



MANITOBA

The statutory regulatory body for the profession is the College of Podiatrists of Manitoba. Licensure requires a four-year degree in chiropody or the equivalent.

The Podiatrists Act specifies the following scope of practice:

“The practice of podiatry is the use of medical, physical or surgical methods to prevent, diagnose and treat ailments, diseases, deformities and injuries of the human foot, but does not include treatment of systemic disease, except for the local manifestations in the foot.

For the purpose of this Act, the human foot includes the articulation of the tibia and fibula with the bones of the foot and the muscles and tendons directly affecting foot function.”

What in Ontario are known as “Authorized Acts” are listed as:

- (a) cut into the subcutaneous, ligamentous, and bony tissues of the foot and the tendons directly affecting the function of the foot;
- (b) inject substances into the foot; and
- (c) prescribe drugs.

Manitoba podiatrists are authorized to administer substances by injection and a regulation enabling them to prescribe drugs, including controlled substances, is currently working its way through the governmental process. Manitoba podiatrists are not authorized to order laboratory tests, x-rays, MRIs, diagnostic sonography or to administer substances by inhalation or to perform bone surgery.