

Thank you for making an appointment to see me. I would like to give you some important details on my practice below. Please don't hesitate to contact my personal assistant Ashleigh in my rooms on 9489 8733 or zilko@wocwa.com if you have any questions during your treatment.

INTRODUCTION

I am an Orthopaedic Surgeon who sub-specialises solely in Foot and Ankle surgery. After completing my medical and orthopaedic surgery training in Western Australia, I spent 18 months undertaking further sub-specialty foot and ankle training with internationally renowned surgeons in Canada, the USA, the Netherlands, and the UK. I have extensive experience managing all aspects of foot and ankle pathology, and am up-to-date with the latest techniques and technological advancements in the field.

SURGICAL OUTCOMES

I am passionate about achieving the best possible results for my patients. I believe that a caring, professional approach is just as important as excellent surgical technique. I also believe that monitoring of surgical results is paramount, and you may be asked to fill out research questionnaires pertaining to your particular problem.

BEFORE YOUR APPOINTMENT

- Please email through your GP referral if you haven't done so already.
- Let my team know where you have had any scans done (eg SKG, PRC, Global Diagnostics etc). This ensures I can electronically access your imaging. If I can't, you will need to bring hard copies of scans. CD access is unfortunately not possible.
- Ensure you have had *weightbearing* (standing) X-rays of your foot or ankle within the last 6 months.

FOR YOUR APPOINTMENT

- Health cards: Bring your Medicare, Pensioner, DVA and Private Health Fund cards.
- Ensure you have a Workers' Compensation/ICWA claim number, if applicable.
- Radiology: Bring any hard copies you have of radiology scans (eg X-rays, CTs, MRIs etc).
- Clothing: Please wear shorts or loose pants that easily roll up past the knee.

FURTHER INFORMATION

My website www.drsimonzilko.com.au contains further information about my practice, as well as useful educational material on your diagnosis, surgical procedure and rehabilitation.

No matter what your age or level of function, whether you wish to be pain free or return to elite sport - my focus is on helping you get the best outcome possible. I look forward to assisting you.

Yours sincerely,



Simon Zilko
Orthopaedic Surgeon