



The COLLEGE
of PODIATRY

NHS
Lanarkshire

Podiatry



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The Allied health professions

Art
therapists

Diagnostic
radiographers

Dietitians

Drama
therapists

Music
therapists

Occupational
therapists

Operating
department
practitioners

Orthoptists

Osteopaths

Physiotherapists

Podiatrists

Prosthetists
and orthotists

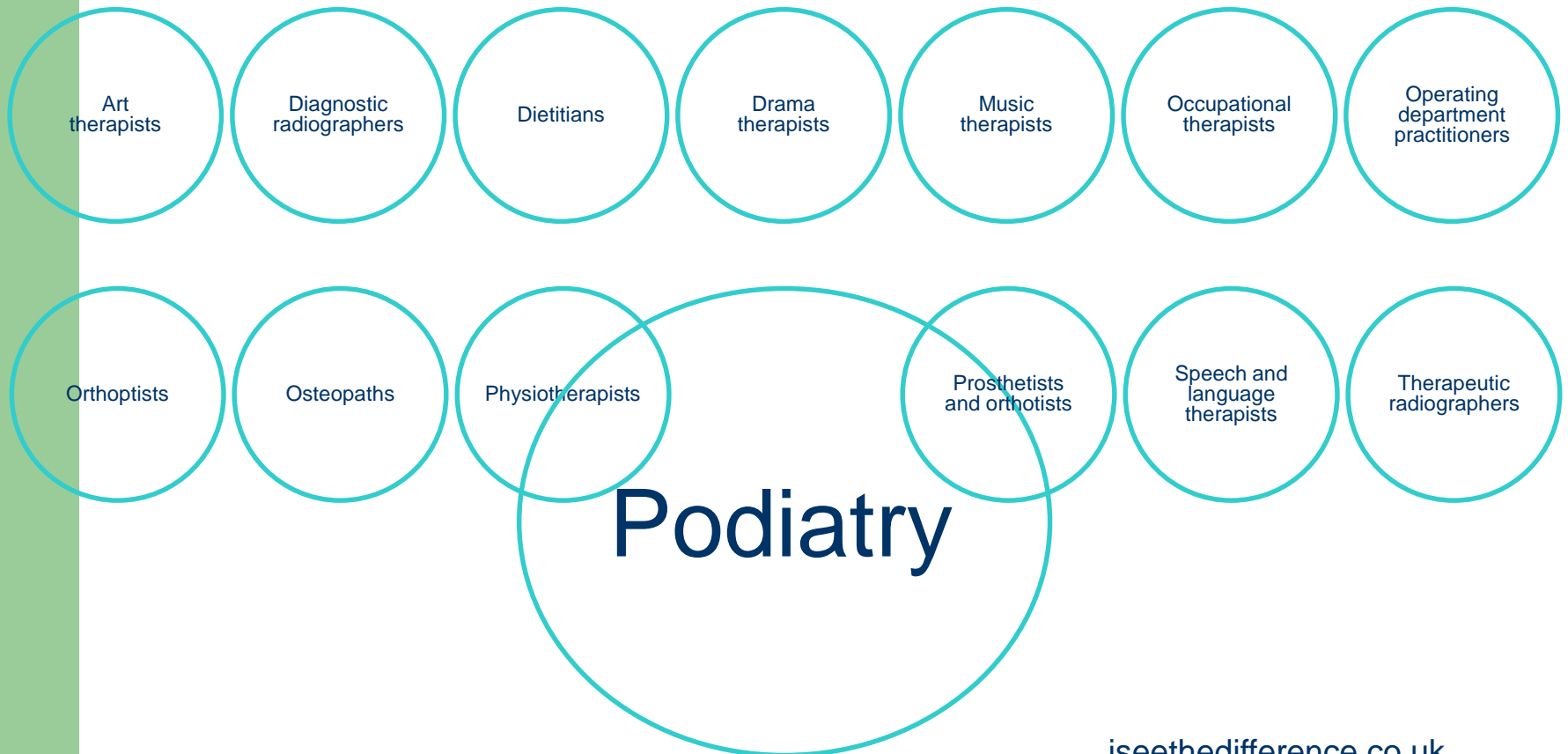
Speech and
language
therapists

Therapeutic
radiographers

What do Allied health professionals do?

Make sure adults and children can live life to the fullest by helping them live with or recover from health problems.

The Allied health professions



What is Podiatry?

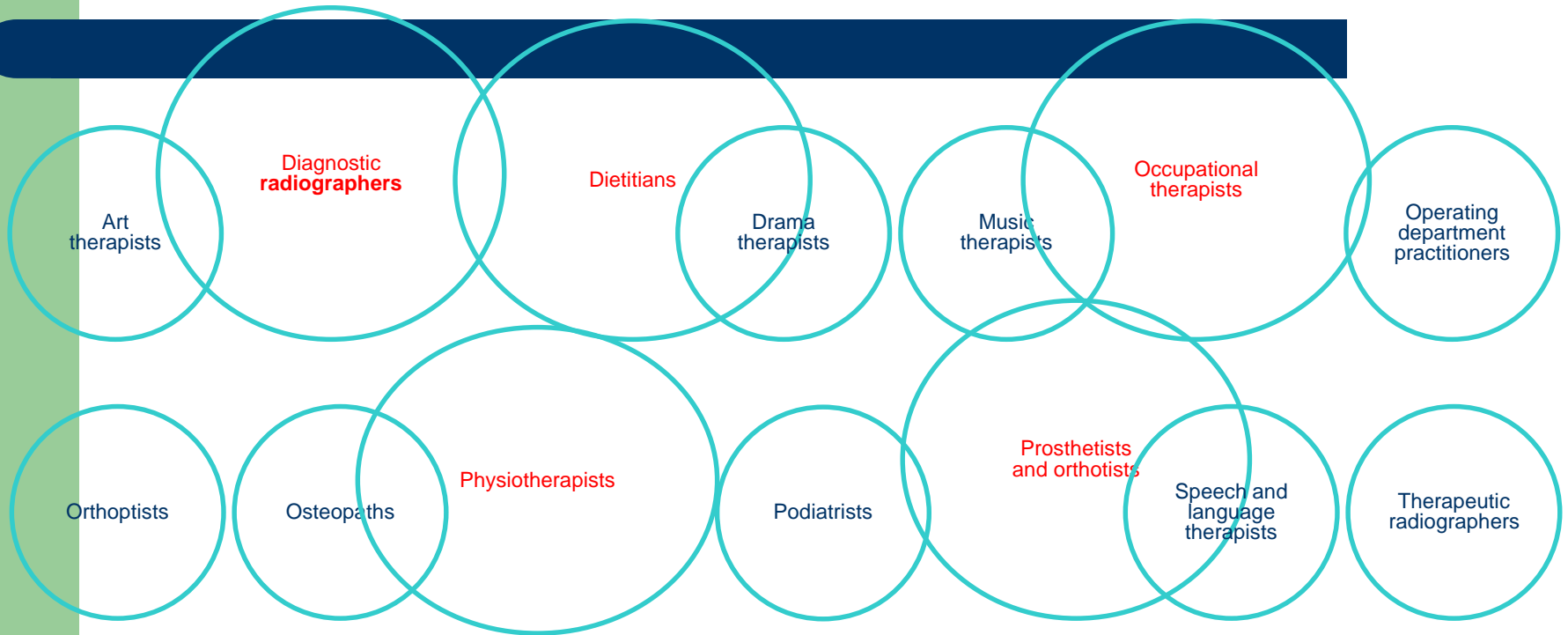
- **The profession of Podiatry has developed from its origins in chiropody to become a medical speciality dealing with assessments, diagnoses and treatment of the lower limb.**

(The College of Podiatry, 2002)

What does a podiatrist do?

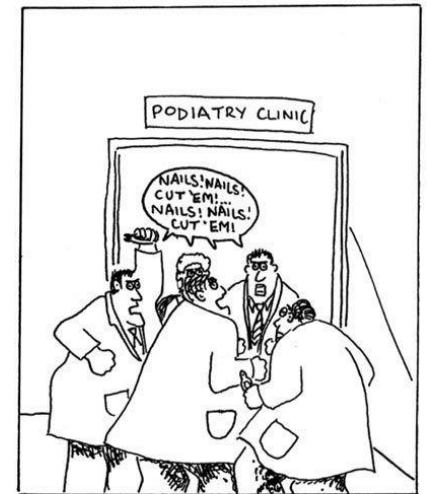
- Take care of people's feet, ankles and lower legs, so they can walk without pain
- Help people with long-term conditions like diabetes and arthritis to stay mobile
- Work with doctors, nurses and other allied health professionals to help patients.

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Common Misconceptions

Podiatrists just cut toenails



Before starting their day, podiatry students must first pump themselves up.

To explain more we have a short video

<https://youtu.be/Eb13MFGFDZ8>

Why are Podiatrists badly needed?

- One in 20 people in Scotland have diabetes. There were 268,154 people diagnosed with diabetes in Scotland recorded on local diabetes registers at the end of 2013.
- This represents **5%** of the population

(Scottish government, 2011)

Why are Podiatrists badly needed?

- There are already 10,292 people with diabetes in Scotland who have ulcers as result of diabetic foot disease. (Diabetes UK, 2011)
- One in four people with diabetes in Scotland are at increased risk of amputation because they have not had their feet checked (Diabetes UK, 2011)
- More than 135 diabetes amputations every week (Diabetes UK, 2015)

Why Podiatrists are badly needed

- Approximately 50% of non-traumatic lower limb amputations in Scotland are due to diabetes. People living with diabetes are at a 10 fold increased risk of amputation compared to those without diabetes

(The Scottish government 2014)

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What type of student would Podiatry suit??

Podiatry is a brilliant career if your students are in
Interested in science, biology, chemistry or medicine.

Especially if they are:

- Caring
- Compassionate
- A team player
- Understanding
- Keen to help others
- Analytical



What will your pupils learn?

Another short video

<https://youtu.be/ZM4aMznhTVY>

Why be an Allied health professional?

- Over 90% of graduates have a job in their chosen profession
- Choose from jobs in the NHS and private practices
- Good starting salary – £23,000 a year
- Generally work core daytime hours
- Lots of chances to specialise in areas that interest you
- Salaries in more specialised, consultant or senior management roles range from £23,000 to £82,000

University Courses

13 Universities offer the course, with two in Scotland.

	<u>Glasgow Caledonian</u>	<u>Queen Margaret</u>
<u>Entry Requirements</u>		
• Scottish Higher:	BBBC	BBBC
• Required Subjects:	One science at Higher/A Level or equivalent, and English and Maths at S/Int2/N5/GCSE	To include English or equivalent and one plus two further sciences Nat 5 C

Questions

Thanks for Listening