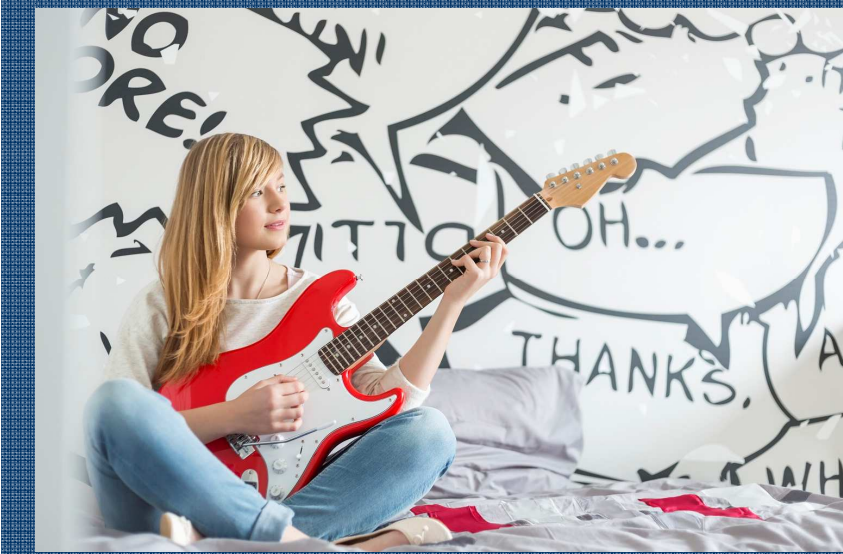


# Monthly Newsletter

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## What is Sever's Disease?

Sever's disease is a painful sensation that usually growing children as well as young teenagers experience on the back of their heel.

This condition occurs especially in children during their growth spurts while they're involved in running and jumping sports, including basketball, soccer, ballet or figure-skating.

Typically, this condition is more prominent in boys, but since more girls are becoming involved in sports, the gender gap has shrunk.

### Symptoms of Sever's Disease

The main signs of Sever's disease include pain and inflammation on the back of the heel. When a child has this disease, their pain will only

aggravate if they partake in any sporting activity, particularly running, jumping and kneeling.

Normally, the condition affects only one heel, but it could affect both of them. The severity of these symptoms varies from one person to another.

Some kids experience mild pain when engaging in certain activities, while others experience sharp, excruciating pain to the point where it is difficult to do anything physical.

Depending on the individual, Sever's disease can last between a couple of weeks to several years.

## Oh No!!

*In October, we had 13 patients that failed to attend their appointment!*



## What is Sever's Disease?

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The symptoms usually dissipate once a child's growth spurt has finished.

### What Causes Sever's Disease?

Sever's disease mainly occurs in children who engage in various sporting activities that involve plenty of jumping, running and twisting. This phenomenon happens as a result of the child's Achilles tendon pulling on the calcaneus (heel bone), which irritates the growth plate that isn't fully fused.

This causes pain and inflammation of the growth plate, also known as apophysitis.

### Recovery

Sever's Disease normally goes away without treatment, after the child's growth spurt is over. While experiencing the symptoms, it is important to rest and reduce physical activity until the patient gets better.



Applying ice packs can help reduce inflammation, while good shoes will absorb any impact from day-to-day activities. It is important to gently stretch the calf muscle. Over time, this will reduce how hard the Achilles tendon pulls on the heel bone, which will reduce the stress on the growth plate.

Orthotics can also be used to stabilize the heel, to reduce the sheer forces the Achilles tendon puts on the heel.

If your child or teen continues experiencing severe pain, feel free to visit us soon to discuss further treatment options.

## Blood Circulation and Chilblains

Chilblains are patches of discolored, usually red, swollen and itchy skin. It is believed to be caused by a combination of cold weather and poor blood circulation. The toes are the most affected, but other body extremities such as earlobes, fingers and the nose are also vulnerable to chilblains.

Chilblains do not cause permanent tissue damage, although serious cases of chilblains can cause ulceration. Chilblains affect people that are too sensitive to changes in weather and temperature – usually damp conditions.

## Symptoms of Chilblains

Chilblains are usually developed on the toes. The following manifestations are indicated following exposure to cold or dampness: pain and burning sensation on the skin, discolored (red, blue or white) swollen skin, intense itching, dry or cracked skin, and ulceration in severe cases.

## Causes

Although the exact cause is unknown, chilblains usually affect people that are sensitive to temperature and who have poor blood circulation.



Constriction of blood vessels nearer to the skin at the extremities is a mechanism in which your body conserves temperature. There is a theory that chilblains occur because there is an asymmetry of vessel dilation / contraction. It could be that when we re-warm, the small vessels near the skin dilate faster than the larger, deeper vessels, causing blood to leak into the tissues. Wearing tight shoes that irritate the skin of the toes, living a sedentary lifestyle, and circulatory conditions such as anemia could also contribute to chilblains. Children and the elderly are also susceptible to chilblains, and women tend to be more prone to chilblains than men.

## Treatment of Chilblains

Home treatment of chilblains includes general lifestyle modification, while professional treatment is carried out by a Podiatrist. Home treatment suggestions include the following: Staying warm, resisting the urge to scratch, use of calamine lotion, rubbing lanoline, wearing woolen or cotton socks, and doing exercises which improve blood circulation.

Ulcerating due to chilblains or recurring chilblains would require professional attention. A qualified podiatrist can treat your chilblains and offer advice on prevention. Make sure to consult with us if you experience any of the above symptoms!

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Professionalism and  
Time that your feet  
deserve*



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## College of Podiatry Conference 2019

The College of Podiatry Conference is one of the most important events of the year for podiatrists. In 2018 over 1,350 colleagues attended and profited from the latest scientific research, innovations, clinical and business skills which they took back to their clinics.

The conference will be in Harrogate this year.

The conference is a great opportunity for them to network with speakers, other podiatrists, Council and the College staff team and over 75 Exhibitors. They can see the latest in research and clinical practice and learn about what's new in podiatry products and services at Europe's largest podiatry exhibition.

## Conference Surgery Closures

The surgery will be closed on:

- **Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> November**
- **Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> November**

Podiatrists will all be attending the College of Podiatry Annual Conference in Harrogate.

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