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**Our experiences with the lower limb amputation in the diabetic patients**

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**Objective:** The aim of this analysis was to evaluate the characteristics and outcome in diabetic patients undergoing lower limb amputation in University Medical Centre Ljubljana between January 1<sup>st</sup> 1996 and December 31<sup>st</sup> 2002. **Patients and methods:** Among 638 patients with lower limb amputation we focused on 391 (61.3%) diabetic patients with lower limb amputation. In these patients there were 154 (39.4%) TMT amputations, 25 (6.4%) supramaleolar amputations, 97 (24.8%) below knee and 115 (29.4%) above knee amputations. Ischaemic vascular disease was underlying pathology in 95.9% and infection in 94.6% of patients. **Results and discussion:** Postoperative complications occurred in 23% of cases. The majority suffered from infections that required wound revision or re-amputation.