



CERTIFICATE OF QUALITY

DIABETES SKINCARE

Dr. Lewis Freed, East Valley Foot and Ankle Specialists

"For individuals living with diabetes, dry skin is a much more serious problem. Because certain skin conditions, such as inflammation, itching and bacterial or fungal-type infections often accompany diabetes, they can be an indicator that you are living with the disease before you are even aware or diagnosed.

Due to these conditions, a simple condition such as dry skin, can lead to sores, open wounds and difficult-to-heal infections, which can – in the most severe cases – put individuals at risk for a chronic infection and potentially, an amputation.

Since learning about Merino products through one of his patients 12 years ago, Dr. Lewis Freed, D.P.M., FACFAS, with the East Valley Foot and Ankle Clinic in Mesa, Ariz., loves to recommend the products to his diabetic patients suffering with dry skin and/or scars to prevent the conditions from developing into further complications, such as open wounds.

"I recommend the Merino moisturizer for several reasons. People tolerate it well, most people do not have an allergy to lanolin, it is protective as well as restorative and isn't cost prohibitive. So for people living with diabetes, Merino products are beyond just skin repair – they are good health care."

Lewis Freed, D.P.M., FACFAS, of the East Valley Foot and Ankle Specialists clinic, Mesa, AZ, has consistently been listed among the Top Docs in the Phoenix area since 2003. Dr. Freed provides leadership to the medical community in Phoenix through a number of appointments, including a consultant to the VA Hospital, a board member of BPHQ, vice president of AZPMA, a consultant for Orthofix and Arthroflex, a regular lecturer at national and regional podiatric industry meetings and has been published in a number of scientific journals.