

POOL TOES

Pool toes is a friction-related dermatitis caused by the repetitive contact of the toes--alone or with the remainder of the plantar foot--with the rough cement on the bottom of the pool. It is observed more commonly in children since many public pools have a rough cement bottom in the shallow areas in order to prevent the young swimmers who are walking in that area from slipping and falling. It also occurs more frequently early in the swim season prior to the swimmer's feet having had an opportunity to acclimate to the pool bottom's rough cement by thickening and/or forming calluses [5].

<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC7773311/#:~:text=Frictional%20pool%2Dassociated%20pedal%20dermatoses,the%20side%20of%20the%20pool.>