

# ACFAS Update

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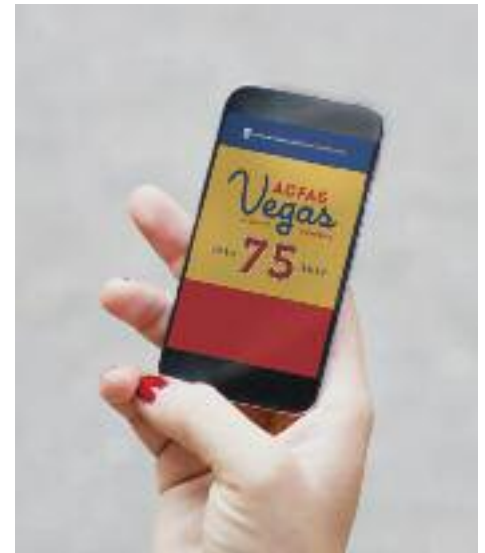
## Put ACFAS 75 in the Palm of Your Hand

Download our free ACFAS 75 mobile app before you set off for the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Scientific Conference at The Mirage in Las Vegas February 27–March 2 and access:

- your sessions plus all conference events and activities;
- up-to-the-minute conference alerts;
- live ACFAS 75 Twitter and Facebook feeds;
- interactive convention center maps; and
- the exhibitor directory.

Just search the app store (iOS and Android) for ACFAS 2017, go to [acfas.org/vegas](http://acfas.org/vegas) or visit [m.core-apps.com/acfas2017](http://m.core-apps.com/acfas2017) for a link to download the app.

Once you have downloaded the app to your device, watch for an email from ACFAS closer to the event with your login credentials to gain access to your personalized schedule.



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## Evaluate ACFAS 75 Sessions Through Mobile App

Share your feedback on each ACFAS 75 session you attend by using the conference app. Search your app store for ACFAS 2017 or visit [acfas.org/vegas](http://acfas.org/vegas) to download the app to your mobile device. Your comments will help determine session topics for the 2018 Annual Scientific Conference in Nashville.

## Follow ACFAS 75 on Social Media

Stay ahead of every tweet, post and share about the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Scientific Conference no matter if you're in Las Vegas or at home—just follow #ACFAS75 on our Twitter, Facebook and social media feeds through the conference's mobile app. Also use #ACFAS75 in your posts to become part of a conversation that's 75 years in the making!



## Update Your Headshot During ACFAS 75

Ensure you look your best and capture yourself at your most professional in a headshot for your resume and profiles. Visit Booth No. 1419 in the Exhibit Hall during the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Scientific Conference at The Mirage in Las Vegas to have your picture taken by a professional photographer. Your photo

session will also include a brief meet and greet with a makeup artist.

Come by the booth on Tuesday, February 28 or Wednesday, March 1 for your photo shoot. You'll receive a hardcopy print of your photo the day it is taken as well as a digital version via email.

## Your New Career or Candidate Awaits at the ACFAS Job Fair



Find a new job or a new addition to your practice's staff during the fourth annual ACFAS Job Fair at the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Scientific Conference February 27–March 2 at The Mirage in Las Vegas. Sponsored by ACFAS Benefit Partner PodiatryCareers.org, the Job Fair gives you the opportunity to post your resume and open positions and to arrange onsite interviews through PodiatryCareers.org's online scheduling tool. Get there early—a resume reviewer will offer a limited number of complimentary appointments for personal resume review to ensure you are presenting yourself to potential employers in the best light.

A photographer and make-up artist will also be available again this year to take free professional headshots for your resume and social media profiles.

ACFAS members receive reduced rates on online job postings and can display their available positions on the Job Fair bulletin boards at no cost. All positions and resumes received will be posted on PodiatryCareers.org before the conference.

Visit the Job Fair in the Rotunda just outside of the Exhibit Hall.

## 2017 EDUCATION PROGRAMS

### Practice Management Seminars To Be Announced

#### February 26, 2017 (Sunday) Pre-Conference Workshops

Mirage Hotel & Convention Center  
Las Vegas

#### February 27–March 2, 2017 (Monday–Thursday) Annual Scientific Conference

Mirage Hotel & Convention Center  
Las Vegas

#### April 1–2, 2017 (Saturday/Sunday) Foot & Ankle Arthroscopy

Orthopaedic Learning Center  
Chicago

**SOLD  
OUT**

#### April 28–29, 2017 (Friday/Saturday) ACFAS on the Road—Refining High-Frequency Forefoot Surgery Workshop and Seminar

Tyson's Corner Marriott  
Vienna, VA

#### May 19–21, 2017 (Friday–Sunday) Total Ankle Arthroplasty

Science Care, Inc. Lab (Denver Airport)  
Aurora, CO

#### June 10–11, 2017 (Saturday/Sunday) Foot & Ankle Arthroscopy

Orthopaedic Learning Center  
Chicago

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#### August 12–13, 2017 (Saturday/Sunday) Foot & Ankle Arthroscopy

Orthopaedic Learning Center  
Chicago

#### September 17–18, 2017 (Sunday/Monday) Foot & Ankle Arthroscopy

Orthopaedic Learning Center  
Chicago

#### November 11–12, 2017 (Saturday/Sunday) Foot & Ankle Arthroscopy

Orthopaedic Learning Center  
Chicago

\*To be waitlisted for sold-out courses,  
contact Maggie Hjelm at [hjelm@acfas.org](mailto:hjelm@acfas.org).



FEBRUARY 27 – MARCH 2

# Your **2017** Countdown to Vegas Starts Now

The 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Scientific Conference at The Mirage in Las Vegas is just weeks away, and the countdown is officially on! As you prepare for the main event, follow these 10 steps to make sure nothing is left to chance.



**1. Check Las Vegas' forecast before packing.**

While Vegas enjoys abundant sunshine and warmth most of the year, late winter can be cool. Bring your jacket or sweater and dress in layers to stay comfortable.



**2. Download the ACFAS 75 app** from your app store by searching for ACFAS 2017 and sign in with your custom login to access your customized conference schedule, updates, interactive maps, vendor lists and more through your device. Watch your email for your personal access information.

**3. Pick up your materials** from the conference registration area early so you can get a head start on ACFAS 75.



**4. Wear your conference badge** at all times for security purposes. Your badge is required for attendance at sessions, meeting, receptions and Exhibit Hall events.



**5. Use #ACFAS75** in your Twitter and Facebook posts and in your social media site searches to see what others are saying about the conference.

**6. Connect with your colleagues** at special events. Start with the Premier Connection opening reception then continue with industry-sponsored satellite breakfasts, the ACFAS Honors and Awards ceremony and the much-anticipated Wrap Party in the heart of the LINQ entertainment promenade.

**7. Visit the Exhibit Hall** to meet new vendors, have lunch, enter prize drawings and browse through the expansive scientific poster display.

**8. Evaluate sessions** through the mobile app. Your input helps the College develop session topics for future conferences.

**9. Complete your postconference evaluation** to share your thoughts and suggestions.

**10. Have a great time** celebrating 75 years of ACFAS history!



# Attend Your Regional Division Meetings in Las Vegas

Learn what events and activities your Regional Division has lined up for the year and meet your newest Division officers during the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Scientific Conference at The Mirage in Las Vegas. All Divisions will meet Monday, February 27 through Wednesday, March 1 in the Exhibit Hall. Your attendance also places you in a drawing to receive one of four \$250 AMEX gift cards!

## Regional Division Meetings Schedule

### Monday, February 27, 1–2pm

Division 1: Pacific  
Division 7: Michigan  
Division 12: Tri-State

### Tuesday, February 28, 1–2pm

Division 2: Northwest/Canada  
Division 4: Desert States  
Division 13: Ohio Valley  
Division 14: Southeast

### Wednesday, March 1, Noon–1pm

Division 3: Southwest  
Division 5: Florida  
Division 6: Midwest

### Wednesday, March 1, 1–2pm

Division 8: New England  
Division 9: Greater New York  
Division 10: Upstate New York  
Division 11: Mid-Atlantic





# Happy Anniversary, ACFAS!

“On March 23, 1942, a new organization was chartered in the state of Delaware. The incorporation was routine—it is doubtful that any of its officers were even in attendance. But the officers were not men to stand on ceremony—they were after results, and they realized that even though this step was the product of several years of work, it was only a beginning. For years, practitioners of the treatment of foot and ankle problems—most often called chiropodists—had been seeking respect and the right to practice their specialty on par with other medical men. They had made great strides in recent years, but there was a subspecialty—surgeons of the foot—whose status was even more in doubt. It would take a systematic and sustained effort to build up a profession worthy of the respect and recognition that these practitioners knew they could attain. And that is what their new organization, the American College of Foot Surgeons, was meant to accomplish. The founders hoped this organization would long outlast them and accomplish more than they ever could individually. It did.”

— *The Evolution of a Profession: The First 75 Years of ACFAS*





**2017 marks the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the American College of Foot and Ankle Surgeons.** The ACFAS story is a classic American tale of modest beginnings, a hard-fought evolution and a bright future. And the story has 10,000 characters—all of the Fellows and Associate members over 75 years—who transformed chiropody into foot and ankle surgery and changed the history of American medicine.

This story will be told throughout 2017 in ACFAS publications but primarily in a new book that will debut in February at the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Scientific Conference—*The Evolution of a Profession: The First 75 Years of the American College of Foot and Ankle Surgeons*. Written by historian Kenneth Durr, PhD, with Jerome S. Noll, DPM, FACFAS,

the book will be available to members in print and online. Numerous appendices will include a list of all known regular members since 1942.

A special adaptation of the iconic ACFAS logo will be used on internal ACFAS communications during 2017; in addition, “75 Year Facts,” excerpts from the history book, will appear in *ACFAS Update, This Week @ ACFAS* and *The Journal of Foot & Ankle Surgery*.

“The ACFAS story needs to be told and remembered as the profession continues to evolve,” said Chris Mahaffey, MS, FASAE, ACFAS executive director. “Associations often fail to remember how they got to where they are. And they fail to honor their heroes,

the people who got them there. We’ll try to correct that in 2017 because the College’s story truly is amazing.”

The 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary observance would not have been possible without the passion and commitment of Jerome S. Noll, DPM, FACFAS. Dr. Noll first expressed an interest in archiving the College’s past as the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary approached in 2011. Oral histories of past presidents were recorded in 2009–2014. Meanwhile, Dr. Noll started compiling and assembling 70+ years of documents.

Get your copy of *The Evolution of a Profession* in the Member Center at the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Scientific Conference, by emailing Jolinda Cappello at [jolinda.cappello@acfas.org](mailto:jolinda.cappello@acfas.org) or by viewing online at [acfas.org/evolution](http://acfas.org/evolution).

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In this issue of *ACFAS Update*, the College's Credentialing and Privileging Advisory Team (CPAT) answers the following question from readers.

**Q:** "I recently had a bad post-op infection case. The head of surgery subsequently told me that I can no longer treat bone infections and that the orthopaedic staff would need to treat such cases. What should I do?"

**A:** This is not normally permitted unless there is imminent risk to life or limb of a patient.

This type of arbitrary behavior is contrary to most hospital bylaws, rules and regulations. It is an arbitrary removal of a privilege, also known as a "sanction," and it should be appealed immediately. In any case, you should take the following actions to rectify the situation:

1. Send an appeal letter to the specific chairperson who informed you of this decision, to the president of the medical staff and to the hospital CEO.
2. Send another formal appeal letter to the specific hospital-designated committee that addresses the removal of a privilege.
3. Follow your hospital regulations to the letter. Put everything in written form, including any verbal hallway discussions with involved individuals.

Send your credentialing and privileging questions to CPAT at [credentialing@acfas.org](mailto:credentialing@acfas.org).

## In Memory

Angelo S. Monaco, DPM, FACFAS  
Broomall, PA

Nicholas G. Kayal, DPM, FACFAS  
Fort Lauderdale, FL

Louis G. Pack, DPM, FACFAS  
Greensboro, GA

Gerson M. Perry, DPM, FACFAS  
Highlands, NC





## Get a Head Start on Your 2017 ACFAS Research Grant Application

The application period for the 2017 ACFAS Clinical and Scientific Research Grant will be here sooner than you think. Keep the following tips in mind as you plan your research studies for the year so you are prepared when it is time to apply.

1. Clearly state the research question in one or two concise statements. A vague or poorly written research question immediately hinders the possibility of receiving research funds. Make sure the paper's goal is clear—multiple end points that are not clearly defined can make the project difficult to fund due to confusion about the specific goals.
2. Clearly state the need for, or the void filled by, conducting the proposed research project.
3. For ACFAS sponsored-research, report the proper level of evidence. Worthy research is conducted at all levels, and it is not a deal breaker if the evidence level is lower than other submissions.
4. Have clearly defined outcome measures, preferably ones that are validated in the literature or are consistent with the current literature on the topic. Also include patient-reported outcome measures (PROMs) if applicable.
5. Create a realistic budget outline. The budget outline must be appropriate and reasonable. Know what is fundable and what is not. Travel expenses and conference registration fees will not be granted for ACFAS-funded projects.
6. Create a realistic timeframe for completion. Many research projects require longer study periods to accommodate increased patient loads and additional data review.
7. Seek authors who are experts in the field or who are well published. Mentorship and assistance from these individuals go a long way in the quality of the grant proposal. The “name recognition” factor instills trust within the committee that the project will come to fruition.
8. Ask a research coordinator or project developer (if available) to assist in developing the methodology to minimize flaws and bias within the project. The methods section will be reviewed critically.
9. Ask a biostatistician to review the stats plan. The committee is experienced and well versed in statistical analysis and will review this critically.
10. Plan on making a few mistakes. The first time you do anything related to science (write a grant, submit to an Institutional Review Board, go through the peer review process, construct a poster, etc.) is always the hardest and most time-consuming. The process will become easier with time and repetition.

# New Board Members Elected

Congratulations to the newly elected ACFAS board members from online balloting that ended on December 30:

- Meagan M. Jennings, DPM, FACFAS (three-year term)
- Randal L. Wraalstad, DPM, FACFAS (three-year term)
- Michael J. Cornelison, DPM, FACFAS (two-year term)

Also serving on the 2017-2018 Board of Directors are Laurence G. Rubin, DPM, FACFAS, President; John S. Steinberg, DPM, FACFAS, President-Elect; Christopher L. Reeves, DPM, FACFAS, Secretary-Treasurer; Sean T. Grambart, Immediate Past President; Thanh L. Dinh, DPM, FACFAS; Scott C. Nelson, DPM, FACFAS; Aksone Nouvong, DPM, FACFAS; and Eric G. Walter, DPM, FACFAS.

The new board will be installed on February 28 during the ACFAS 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Scientific Conference in Las Vegas.

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# Don't Miss Out on the Preconference Coding & Billing Workshop!

Proper reimbursement for the care you provide is vital. Make sure you have all the tools you need by attending the preconference workshop, *Coding and Billing for the Foot and Ankle Surgeon*, set for Sunday, February 26 at The Mirage in Las Vegas, the day before the ACFAS 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Scientific Conference kicks off.

Code real-time patient scenarios under the guidance of expert faculty and acquire practical tools for simplifying your coding and reimbursement process. Faculty will

also cover multiple-procedure cases when performing forefoot, rearfoot or ankle reconstructive surgery, open reduction and internal fixation of multiple fractures, complex arthroscopy cases and diabetic foot surgery. Helpful handouts and customized checklists and forms specially created for this seminar are yours to take home with you.

Register now at [acfas.org/vegas](http://acfas.org/vegas) to reserve your spot at this one-of-a-kind workshop.

**“The revenue saved and generated after attending far exceeds the cost of the course. This seminar is an absolute must for every foot and ankle surgeon.”**

— Ronald Martin, DPM, FACFAS

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