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### **EFFICIENCY OF ALPHA LIPOIC ACID THERAPY AT DIABETIC FOOT SYNDROME**

**Summary.** The article deals with increasing the effectiveness of treatment of patients with diabetes mellitus with diabetic foot syndrome (DFS) by applying the integrated treatment with  $\alpha$ -lipoic acid. We evaluated the clinical efficacy of the  $\alpha$ -lipoic acid preparation on the background of basic therapy for DFS. The positive effect of  $\alpha$ -lipoic acid on the increasing frequency of complete regression of the inflammatory process is shown. It is proved that  $\alpha$ -lipoic acid can be recommended for the treatment of diabetic patients with DFS, complicated by ulcerative necrotizing process.

**Key words:** diabetes mellitus, diabetic foot syndrome, treatment,  $\alpha$ -lipoic acid.