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The Top 10 Things You Must Know Before Choosing Your *Podiatrist*



Tagaloa-Tulifau Foot & Ankle Center

Welcome Letter from Dr. Tagaloa-Tulifau

Dear Friend,

At Tagaloa-Tulifau Foot & Ankle Center, our team values your and your loved ones' health and comfort above anything. Our view is that what is right for one patient may not necessarily be the best choice for another, which is why we focus on personalized care based on your unique foot and ankle needs. If you are currently searching for a foot and ankle specialist for you or a loved one, this report will help you identify the most important questions to ask your potential new podiatrist.

We pride ourselves on our extensive experience and advanced treatment options, but what truly sets us apart from other podiatry offices is our commitment to honesty and compassionate care. Our specialists strive to provide state-of-the-art foot and ankle treatments in a comfortable, welcoming environment with a focus on top-notch customer service.

The questions in this report address the ten most important characteristics to look for in a podiatrist. When you find a podiatry office that provides everything that is written here, then you have likely found a caring provider who can help you achieve a pain-free, active lifestyle!

If you would like to learn more about any of the information provided in this report, please feel free to call me or one of our staff at **562-925-3055**. We are always happy to help and look forward to speaking with potential patients about the exceptional podiatric medicine we can offer you and your loved ones.

To Your Foot Health,

Dr. Tagaloa-Tulifau



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1. Do They Have Extensive Experience?

When it comes to choosing a new podiatrist, their training and experience should be at the top of your list. A podiatrist who has already seen a wide variety of cases is a doctor who will likely have already treated a foot condition similar to your own. Prior experience informs your podiatrist of any potential complications or risks during your treatment. With this knowledge, you can rest assured that your treatment recommendation is truly the best for you and that your treatment will be successful.

Tagaloa-Tulifau Foot & Ankle Center has helped over 40,000 in Los Angeles County since 1999! Dr. Tagaloa-Tulifau brings years of experience and advanced training to our patients every day. Her expertise in the field of podiatry has helped diagnose and restore foot and ankle health for thousands of patients. We strive to offer personalized, comprehensive care, and provide thorough exams for the most accurate diagnosis and your best foot health.



2. Do They See Patients of All Ages?

Having one office for you, your children and elderly family members makes scheduling appointments more convenient and allows everyone to build trusting relationships with your podiatrist. If you are considering scheduling appointments for multiple family members, check with the office to see if they can accommodate patients of all ages.

At Tagaloa-Tulifau Foot & Ankle Center, we offer highly personalized care for patients of all ages! We treat children, adults, and the elderly and we recommend early treatment for foot problems at every stage of life. We can also schedule your appointments at the same time as your family for your convenience. We want you to feel confident and comfortable at every visit!



3. Are They Using Advanced Technology?

The best podiatrists understand the importance of staying current with recent scientific research in their field. Even though the field of podiatry continues to advance, some podiatrists don't take the necessary steps to ensure they're up to date on the most current equipment, diagnostics, and treatment options. You should ask your potential podiatrist whether they value ongoing education and if they are always informed on the cutting edge of podiatric treatments and technologies.

At Tagaloa-Tulifau Foot & Ankle Center, we work hard to make sure our practice offers you the most effective treatment options available today. Podiatric technology includes a number of cutting-edge tools, equipment, techniques, and materials to guarantee you receive top-notch care. We have received the necessary training to utilize advanced technology for optimal foot care, such as:

- EPAT/Shockwave Therapy
- Diagnostic Ultrasound
- Nail Laser
- MLS Laser
- Keryflex
- Pad Net
- Vascular Ultrasound
- Digital X-ray
- Swift Treatment for warts
- Amnio Injection
- Leneva injection
- Amnio Grafting for ulcers

Whether you are experiencing foot pain, ankle pain, have a sports-related injury or need diabetic care, you can rest assured that these tools and treatment techniques will ensure the best possible outcome. Our team will help you select the best treatment for your needs.



4. Do They Have a Guarantee?

Selecting a new doctor takes a lot of time and energy. Once you decide on a new podiatrist, it's important that your effort pays off in treatment that meets your needs. Ask your potential new podiatrist if they have guarantees for their services. You should know what they will do to make your visits as convenient as possible!

At Tagaloa-Tulifau Foot & Ankle, we offer a Don't Miss Work or School Guarantee, so you can schedule appointments around your busy day, including evening appointment slots. We're confident that you'll love your experience with us — if you have any concerns during your treatment, just ask our friendly team for assistance and we will answer any questions you have!



5. Do They Speak Spanish?

It can be stressful to discuss complex health concerns with a healthcare provider if you or your loved one doesn't speak English as your first language. In some cases, it may even lead to poor treatment outcomes due to miscommunications or misunderstandings. Finding a translator is not always possible, and it can be a hassle to have someone accompany you to each appointment to translate. To avoid problems that may arise due to language discrepancies, ask your potential new podiatrist if any of their staff are bilingual in your native language.

At Tagaloe-Tulifau Foot & Ankle Center, we appreciate the importance of being able to communicate effectively with our patients for the best possible care. For this reason, we provide services in Spanish for the convenience and comfort of our patients. Simply ask when you call to schedule your consultation. This is just another way that we seek to go a step beyond for the members of our community!



6. Will They Respect Your Time?

Your potential new podiatrist should know that commitments like work, school, and extracurricular activities can make it difficult to make and keep doctor's appointments. If you are respectful enough to show up on time, your appointment should start on time. Be sure that your potential new provider respects their patients' time by checking waiting room reputations and asking if their appointments usually begin on time.

At Tagaloa-Tulifau Foot & Ankle Center, we ensure that your appointment is timely, smooth, and efficient. Our team keeps our schedule well-organized, with plenty of time allotted to ensure you get the personalized attention you deserve. We also ensure that you won't be rushed during your appointment and will have the chance to ask questions, lay out any concerns, and get educated on the decision that will directly impact your own foot health.



7. Will They See New Patients the Day Of?

Your potential new podiatrist should know that patients may be actively experiencing foot pain when they make their first appointment. It's critical that your treatment starts as soon as possible, especially if you are diagnosed with a serious foot or ankle problem, foot injury, or broken bones. Check if your potential new provider can get you in for a same-day appointment to guarantee that your foot health is their priority!

Tagaloa-Tulifau Foot & Ankle Center offers convenient appointment times and same-day appointments for new patients. Once you've had your initial assessment, we will discuss your treatment options and help you get on the road to your best foot health immediately. Getting you back on your feet comfortably is important to us, so we strive to make your treatment as quick and convenient for you as possible.



8. Do They Provide a Family Discount?

Your potential new podiatrist should support you in being able to afford every aspect of your treatment that will restore your foot health and get you back to an active lifestyle. This may include offering specials or discounts for their patients. Check if your potential provider offers patient discounts to help you better afford treatment.

At Tagaloa-Tulifau Foot & Ankle Center, we offer a family discount to thank you for your support! If you are receiving podiatric care and know of family members who also need to have their foot health evaluated, we are here to help them as well. This can help make your family's treatment more affordable and help get your whole family back on their feet and enjoying life.



9. Do They Accept Most Insurances?

If you are a patient who intends to use insurance to cover your podiatric care, be sure to ask your potential provider what they accept. Even if you plan on paying out of pocket, keep in mind that an office that accepts most insurances is an office that is putting effort into being available to more patients!

At Tagaloa-Tulifau Foot & Ankle Center, we aim to be as accessible as possible to our patients. This is why we participate with most insurance plans, including:

- Blue Shield
- United HealthCare
- Aetna
- Cigna
- Anthem Blue Cross
- All PPO plans

If you are unsure what your insurance covers, our team can help you. We will communicate with your provider and get answers to your questions regarding your insurance coverage. Contact our friendly office to learn more about our accepted insurance plans!



10. Do They Have A New Patient Consultation?

If you are considering treatment for yourself or your loved one, your podiatrist should provide an in-depth, thorough assessment for new patients. Ask your potential new podiatrist if they offer a new patient assessment to get to know you and your unique needs. Make sure that your questions are thoroughly answered and that you have all of your concerns addressed.

At Tagaloa-Tulifau Foot & Ankle Center, we believe that you should be able to get to know your podiatrist and their processes before committing to treatment. That's why we offer our Dr. Tulifau New Patient Consultation. This assessment includes:

- Discuss Your Goals
- Review Your Medical History
- Thorough Examination
- Custom Treatment Plan

Our team takes the time to explore your foot and ankle needs and answer your questions prior to recommending treatment. We believe this should be a standard practice – your trust, comfort, and health are our priorities!



Bonus: Are They Providing Flexible Payment Options?

This report was only supposed to include **ten** crucial questions to consider when looking for a podiatrist, but affordability is so important that I've included this section as a bonus.

It is critical to know what kind of payment options your potential podiatrist offers before you make your decision. When considering the expert care offered at Tagaloa-Tulifau Foot & Ankle Center, we don't want finances to get in the way of the foot health care you need.

Our practice accepts most health insurance plans, but we are also committed to working with you and your unique situation. We never want patients to put off necessary treatment, and we are proud to offer CareCredit plans with 0% interest financing for those who qualify, and we also accept Flex Family medical plans to ensure every patient has access to top-notch care. With this, you can focus on what really matters – getting your healthiest feet for a pain-free life.



Closing Letter from Dr. Tagaloa-Tulifau

Dear Friend,

I hope this report was informative! If you've already seen another podiatrist and you aren't satisfied with their answers, we are happy to give you a second opinion. We invite you to schedule an appointment with us for a consultation at any time. Additionally, please feel free to call Tagaloa-Tulifau Foot & Ankle Center with any foot and ankle medical concerns.

At Tagaloa-Tulifau Foot & Ankle Center, our specialist understands the many factors to consider when choosing a new podiatrist. However, the information provided in this report will help you choose the right podiatry office for your foot health needs.

If you have any questions for me or for my team, feel free to call us at **562-925-3055**, and we will be happy to answer any questions you may have. We look forward to welcoming you if you choose Tagaloa-Tulifau Foot & Ankle Center for your foot and ankle care.

To Your Foot Health,

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P.S. When you are ready, call **562-925-3055** to schedule your **Dr. Tulifau New Patient Consultation**. Your comprehensive foot health assessment includes a thorough exam and discussion about your concerns and goals. At that time, we will review your treatment options, provide a personalized treatment plan, and answer any questions you may have.



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