

## **What's Important When More Support Is Needed**

- 1) Accommodation — Forefoot shapes and wide shank base provide plenty of room on the inside of the shoes to accept doctor prescribed orthotics.
- 2) Rear foot Control and Lateral Stability — Long Medial counter controls the heel and supports the arch. Combine it with our wide shank to gain maximum stability. A shoe that does not rock from side to side is less tiring and less likely to cause injury to muscles, ligaments, and bones.
- 3) Step Shock — A great deal of research is going on regarding the amount of shock the body receives with each step. Preliminary results from SATRA (a British research organization), and others indicate that fiber leather heels are the worst. EVA crepe soles seem to absorb shock the best.
- 4) Thermal Conditions — Shoes can be a hot box for the foot. Use natural aniline leathers, breathable lining, and perforated insole to create a friendlier inside shoe climate.
- 5) Plantar Accommodation — Many products touting plantar accommodation are now on the market including Drew, PW Minor, Theresia and Alden.