

## ACFAS Committee Spotlight: Post Graduate Affairs Committee

Strong residency programs share one common trait—high educational standards that ensure residents are well prepared to meet the challenges of practicing foot and ankle surgery and have the confidence to take their career in any direction they choose.

ACFAS' Post Graduate Affairs Committee supports both residency directors and residents by making sure residency programs are in line with the Council on Podiatric Medical Education's (CPME) requirements, and it interacts with the boards—the American Board of Foot and Ankle Surgery (ABFAS) and American Board of Podiatric Medicine (ABPM)—to help residency educators make their programs the best they can be.

The Post Graduate Affairs Committee provides residency directors with program

assessment tools and helps them prepare for CPME site visits. Right now, the committee is poised to offer its opinions on the rewrite of CPME's 320 document, Standards and Requirements for Approval of Podiatric Medicine and Surgery Residencies, and is preparing for the 2018 Residency Directors Forum scheduled for March 21, 2018, the day before ACFAS 2018 begins at the Gaylord Opryland Hotel in Nashville.

The Post Graduate Affairs Committee also maintains the Residency Director Center on [acfas.org](http://acfas.org), a portal of webinars and educational tools specific to residency directors to make their jobs easier. Looking ahead to 2018, the committee will discuss questions and answers for the 2018 ACFAS Member Survey that apply to both residents and residency directors.

### 2018 RESIDENCY DIRECTORS FORUM

SUNDAY, MARCH 21, 2018

1:30–5:30PM

GAYLORD OPRYLAND HOTEL,  
NASHVILLE

“The Post Graduate Affairs Committee is committed to providing residents and residency directors with the tools to enhance their programs and educational experiences,” says Timothy C. Ford, DPM, FACFAS, chair of the Post Graduate Affairs Committee. “We believe that through continual dialogue with both residency directors and residents, we can together strengthen the overall training and education of our residents and programs.”

If you are a residency director who wants to volunteer with the Post Graduate Affairs Committee for the 2019–2020 year, follow the member selection process in the fall of 2018 or contact Michelle Kennedy, ACFAS director of Membership and Post Graduate Affairs Committee staff liaison, at [michelle.kennedy@acfas.org](mailto:michelle.kennedy@acfas.org).

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## Free Webinar on How to Build Your Practice

Wednesday, January 17, 2018 | 8pm ET/7pm CT

Make 2018 the year you generate new referrals and attract new patients to your practice. Register now for the free webinar, *Take a New Look* at Practice Building, scheduled for Wednesday, January 17, 2018 at 8pm ET/7pm CT, and learn how to leverage tools from the College's national public relations campaign to help grow your practice.

Presenters Christopher L. Reeves, DPM, FACFAS; Amber M. Shane, DPM, FACFAS; and John S. Steinberg, DPM, FACFAS will explain how to build strong working relationships with family physicians, nurse practitioners and diabetes educators to encourage referrals. Melissa Matusek, ACFAS director of Marketing and Communications,

will also share strategies for increasing referrals through traditional media outreach, social media and community relations.

Webinar participants will be entered in a drawing to win one of two \$100 American Express gift cards. To register and for more information, visit [acfas.org/practicebuilding](http://acfas.org/practicebuilding).

