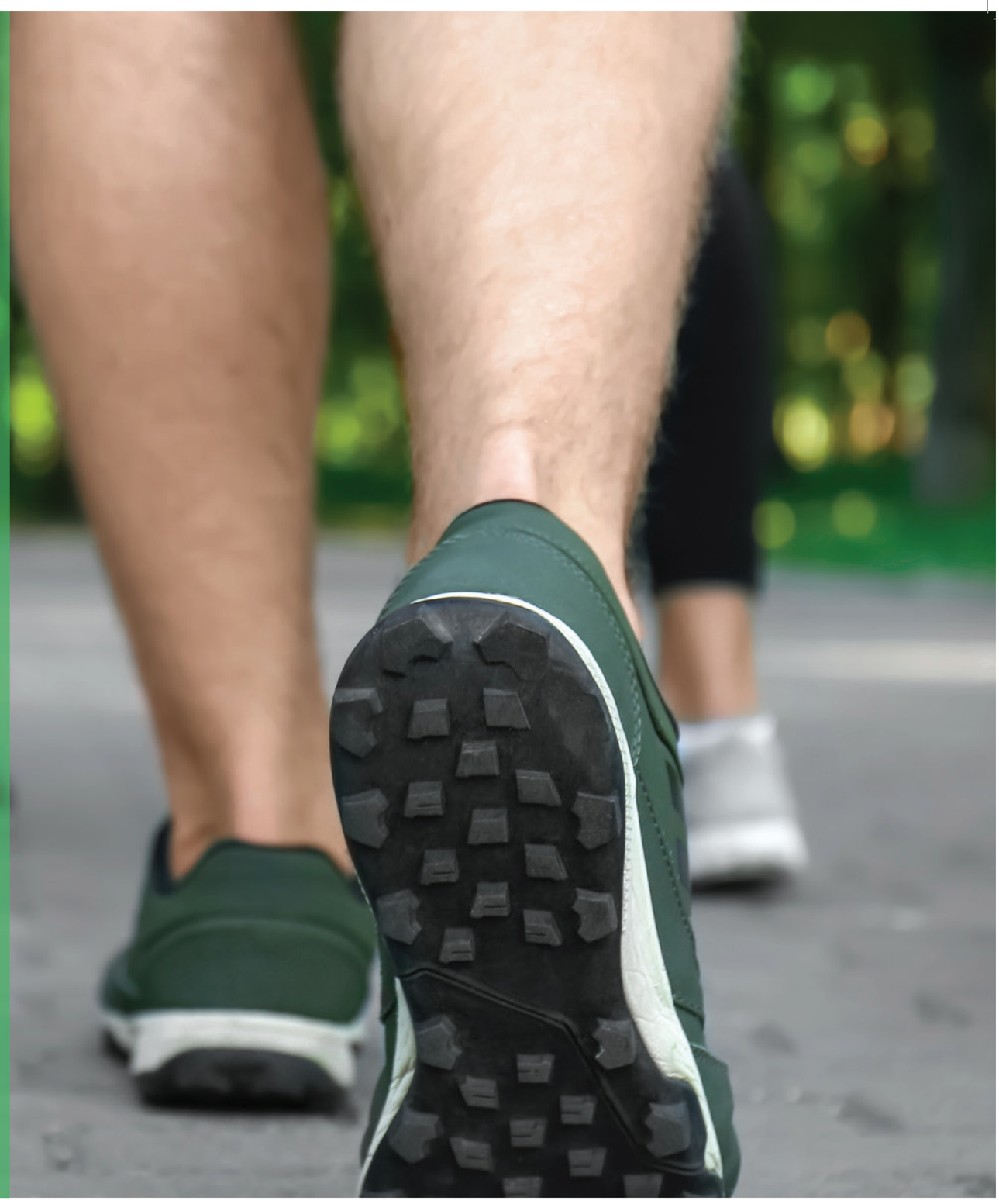
Lower Limb Preservation Action Team

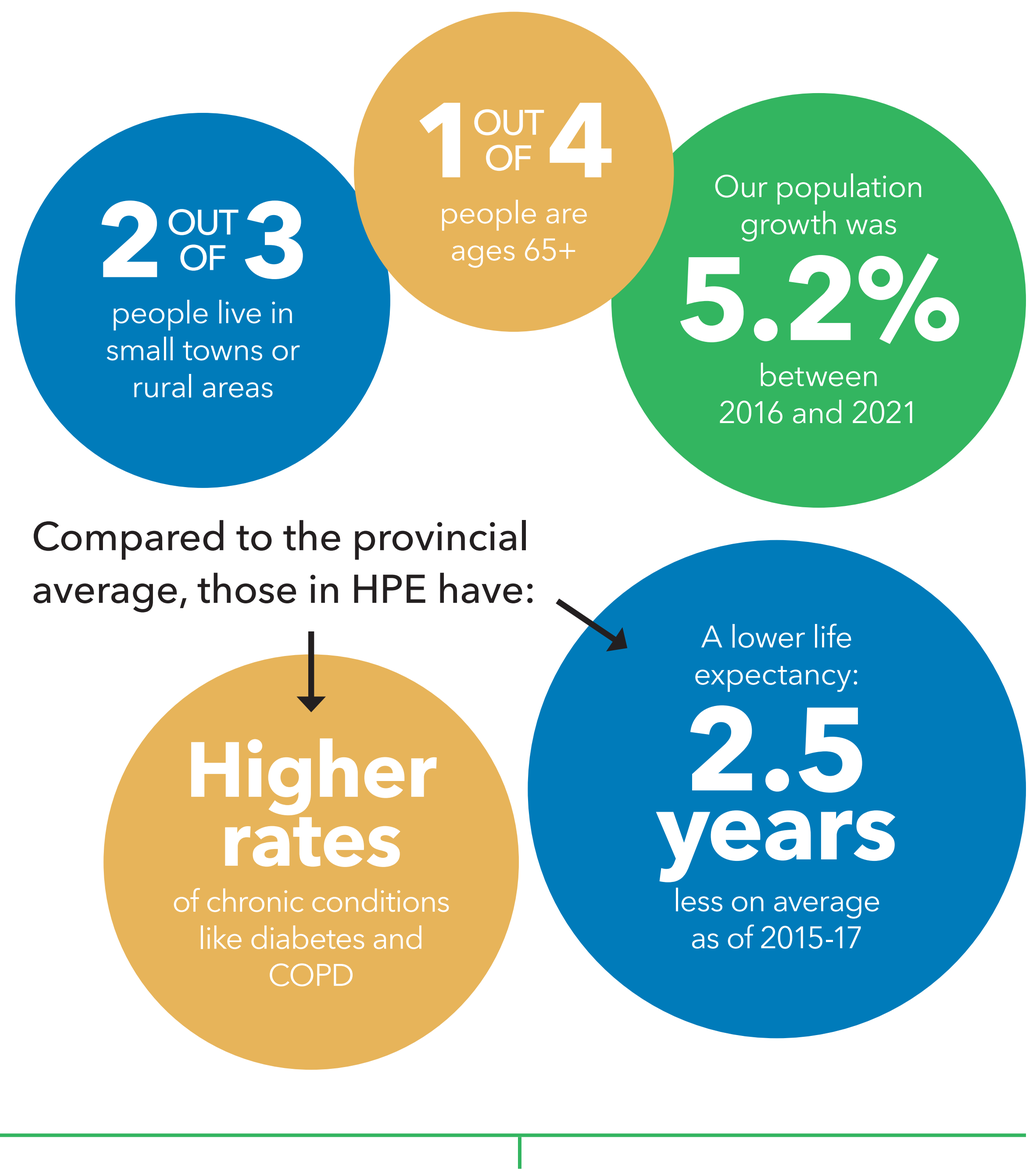
HPE OHT Collaboration



The **HPE OHT Lower Limb Preservation Action Team** brings together OHAH wound clinics, footcare clinics, diabetes educators, outreach workers and patient advocates to strengthen care for people at risk of lower limb amputation.

A standout success is the advocacy of the Patient, Client, and Partner Council representative, who brought the patient voice to the planning table and helped turn lived experience into action.

He initiated partnerships with HPE Lions Clubs to raise funds for appropriate footwear and Tier 2 devices for patients in need. In April 2026, he was recognized for his work at the National Lions Club Conference and continues to share his advocacy with community audiences.



- **Sustainable funding:** Ongoing funding for chiropody, wound care, navigation and basic footcare; Tier 2 devices remain unfunded.
- **Equitable access to care:** Supporting patients without primary care providers and marginalized communities, addressing limited publicly funded chiropody, and improving access to wound care and vascular testing across a large rural region.
- **Data and technology integration:** Standardizing data collection, pending a Data Sharing Agreement, and integrating SWIFT technology across the patient journey.
- **Evolving clinical pathways:** Incorporating new Critical Limb Threat Ischemia (CLTI) guidelines, including earlier escalation to vascular surgery, and educating providers and patients on chiropody's role in wound prevention and treatment.

The team has opportunities to strengthen collaborative care and expand acute care initiatives across HPE communities. Mapping regional footcare and lower-limb services, developing online education resources for providers and patients, and advancing research with Queen's University will help demonstrate the value of early screening and publicly funded chiropody. Ongoing education will further support early intervention and consistent, high-quality foot and wound care.

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