FILLER**CHRISTMAS 2013****Slipper ulcers**Helen Hopkinson¹, Katherine Gardner², Gillian Harkin³¹Diabetes Department, Victoria Infirmary, Glasgow G42 9LF, UK; ²Medical School, University of Dundee, Dundee, UK; ³Podiatry Department, Victoria Infirmary, Glasgow, UK

A patient with diabetes developed a foot ulcer after wearing new slippers. Fourteen patients with new ulcers were seen in the diabetic foot clinic in the first 10 working days of 2012. Seven of them stated that new slippers for Christmas were implicated in their ulceration. Appropriate footwear is a critical component of diabetic foot care. Patients are educated about the need for adapted shoes and insoles, but also need to be aware of the risk of using non-prescribed footwear, including slippers.

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