ACFAS Releases Second e-Book

Master the Art & Science of Orthobiologics

Examine orthobiologics’ role in bone healing and growth in the College’s second e-Book, *The Art and Science of Orthobiologics for the Foot and Ankle*. With 12 chapters written by 25 renowned experts in the field and nearly 150 full-color images, this latest e-Book release takes an objective look at available orthobiologic options to help you improve patient outcomes and reduce surgical complications.

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“Goals achieved with little effort are seldom worthwhile or lasting.” —John Wooden

My last perspective. This is a hard one because I’m looking backward rather than forward. This is a special year for ACFAS—our 75th anniversary. Four men, average age 31, incorporated the American College of Foot Surgeons (no ankle until 1992) and started working on its original mission: to serve as a “qualifying organization that would set the rules and regulations for foot surgery.” Bottom line: ACFS started out as what you know today as ABFAS.

As I started to write this, I thought about how things have changed in the last 75 years. In 1942, the United States was in turmoil with World War II. The average household income was $1,880, a new home was $6,900, and a new car was $1,100. Fast forward to today and some believe the United States is still in turmoil with the War on Terror. The household income is $48,100, a new house costs $280,000 and a new car averages $33,500. But we likely still have many of the same concerns and stresses that people did in 1942. In fact, the biggest difference that I could find is that the St. Louis Cardinals won the World Series in 1942, and today the Chicago Cubs hold the title. Miracles do happen!

I wondered what changed and what stayed the same over the last 75 years for our profession and ACFAS. Thanks to the efforts of Jerry Noll, DPM and Kenneth Durr, PhD, we now know. As part of our anniversary, the College has published The Evolution of a Profession: The First 75 Years of the American College of Foot and Ankle Surgeons 1942-2017. It is eye-opening to read how far we’ve come and how it was ACFS/ACFAS that transformed chiropody to podiatry to today’s surgical practice.

The four founders of the College, Drs. Douglas Mowbray, Oswald Roggenkamp, Lester Walsh, and Lowell Purgett set down our founding principles: “To foster a bond of fellowship among foot surgeons, to bring practitioners and students a realization of the results that can be gained, to teach finished or standard techniques, to constantly strive to develop additional techniques, and to act as a protective agent for the public and for the profession.” These goals haven’t changed much in 75 years. In fact, aside from some wording, these are still part of our bylaws and strategic compass. But, I think our own Founding Fathers would be proud to see where the College is today and how we’re the force that always pushes the envelope for more and improved education, training, certification and research.

As I reflect back on the last year, I am proud of what the College has achieved and the contributions of our members. I would like to thank everyone for all of the efforts that they have given to achieve these goals. Whether it is volunteering on a committee or being active with a residency or at a local hospital, every contribution to the common good raises the tide for us all.

So what will the College and our profession look like at our centennial in 2042? Full, unfettered professional equality? Ankle privileges in all 50 states? The lowest rate of complications of any surgical specialty? Universal health care? No one knows, but I’m pretty confident our core principles will be the same—to serve society as the preeminent source of knowledge for foot and ankle surgery and to advance the competency of our members and the care of our patients.

I now turn this space over to our new president, Laurence G. Rubin, DPM, FACFAS. It has been an honor and a privilege to serve the College this past year. Thank you.
FACT: Today’s ABFAS is an outgrowth of AFAS’ original Credentials Committee that required submittal of 75 surgical cases for Fellowship and 25 cases for Associate status. There was no written examination.
While at the 75th Anniversary Scientific Conference at The Mirage in Las Vegas February 27–March 2, take time to visit each of your official ACFAS Benefit Partners to learn more about the valuable services they provide to help you in your practice.

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At this year’s ACFAS Job Fair, review available jobs, post your resume and make an appointment to have your resume reviewed to market yourself in the best possible light.
Increase Referrals to Your Practice and Promote the Profession with New Marketing Tools

Spread the word to local primary care physicians and other healthcare providers about who you are and the work you do with ACFAS’ new Healthcare Provider Marketing Tools. These free resources, available in the ACFAS Marketing Toolbox at afas.org/marketing, explain why physicians should refer their foot and ankle patients to your office for care.

Developed in conjunction with the College’s “Take a New Look at Foot and Ankle Surgeons” public relations campaign, these DIY tools can be shared, posted or printed to raise awareness of foot and ankle surgeons’ education and qualifications.

Log in to afas.org/marketing to access referral guides, fact sheets, PowerPoint presentations and more, and visit TakeANewLook.org to see how ACFAS is working on your behalf to reach out to key healthcare providers.

**Healthcare Referral Marketing Tools**
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- Partners in Diabetes Care Referral Guide
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- Press Release Templates

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**FACT:** The first podiatric teaching hospital was Civic Hospital in Detroit, created by Earl Kaplan in 1956. Kaplan devoted much of his life to the hospital, ACFS and teaching surgery to the majority of American podiatrists in the 1950s and 1960s.
The first 75 years of ACFAS is a classic American tale. A story of modest beginnings, a hard-fought evolution, and a bright future—however contentious things may have gotten along the way. This tale, titled *The Evolution of a Profession: The First 75 Years of the American College of Foot and Ankle Surgeons*, clearly describes how surgery—and ACFAS in particular—was the catalyst that transformed chiropody to podiatry to today’s foot and ankle surgery since its founding in 1942. The book is making its debut at the 75th Anniversary Scientific Conference in Las Vegas.

“Like many American institutions, professional associations tend to think short-term,” said ACFAS executive director Chris Mahaffey, “be it solving the crisis of the day, achieving an annual budget or forgetting the past when governing for the future. Associations also forget to remember their heroes—the people who got them to where they are today. That’s why this book is so important. It’s a story that needs to be told and remembered as the profession continues to evolve.”

The book itself started to evolve in 2006 when Jerome S. Noll, DPM, a past ACFAS board member, expressed interest in archiving the College’s rich history. Between 2007 and 2014, Noll conducted oral histories of many past presidents and other key leaders. Meanwhile, he was organizing and digitizing thousands of documents, some of which were donated by emeritus members from their personal files.

Then, as the 75th anniversary approached in 2017, it was decided that a professional historian should write the College’s biography to ensure objectivity and credibility. Thanks to Dr. Noll’s archives, Kenneth D. Durr, PhD, a noted author of organizational histories, has done just that. Durr’s citations of virtually every event and statement tells the story accurately and candidly. “We wanted to capture all this history now before it was lost,” said Dr. Noll. “It will also be the starting point for the next historian when ACFAS celebrates its centennial in 2042.”

“The ACFAS story should be read and remembered by every podiatric medical student, member and future leader,” said Mahaffey. The 190-page book is now available at no charge to ACFAS members upon request. Just email jolinda.cappello@acfas.org or pick up your copy at the Member Center booth at ACFAS 75. (One copy per member.)
John T. Marcoux, DPM, FACFAS, to Receive 2017 Distinguished Service Award

For John T. Marcoux, DPM, FACFAS, recipient of the ACFAS 2017 Distinguished Service Award, volunteering his time and energy to advance the profession is not about gaining recognition or praise. It is about giving back to an organization that has helped shape him and has had a positive influence on his life.

“When I looked to devote my time to a professional organization, I wanted to be involved in one dedicated to the education of foot and ankle surgeons,” Dr. Marcoux explains. “ACFAS more than meets this requirement.”

Since 2005, he has served on five ACFAS committees, an experience that has allowed him to both learn from and educate his colleagues. He also appreciates the opportunity to help develop the College’s educational programs. “I’m always amazed by how many different courses, seminars and workshops the College offers its members to improve their ability to practice and succeed in this ever-changing healthcare environment,” he says.

Memorable highlights from Dr. Marcoux’s volunteer service include his involvement with the ACFAS On the Road series plus his role as chair of the Post-Graduate Affairs (PGA) Committee during its first two years. He appreciates how On the Road reaches those who may not always make it to the College’s Annual Scientific Conference or Surgical Skills courses. “I found it so rewarding to help educate and expose these members to state-of-the-art surgical concepts and fixation techniques that they may not have used before in their current practice,” he notes.

As a residency program director, Dr. Marcoux values how the PGA Committee supports training programs and directors by providing preconference seminars at the Annual Scientific Conference and by maintaining a Residency Director Center on acfas.org.

He encourages new ACFAS members to apply to volunteer for the College’s committees and is always proud to see his former residents taking the time to serve. “It’s a great opportunity to volunteer for an association like ACFAS that has your professional success as a foot and ankle surgeon as its mission,” says Dr. Marcoux.

Sean T. Grambart, DPM, FACFAS, ACFAS president, says he can think of no other member more deserving of the Distinguished Service Award than Dr. Marcoux. “He always has an ‘ACFAS first’ attitude and gives his time and talents to the College whenever he is asked,” Dr. Grambart attests.

The ACFAS Board of Directors selects the Distinguished Service Award winner each year. Dr. Marcoux will accept his award during the annual ACFAS Honors and Awards Ceremony at the 75th Anniversary Scientific Conference later this month at The Mirage in Las Vegas.

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—John T. Marcoux, DPM, FACFAS
In this issue of ACFAS Update, the College’s Credentialing and Privileging Advisory Team (CPAT) answers the following question from readers.

Q: “I am applying for history and physical (H&P) privileges and was informed that foot and ankle surgeons are not ‘allowed’ to perform their own admission H&P. What can I do?”

Answer:

1. Gather information about the current bylaws at the facility.
2. Determine if any other specialties have similar restrictions for performing H&Ps. Find out if the restriction(s) has been in place for a long time or if a different guideline was changed, and if so, when it was changed and which committee initiated the change. Also determine who chairs the credentialing committee.
3. Find out if the bylaws at nearby facilities are the same or if they allow DPMs to perform H&Ps.
5. Once the above is obtained, consider a compromise proposal to the appropriate committee (usually credentialing and privileging) that would allow DPMs to perform their own admission H&P for appropriate patients (ASA 1-2) for outpatient surgery or inpatient stay involving foot or ankle surgery. If a patient of moderate complexity (ASA 3-4) requires an admission from a DPM, a co-admission by a staff internist is also required.

ACFAS Congratulates 2016 Research Grant Recipients

Now in its 10th year of funding College members’ research in foot and ankle surgery, the ACFAS Clinical and Scientific Research Grant program continues to help advance evidence-based medicine and enhance the patient experience.

In November 2016, the Research Committee selected five projects to receive College funding:

**The Effect of Rocker Sole Shoes on Gait Following Total Ankle Arthroplasty**
Adam Budny, DPM, FACFAS

**Percutaneous Kirschner Wire versus Commercial Implant for Hammertoe Repair: A Cost-Effectiveness Analysis**
Adam Fleischer, DPM, MPH, FACFAS; Brett J. Waverly, DPM, AACFAS; Rachel H. Albright, DPM; Erin Klein, DPM, MS, FACFAS; Lowell Weil, Jr., DPM, MBA, FACFAS; Lowell S. Weil, Sr., DPM, FACFAS

**Cost-Effectiveness Analysis of Primary Arthrodesis versus Open Reduction Internal Fixation for Primarily Ligamentous Lisfranc Injuries**
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**Ultrasound-Guided vs. Topography-Guided Injection Therapy for Plantar Fasciitis: A Randomized Controlled Trial**
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**Printed Three-Dimensional Computerized Tomography Scanned Ankle Fractures as an Educational Instrument**
Andrew Meyr, DPM, FACFAS; Todd A. Hasenstein, DPM

The College awards $40,000 in grant funding each year to support foot and ankle surgery research. See previous grant winners at acfas.org/grant.
A Big Thank You to ACFAS 2016–2017 Volunteer Leaders

The College gratefully recognizes those members who donated their time and expertise to ACFAS 2016–2017 committees and task forces. It also thanks those who served this past year as peer reviewers and section editors for The Journal of Foot & Ankle Surgery (JFAS). Their names have been published in JFAS and can be viewed at acfas.org.

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The idea of a “qualifying organization” to certify foot surgeons originated in 1941. Surgery pioneer Douglas Mowbray at the Illinois College of Chiropody got it done. On March 23, 1942, the American College of Foot Surgeons (ACFS) was incorporated.
AACPM Launches DPM Mentors Network

The American Association of Colleges of Podiatric Medicine has launched an interactive DPM Mentors Network to help place podiatric medical students with mentors for shadowing opportunities. The network also provides DPM speakers for on-campus student events.

Visit dpmnetwork.org to enroll as a mentor or speaker with the network, or stop by AACPM’s table in the Rotunda at the ACFAS 75th Anniversary Scientific Conference, February 27–March 2 at The Mirage in Las Vegas, to learn more.
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