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Saving Limbs and Lives-Sensing and Monitoring Technologies for the Diabetic Foot

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Message from the Guest Editors

Diabetic foot ulcers (DFU) represent one of the most challenging complications of diabetes. One in three people with diabetes develop a foot ulcer, and many cases require amputation.

Primary prevention of DFU is the key to addressing this health issue. However, prevention is challenging because of the complexity of health behaviours that lead to most cases of diabetes and specific foot factors including diabetic peripheral neuropathy. Major opportunities exist for sensing and monitoring technologies that can help support patients to better manage their foot health and health behaviours important to diabetes management, and work towards preventing DFU and subsequent amputations.

This Special Issue will address topic areas that support diabetes patients to screen, measure and monitor key parameters and foot health indicators, with examples of data signals including the foot temperature, pressure, blood flow/pressure, humidity, visual images/scans and other technologies that are markers of health behaviours impacting foot health. This can include early-stage engineering, information communication and technology development, or later-stage applied patient trials.













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