

Position Statement

The Board of Podiatric Medical Examiners adopted the following policy statement on April 18, 2007:

It is the position of the State of Tennessee Board of Podiatric Medical Examiners that the use of allergy skin patches (whether applied to the back or any other part of the body) is within the scope of practice for podiatrists, insofar as such patches are used for the purpose of examining, diagnosing, or treating medically, mechanically, or surgically, ailments of the human foot, ankle and soft tissue structures extending no higher than the distal tibial flair.

In the event allergy patches reveal an ailment or ailments which fall outside the scope of podiatric medicine, then the podiatrist would be obligated to refer the patient to a physician or other appropriate practitioner.