meet residency and board qualification/certification requirements for privilege**, and
 - pay fee of \$105.
- Valid for 1 year and may be renewed up to 4 times.
 - Renewal fee is \$50.

Practice Under Ankle Surgery Limited Permits

- Permit authorizes the performance of standard or advanced ankle surgery under the direct personal supervision of a podiatrist holding an appropriate ankle surgery privilege or of a physician licensed and certified in orthopedic surgery.
- Surgery under permit must be performed in a hospital or health facility licensed under Public Health Law Article 28 and authorized to provide such surgery.

The Short Answer to Eligibility for a Privilege

- Must be licensed as a podiatrist in NYS.
- Must have Board qualification or certification in reconstructive rearfoot and ankle surgery.
- Must have at least 2 years of residency in podiatric medicine and surgery.
- May need additional training and experience.

Effective Date

February 17, 2014



Questions?