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Academic Background

- B.S., Biology Union College, Schenectady, New York 1994-1998
- M.S., Physiology and Biophysics, Georgetown University School of Medicine, NW Washington, DC 1998-1999
- D.P.M., Temple University School of Podiatric Medicine, Philadelphia, PA 1999-2003
- Temple University Hospital Foot and Ankle Surgical Residency, Philadelphia, PA 2003 – 2007
- Temple University Leadership Academy Graduate, 2013

Diplomate, American Board of Foot and Ankle Surgery, 2010

Fellow, American College of Foot and Ankle Surgeons, 2010

ACFAS Leadership Experience:

- Member, Annual Scientific Committee 2015-2016
- Member, Post Graduate Affairs Committee 2017-Present
- Chair, Clinical Consensus Panel for Adult Flatfoot Deformity 2017-2018
- Member, Clinical Consensus Panel for Ankle Arthritis 2018-2019
- Chair, COVID-19 education task force 2020-2021
- Member, Clinical Consensus Panel for Hallux Rigidus 2020-Present
- Leadership Development Task Force 2021-Present
- Co-Chair, Post Graduate Affairs Committee 2021-Present

Professional Experience:

- Chair, University of Florida Health Value Analysis Team, 2014-Present.
- Award winner in multiple categories related to education and research for clinical expertise in foot and ankle surgery.
- Principle investigator and co-principle investigator in multiple clinical trials for several university health systems
- Author of multiple book chapters, peer-reviewed scientific articles in a variety of specialty publications, and poster presentations.

Current Position:

Associate Professor

Chief, Division of Foot and Ankle Surgery

Director, Podiatric Medicine and Surgery Residency

Department of Orthopaedics and Rehabilitation

University of Florida College of Medicine-Jacksonville

Platform Statement:

The American College of Foot and Ankle Surgeons is the preeminent organization that represents the educational needs of the profession. The visionary founding members of the organization 75 years ago, up until today's leaders have paved the way for advancement and elevation of the foot and ankle surgeon and continue to do so. As we continue this journey, my hope is to see our profession be looked upon by the public and our fellow medical professionals as the gold standard for foot and ankle care. This will require continued education, public relations, innovation, adaptation of technological advances, and publication of high-quality research.

Our capacity to adjust to technological advancements and innovation in practice and education will determine the profession's future. We need to be on the cutting edge of medical technology, but we also need to keep a respectful distance from the business world. I have a responsibility to uphold academic integrity and practice without bias as a university or state employee. While a good working relationship with industry is necessary to achieve technological advancements, it must not come at the expense of our morality. As a college, we have the power to innovate and steer the market in the direction we desire rather than merely following. A vigorous grant program through the college can help grow this sector of innovation, and collaboration with governments and universities will be key to the continued evolution of this process

Education of our students and residents is a passion of mine. As they are our future, it is vital that we support their upward trajectory for our profession. Instilling a mindset of resident equality throughout various health systems is essential and a simple way to educate young resident physicians in other specialties. Resident education and understanding of high-quality research are essential for our profession to continue to advance. Providing virtual or in person workshops in research design and statistics, not only in surgical skills and billing is crucial. I firmly believe that part of the educational process must also include diversity within the profession, which is something that will need to be addressed from top to bottom.

Continuing the public relations and social media campaign to the public about the high-level patient care our foot and ankle surgeons can and will provide them is another core factor to the elevation of the profession. Social media campaigns and marketing will be strategically important for patient education of the profession. More times than not the public is confused as to what a podiatric surgeon can offer.

Education and influence in local, state, and federal government are two of the college's most crucial long-term concerns. Whenever new policy requirements are developed, we must be given a voice, especially when it comes to reforming payment and billing practices. Our reimbursement for operations specifically related to podiatry is being reduced far too frequently. Any billing or reimbursement reductions that are specifically for feet and ankles must allow us to step in and stop them. On a more specific level, we need to make sure that our privileges at hospitals are not only upheld but also improved according to the qualifications of our membership. This calls for the inclusion of our members in all hospital committees and the potential advancement of those members to executive and managerial positions