

ACFAS Helps Release New Infection Control Guidelines



ACFAS partnered with The Joint Commission, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and other healthcare specialty organizations on a three-year initiative, Adaptation and Dissemination for Outpatient Infection Prevention (ADOPT) Guidance, to help ensure patients are provided care in environments that minimize or eliminate the risk of healthcare-associated infections.

As the only podiatric surgery organization involved in the initiative, ACFAS helped develop two free outpatient infection

control guides specific to podiatry, *Guide to Infection Prevention for Outpatient Podiatry Settings* and *Pocket Guide to Infection Prevention for Outpatient Podiatry Settings*.

The guides were not only developed with input from the healthcare project partners, but also with the help of in-depth interviews and onsite visits with podiatry, orthopaedic and pain management outpatient facilities to gather setting-specific scenarios, challenges and examples for inclusion in the guides.

ACFAS member Barry I. Rosenblum, DPM, FACFAS, was part of a task force that

assisted the CDC and The Joint Commission with the podiatry-focused guides. “Foot and ankle surgeons who are in private practice and not in hospitals or surgery centers can use this guidance to enhance infection control procedures already in place,” he says. “The ADOPT Guidance can help identify injection and sterilization practices that could potentially prevent infection in outpatient settings.”

Download the guides now at acfas.org/ADOPT or for more information, visit cdc.gov.

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