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ACFAS Has a Grand Ole Time in Nashville

Much like a sold-out, star-studded show at the Grand Ole Opry, ACFAS 2018 stole the spotlight and gave the nearly 1,900 DPMs in attendance an unforgettable conference experience filled with nonstop sessions and workshops and plenty of opportunities to network, learn and grow professionally.

The performance began with a standing room-only Opening General Session that included an inspiring keynote address presented by astronaut Captain Mark Kelly and an insight on all ACFAS activities throughout the year from ACFAS Immediate Past President Laurence G. Rubin, DPM, FACFAS. *(continued on page 5)*



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Register Now for 2018 Coding & Billing Seminars

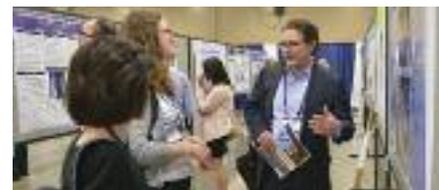


Just a few simple changes to your coding and billing process can make all the difference in maximizing reimbursement for the care you provide. Learn how to achieve this in the popular seminar, **Coding and Billing for the Foot and Ankle Surgeon**, set for July 13–14 in Portland, Oregon and October 19–20 in Chicago.

Code real-life patient cases and scenarios alongside expert faculty and get an inside look at:

- How to structure your work week
- Correct coding for amputation, forefoot, rearfoot of ankle reconstructive surgery
- Proper evaluation and management coding
- How to use modifiers to avoid denials
- Minor office procedures
- Coding for diabetic foot cases
- Complex arthroscopy cases
- New government reimbursement systems and methods

This course is worth 12 continuing education contact hours. Register today at acfas.org/practicemanagement.



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Kelly's speech, which featured video footage from his time on the international space station, recounted personal experiences as an Air Force pilot and NASA astronaut and how he coped with the near assassination of his wife, former Congresswoman Gabrielle Giffords. He explained how to draw from your strengths and talents to overcome adversity while emphasizing that how good you are in the beginning is not an indicator of how good you can become.

Energized and eager to see everything ACFAS 2018 had in store, attendees then made their way to the Exhibit Hall to get a firsthand look at the newest products, walk through the nearly 300 case study, scientific and Student Club posters, browse through the Job Fair and listen to sessions in the HUB.

Attendees topped off the first official day of the conference with an elegant evening spent mixing and mingling at the Premier Connection event in Delta Island where they enjoyed music, drinks and hors d'oeuvres.

After three full days of clinical sessions, cadaveric workshops and industry-sponsored gatherings, ACFAS 2018 closed with a sensational Wrap Party at the renowned Country Music Hall of Fame and Museum. A live band playing new and old country favorites provided the background music to an energetic party. Afterward, party goers took tours of the museum and its treasure trove of exhibits.

"This conference really sets the tone for our organization and speaks volumes for what we can accomplish together," said ACFAS President John S. Steinberg, DPM, FACFAS. "The level of education, integrity and commitment to advancing our specialty has never been stronger. I'm looking forward to the year with great enthusiasm."

Join us next year for the 77th Annual Scientific Conference, February 14–17, 2019 in New Orleans where we'll let the good times roll like never before in The Big Easy!



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