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Preface

Foot and ankle injuries in the industrial setting



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Foot and ankle injuries in the workplace are common. The medical aspects of dealing with these problems are often challenging and complex. For the orthopaedic surgeon, the reality of dealing with the workers compensation system can present many challenges and frustrations. Yet the reward of being able to care for someone injured while trying to support themselves or their family and getting them back to work and recreation can be great.

In this issue of *Foot and Ankle Clinics* I have asked many distinguished authors to contribute their knowledge and experience to the practical aspects of caring for the injured worker. Given the extensive body of knowledge in orthopaedic surgery there is surprisingly little scientific data, expressed as well designed clinical studies, on the best way to treat work related injuries. The authors have done an exceptional job to communicate what is known in the literature about their topic and to describe their own experience dealing with patients. The combination has produced a series of articles unlike anything that has been written to date. In addition, I have asked authors from Europe and South America to write about the system of caring for the injured worker in their respective areas of the world. Hopefully, you will find this an interesting contrast to the system in the United States.

It is my pleasure to bring you this edition of *Foot and Ankle Clinics*. I would like to thank Dr. Myerson for asking me to be guest editor and all the authors for their great effort. Hopefully, by having a better understanding of the interplay of

issues within the workers compensation system, you will be able to provide more effective care to your patients.

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