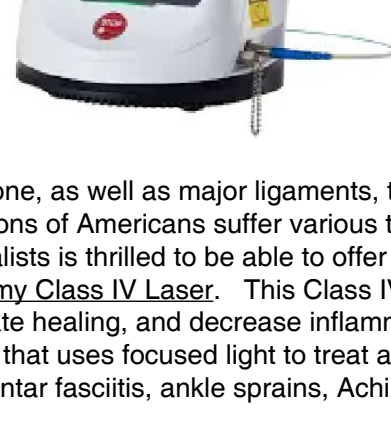




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## Innovative Laser Therapy: The Exciting New Solution for Chronic Foot and Ankle Pain



With 26 bones in the foot alone, as well as major ligaments, tendons, joints, and nerves – it's not surprising that millions of Americans suffer various types of foot and ankle pain. Atlantic Foot & Ankle Specialists is thrilled to be able to offer state-of-the-art laser-aided foot pain relief using the Remy Class IV Laser. This Class IV laser therapy is used for the relief of pain, to accelerate healing, and decrease inflammation. Laser therapy is a safe and effective treatment that uses focused light to treat a wide range of foot and ankle conditions such as plantar fasciitis, ankle sprains, Achilles tendonitis, arthritis and more.

### How Remy Laser Therapy Works

When the light source is placed against the skin, photons penetrate several centimeters down and are absorbed by the mitochondria (the energy producing part of a cell). This energy results in the restoration of normal cell function. The main goal of the laser therapy is to stimulate the cell to perform its natural function

### Benefits of Laser Therapy

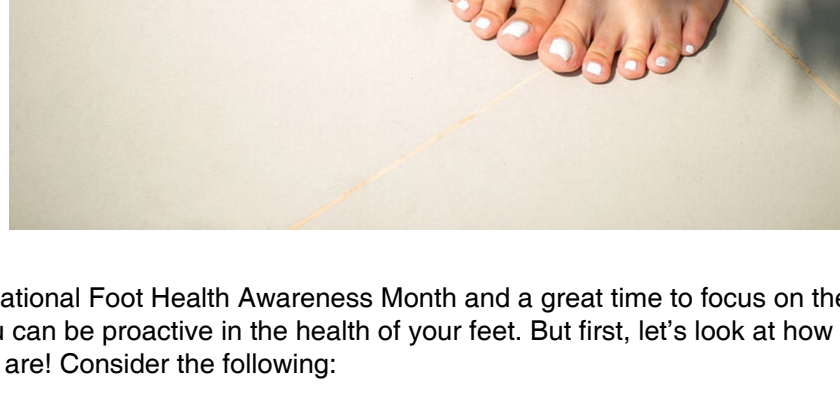
The biggest benefit of this therapy is that it's a non-invasive treatment, which means you will experience no pain or discomfort during your sessions. Laser therapy is a quick and easy treatment allowing patients to relax during the procedure. In contrast to "cold lasers," which provide no feeling or sensation, high power diode laser therapy provides a warm, soothing feeling. Other benefits include the following:

- Accelerated cellular reproduction and growth – which is key in repairing the cells of cartilage, bone, tendons, ligaments, and muscle tissue.
- Reduced scar tissue that typically develops from specific injuries. When patients have less scar tissue, the likelihood of chronic pain is also reduced.
- Decreased inflammation and increased blood circulation. You will notice a gradual reduction in inflammation and an increase in tissue repair with each session.

Say goodbye to chronic foot and ankle pain with help from our experienced podiatry team! The podiatrists and staff at Atlantic Foot and Ankle Specialists are dedicated to providing the absolute highest quality foot and ankle care available to people in the Pooler area. Our team accomplishes this by attaining the utmost advanced technology to deliver exceptional podiatric services, whether preventive or surgical. We are committed to place our patient's needs above all others and creating an environment of care and healing that leave our patients saying WOW.

Please call our office at 912-988-3323 to schedule your laser therapy consultation and get relief from your foot pain.

## Celebrate National Foot Health Awareness Month



April is National Foot Health Awareness Month and a great time to focus on the many ways you can be proactive in the health of your feet. But first, let's look at how amazing your feet are! Consider the following:

- The average person will walk a total of about 115,000 miles throughout a lifetime. That's the equivalent of walking around the world more than 4 times!
- Your feet contain 52 bones, 66 joints, 214 ligaments, and 38 muscles and tendons.
- There are more nerve endings in your feet per square centimeter than any other part of your body.
- During a typical day of walking the forces exerted on your feet can total hundreds of tons or the amount of a fully loaded cement truck.
- Your feet are home to 250,000 sweat glands capable of producing as much as half a pint of perspiration daily.

### Taking Care of Your Amazing Feet

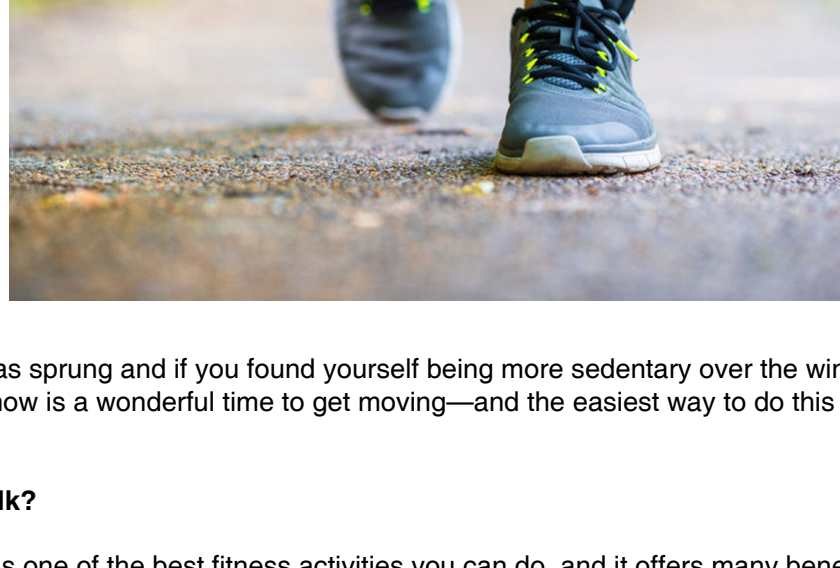
Here's another statistic: 75% of all Americans will develop foot problems at some point in their lives. Fortunately, there are many ways that you can protect the health of your feet and prevent many common podiatric problems.

The health of your feet starts with the health of the rest of your body. Your habits play a big part in the condition of your feet. These lifestyle choices will help you protect your feet:

- **Maintain a nutritious diet.** Your food choices are important in helping you stay at an appropriate weight. Obesity and being overweight are risk factors for many podiatric disorders such as flat feet and plantar fasciitis. Avoiding foods that are high in saturated fats and cholesterol will also help your heart disease and diabetes—two diseases that can pose medical threats to your feet.
- **Don't smoke.** Smoking impedes circulation.
- **Be physically active.** Exercising 3 or more times a week and just trying to be more active in your daily life brings big benefits to your feet. It helps maintain flexibility, fights excess weight gain, and improves circulation.
- **Deal with foot pain promptly.** Don't put off getting podiatric care for foot pain or other unusual symptoms you notice in your feet. When caught in the earliest stages, most foot and ankle disorders are more easily treated and with less invasive measures.

Ask your podiatrist for more ways to improve your podiatric health. Take care of your wonderful feet and they will take you where you want to go for many years to come!

## Walk Your Way to Better Health



Spring has sprung and if you found yourself being more sedentary over the winter months now is a wonderful time to get moving—and the easiest way to do this is walking.

### Why Walk?

Walking is one of the best fitness activities you can do, and it offers many benefits:

- Increases physical fitness
- Helps weight loss or maintain an appropriate weight
- Reduces your risk for diseases such as hypertension, heart disease, diabetes, and arthritis
- Boosts circulation
- Improves mood and is a stress buster

It's also an activity that doesn't require an elaborate effort and accommodates most people because:

- You can do it whenever you want and wherever you are
- It can be done alone or socially with others
- It doesn't require any expensive equipment

### Tips for Starting a Successful Walking Program

Ready to get started? Below are a few things to keep in mind to get your walking plan off on the right foot:

**Start with the right shoes**—the one piece of equipment needed for walking is a good pair of walking shoes that fit properly. If you have a chronic podiatric issue such as bunions, Achilles tendon problems, or heel pain talk to your podiatrist about styles that may best accommodate your condition. Your foot doctor may also recommend a custom orthotic to make walking more comfortable. A reputable fitness shoe store should be able to help fit you with a pair of shoes that will suit your feet.

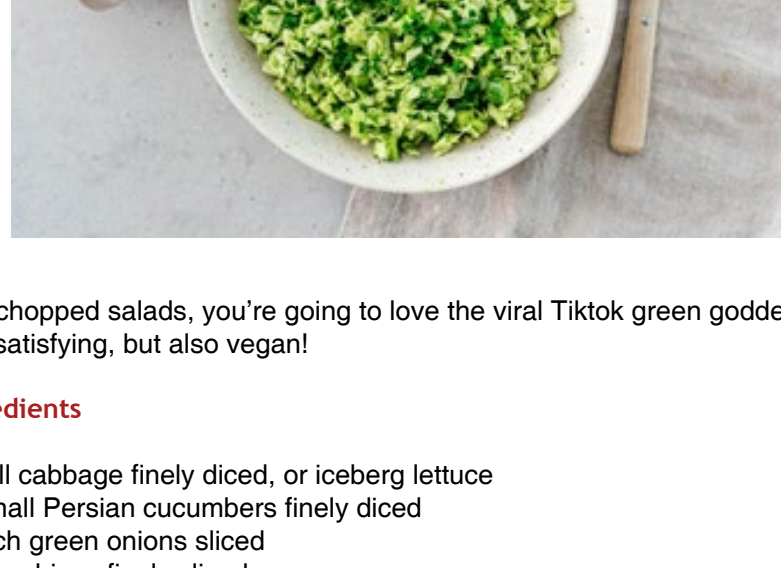
**Set realistic goals**—the best programs start slow and gradually increase in intensity and distance walked. Aim for at least 3-5 days a week with some necessary rest periods. Choose an area that's flat and free of debris to walk. Put walking dates on your calendar like you would any other appointment.

**Stay motivated**—It's easy to start enthused but over time your motivation may wane. Consider a walking buddy to help you stay on track. Plan small rewards for yourself when you meet a goal such as walking a certain number of minutes or miles.

Before you know it walking will be a part of your weekly routine that you won't want to miss, and you'll be on your way to reaping the many benefits of this popular fitness activity.



## Recipe of the Month Tiktok Green Goddess Salad



If you love chopped salads, you're going to love the viral Tiktok green goddess salad that is not only satisfying, but also vegan!

### Salad Ingredients

- 1 small cabbage finely diced, or iceberg lettuce
- 3-4 small Persian cucumbers finely diced
- 1 bunch green onions sliced
- 1/4 cup chives finely sliced

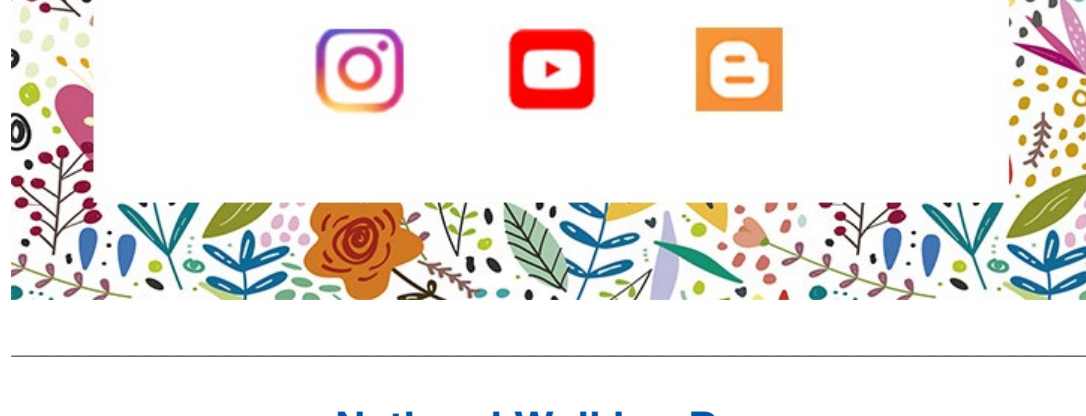
### Green Goddess Dressing

- juice of 2 lemons
- 1/4 cup olive oil
- 2 tbsp rice vinegar
- 2 cloves garlic
- 1 small shallot
- 1 cup fresh basil
- 1 cup spinach
- 1/3 cup nutritional yeast
- 1/4 cup walnuts
- 1 tsp salt

### Instructions

1. Finely dice or chop up all the vegetables and toss in a large bowl.
2. In a blender or food processor, add the dressing ingredients, liquids first: lemon juice, olive oil, rice vinegar, shallot, basil leaves, spinach, nutritional yeast, walnuts, and salt. Blend until smooth.
3. Add the dressing to the bowl with the diced vegetables and mix well. Enjoy on its own, on tacos, as a side with protein, or scooped up with tortilla chips!

Recipe courtesy of [iamafoodblog.com](http://iamafoodblog.com)



## National Walking Day

National Walking Day is observed on the first Wednesday of April every year, but even if the day has passed, you can still celebrate. Put on your most comfortable shoes and start a walking routine. Just thirty minutes of walking every day can have a great impact on overall health, and help prevent diseases such as cancer, diabetes, and heart disease. So, ask a friend to keep you company or put a podcast on, and get to stretching those legs and improving your mood.

Here are some ways to help you start walking more regularly:


1. Park further away than you would normally. Whether you're going shopping, eating out, or just going to work, parking a bit further away from your destination is a great way to get your steps in. You can also do it if you use public transportation. Just get off one or two stops earlier than your usual stop.
2. Instead of catching up with your friends over a coffee or a drink, invite them to join you for a stroll in the park.
3. This is a hard one but try to skip the elevator for the stairs.
4. If you live close to the center of your town, leave the car at home, and do your errands on foot.
5. Encourage your family to start walking as well by taking a family stroll after dinner instead of sitting in front of the TV.

## Now That's a Long Walk

The average moderately active person takes around 7,500 steps/day. If you maintain that daily average and live until 80 years of age, you'll have walked about 216,262,500 steps in your lifetime.

Doing the math, the average person with the average stride length until 80 will walk a distance of around 115,000 miles, which is the equivalent of living about 4.4 times around the Earth, right on the equator.

## Foot Funnies

 Q: Why did they call the new dance "The Elevator"?

A: It has no steps.

## Trivia

Our feet are bigger at night. True or false?

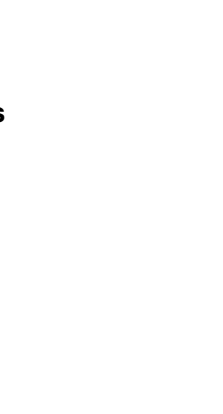
Answer: True

After spending the whole day walking, running, or jumping around, our feet have swollen by as much as half a shoe size by the end of the day. This is why it is recommended that you buy shoes later in the day, when your feet are at their largest.

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