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Life in Discovery

For Immediate Release:

Scholl College's Dr. Wu publishes key Research Study in *Diabetes Care*

NORTH CHICAGO, IL – The research study “Use of Pressure Offloading Devices in Diabetic Foot Ulcers: Do We Practice What We Preach?” by Dr. Stephanie Wu, DPM, MS, was published in the current issue of *Diabetes Care*.

Dr. Wu is a faculty member in the Dr. William M. Scholl College of Podiatric Medicine at Rosalind Franklin University of Medicine and Science.

The research team surveyed 901 geographically diverse centers that treat diabetes-related foot ulcers (DFU). Of the 895 respondents, shoe modifications (41.2%) were the most common form of pressure mitigation while total contact casts (TCC) were used by only 1.7% of the centers. Less than 2% of specialists use what has been termed the "gold standard" (TCC) for treating the majority of DFU.

This is the first study of this kind to provide snapshot of current care in the United States. The results of this study should resonate in providing a role for the instant total contact cast in treating these difficult to heal wounds.

About Rosalind Franklin University of Medicine and Science

Rosalind Franklin University of Medicine and Science is a national leader in interprofessional medical and healthcare education, comprising the Chicago Medical School, College of Health Professions, Dr. William M. Scholl College of Podiatric Medicine and School of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies.

Rosalind Franklin University recently received approval for its new doctoral program in Interprofessional Healthcare Studies – the first in Illinois – and will launch a new master in science program in Psychology Clinical Counseling in fall 2008.

There are more than 16,000 RFUMS graduates in the United States and worldwide.