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**BROADLAWNS ADDS EXPERTISE IN DIABETIC LIMB PRESERVATION**

## **Nicholas Bevilacqua, DPM, Joins Foot and Ankle Surgery Unit at Broadlawns Medical Center**

Des Moines, August 1, 2007— **Broadlawns Medical Center** continues to strengthen its highly respected Foot and Ankle Clinics with the addition of **Nicholas J. Bevilacqua, DPM**. Dr. Bevilacqua joins Broadlawns' Foot and Ankle Surgery section, also adding his expertise to the Amputation Prevention Center.

“Broadlawns has a wide patient population with a very busy Foot and Ankle Clinic. This allows me to use all aspects of my training, ultimately helping people get back on their feet,” said Dr. Bevilacqua. His focus is on foot and ankle reconstruction, and he has had extensive training in advanced treatment methods to prevent limb loss, most notably due to complications of diabetes.

The American Diabetes Association estimates that diabetes affects about 7 percent of the U.S. population or about 20 million people. Up to one in four of those with diabetes will develop a foot wound during their lifetime. Almost all amputations begin with a foot wound or poor circulation. An estimated 80,000 non-traumatic lower-limb amputations are performed annually on people with diabetes.



Nicholas J. Bevilacqua, DPM

**Denise Mandi, DPM**, Section Chief of Foot and Ankle Surgery and the Director of the Foot and Ankle Clinics stated, “Our goal at Broadlawns is to prevent these devastating amputations by early treatment of the complications of diabetes that we see in the lower limb. With the addition of Dr. Bevilacqua to our Foot and Ankle team, we

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can offer Iowans a level of care and expertise in amputation prevention not found anywhere else in the country.”

Dr. Bevilacqua earned his Doctorate of Podiatric Medicine, graduating with honors, from the New York College of Podiatric Medicine. He completed a three-year comprehensive foot and ankle surgical residency at Saint Vincent Catholic Medical Centers in New York, where he was chief resident. There, he received extensive training in reconstructive foot and ankle surgery.

He completed a fellowship in diabetic limb preservation research at Scholl’s Center for Lower Extremity Ambulatory Research at Rosalind Franklin University in Chicago, IL. He has co-authored numerous articles and lectured at national and international meetings.

With a history that reaches back to 1903 as a community health center, Broadlawns Medical Center first opened its doors as a hospital to the residents of Polk County on April 13, 1924. Over the years, Broadlawns has adapted to the changing demands of public health care, yet remained true to its mission of offering quality health services to all Polk County residents and training tomorrow’s health care professionals. Today, Broadlawns Medical Center is composed of:

- An acute care community hospital serving medical, surgical, mental health and primary care needs.
- A 60-member physician practice overseeing numerous specialty clinics and outpatient services.
- A family medicine residency program that graduates physician leaders who are serving 22 of Iowa’s 99 counties and communities across the nation.