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Save the Date for ACFAS 75



The best way to get on a winning streak? Attend ACFAS' Annual Scientific Conference (ACFAS 75) at the Mirage Hotel in Las Vegas, February 27–March 2, 2017. You and nearly 2,000 foot and ankle surgeons from around the world can look forward to the clinical sessions, workshops and panel debates the Annual Scientific Conference is known for, plus you'll have plenty of opportunities to celebrate the College's 75-year history.

Roni Zeiger, MD, CEO of Smart Patients and former chief health strategist at Google, will open the general session on February 27 with new insights on how patients' collective knowledge can lead to improved medical outcomes. Stop by the Exhibit Hall afterward to view the latest offerings from industry vendors and to browse the entries in our annual Poster Competition. Meet up with your peers and past ACFAS presidents that evening at the opening reception in Siegfried & Roy's Secret Garden and Dolphin Habitat then top off the last night of your stay with a wrap party in the Linq promenade.

Don't roll the dice on your professional development—put ACFAS 75 on your calendar now and watch acfas.org/asc for conference updates.

DMU Student Club Hosts ACFAS Board Liaison

ACFAS' Des Moines University (DMU) Student Club welcomed board member Scott C. Nelson, DPM, FACFAS, to the campus on April 28. Dr. Nelson met with first-, second- and third-year podiatric medical school students, as well as faculty, and presented some of his most compelling surgical cases.

Students then broke into surgical skills lab sections on incision and drainage basics, gowning and gloving in the OR, surgical instrumentation and suturing. Dr. Nelson led students through the labs and answered their questions about the residency match process and the future of healthcare

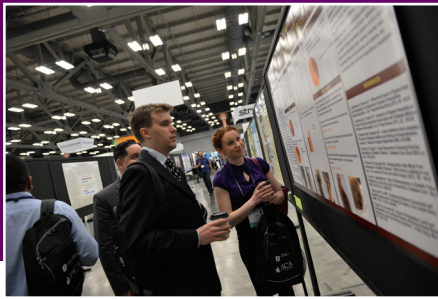
"We had great turnout for the lecture and lab, and I was pleased to

see the faculty's involvement and their dedication to students and the profession," says Dr. Nelson. "All past DMU graduates should visit the campus to talk with students about what it's like to pursue a career in foot and ankle surgery," he adds.

Joshua Wolfe, president of the DMU Student Club, appreciated the opportunity to work alongside Dr. Nelson on the skills necessary to becoming a successful podiatric medical student and resident. "Dr. Nelson inspired us and provided insight into what the future holds for us as foot and ankle surgeons," Wolfe says.

For more on ACFAS Student Club events and activities, visit acfas.org/studentcenter.





Submit Your Student Club Research Posters for ACFAS 75

Student Clubs, showcase your research and be part of ACFAS history by submitting a scientific or case study poster to ACFAS 75, scheduled for February 27–March 2 in Las Vegas.

Submission requirements are as follows:

- Scientific format posters accepted for presentation at ACFAS 75 must be sent in both paper and PDF format.
- Poster size should not exceed 3.5 feet high x 7.5 feet wide.
- Only one ACFAS Student Club poster entry is accepted from each school. Student Club entries are to be a group effort, not an individual submission.

- Faculty members may not be listed as authors or coauthors of a Student Club poster.
- Posters with students listed as primary authors will not be accepted for display.
- At least one of the poster authors must register for and attend ACFAS 75 for their poster to be displayed.

Student Club poster abstracts are due November 1, 2016. Poster PDFs are due January 16, 2017.

Visit acfas.org/asc for more information and to submit your poster.

Learn Online in Minimal Time

Heavy course loads and jam-packed residency schedules can leave little time for you to catch up on the latest research and trends in foot and ankle surgery. That's why **ACFAS' e-Learning portal** and **Scientific Literature Reviews (SLRs)** are available 24/7 to help you stay one step ahead and never a minute behind.

Visit the **e-Learning portal** to listen to free podcasts geared toward students and residents, including:

- *What I Wish I Would Have Known (Residents)*
- *Maximizing Your Fellowship Experience: By Fellows, For Fellows*
- *Investing in My Future: Is It Worth Another Year?*
- *Transitioning from Residency to Practice*
- *How to Find a Job*

Or watch clinical sessions presented by leaders in the profession for tips on improving your surgical technique.

Podiatric surgical residents write our free monthly **SLRs**, which are digestible summaries of scientific studies featured in specialty medical journals. Each SLR includes podiatric relevance, methods, results and conclusions to give you a snapshot of the breakthroughs gaining a foothold in the profession.

Take advantage of these resources to supplement your learning and make the most of your spare time!

