



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 assistant Ash or my nurse Nat in my rooms on 6166 3779 or admin@drsimonzilko.com.au 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.
- Ensure you have had *weightbearing* (standing) X-rays of your foot or ankle within the last 6 months. My team will advise you if other scans are required before review.

## FOR YOUR APPOINTMENT

- Health cards: Bring your Medicare, Private Health Fund and DVA 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.

# PATIENT REGISTRATION FORM

Please fill in our patient registration form and email it to admin@drsimonzilko.com.au prior to your appointment. Filling it out electronically is preferred, but a hardcopy scan or photo taken with your smartphone is fine. If this is difficult, please bring the completed form to your appointment.

#### **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



