



# The 2018 National: The Conference for All Podiatrists

Here's the scoop on what to do at the APMA Scientific Meeting in Washington, DC this July.

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If you practice foot and ankle medicine, the APMA 2018 Annual Scientific Meeting (The National), July 12–15 in Washington, DC, is the conference for you. From surgery to biomechanics and risk management to coding, if a podiatrist needs to know it, it is at The National. (For more information and to register, visit [www.apma.org/thenational](http://www.apma.org/thenational).)

The National represents the best podiatry has to offer, and that is evident from the very start of this year's meeting with opening session speaker Rep. Brad Wenstrup, DPM (R-OH), the first podiatrist to serve as a US Congressman. Now in his third term, Dr. Wenstrup, a veteran of the Iraq war and an Army Reserve officer, has distinguished himself not only as a legislator, but also as a powerful advocate for veterans and the profession of podiatry.

Dr. Wenstrup is the primary sponsor of APMA's VA Provider Equity Act. The legislation would allow podiatrists serving within the Veterans Health Administration the same professional opportunities their allopathic and osteopathic colleagues enjoy, easing recruitment challenges that currently jeopardize quality healthcare for veterans.

Dr. Wenstrup will be further feted during the *Podiatry Management* Hall of Fame ceremony as this year's DPM inductee. He will be joined by non-DPM inductee Daniel Vickers. The event will have a new format this year as a reception during the evening on July 12. You may purchase your tickets to the recep-

tion (\$75 each) when you complete your registration for The National. Proceeds from the event benefit the APMA Educational Foundation Student Scholarship Fund.

Attendees at The National can receive up to 27.5 CECH from a diverse and comprehensive educational program. Whether your specialty is surgery or dermatology, if you focus on biomechanics or wound care, you will find the latest information in your

competition, the quiz bowl offers attendees a refresher on a wide-range of topics related to podiatric medicine. Make sure to come out and support the representative from your alma mater!

Also on the program, attendees can choose to take their educational experience to the next level and participate in a hands-on workshop. This year's meeting is offering attendees several new topics to choose from, including MIS—bunion and

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area of interest in Washington. Additionally, cutting-edge research is on display through the oral and poster abstracts, highlighting current techniques and breakthrough treatments.

Podiatric medical assistants will also have all their educational needs met at The National. Assistants attend plenary lectures and breakfast symposia with their physicians and partake in their own dedicated tracks featuring topics such as MIPS, compliance, customer service, practice marketing, and more.

The APMA Podiatry School Student Quiz Bowl is back after last year's overwhelmingly positive reception. The event pits rising fourth-year students from each of the nine schools against each other to test their knowledge and earn bragging rights. More than just a

ankle fracture, medial double arthrodesis, osteopathic manipulative medicine (OMM) of the lower extremity, and wound care. Pick your workshop when you complete your reservation to guarantee your spot!

Perhaps the most popular track each year at The National is the Sunday morning coding seminar. New for 2018, and continuing into perpetuity, the session has been renamed the Harry Goldsmith, DPM, Memorial Coding Seminar in honor of Dr. Goldsmith's numerous contributions to the profession. As always, attendees will receive important updates about coding and reimbursement, including the latest developments and requirements for 2018 MIPS reporting.

One of the best traditions at The  
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National—one that benefits and brings together the podiatric community—is the Team APMA 5K Run/Walk. Since its inception, the run has raised more than \$50,000 for the APMA Educational Foundation Student Scholarship Fund. This year's event will take place on site at The National's host property and starts at 6 a.m. on Saturday, July 14. The event is open to attendees registered for The National and exhibitors attending the meeting. Family members of registrants and exhibitors are also welcome to participate. Registration is \$20 for podiatric medical students and \$25 for all others. Learn more and register at [www.apma.org/teamapma](http://www.apma.org/teamapma).

In between educational sessions, take time to browse the aisles of The National's massive exhibit hall. The exhibit hall contains everything you need to take your practice to the next level. Catch up with your vendors and make new connections while finding all the latest practice management tools and cutting-edge medical technology. Everything you need to improve your practice efficiency can be found at The National.

Attending The National can actually save you money. PICA policyholders attending The National are eligible for up to a 15-percent premium discount for attending the risk management programming. Those attendees who have participated in other meetings or the home study and received a 10-percent discount can receive an addi-

tional 5-percent discount for attending the risk management programming at The National.

The National's host property, the Gaylord National Resort & Convention Center, offers visitors an incredible experience. The immediate National Harbor area includes the massive Capital Wheel Ferris wheel, waterfront parks, and ample shopping and dining options. Hotel guests can also take a complimentary shuttle to the next-door MGM National Harbor Casino. A little farther afield, attendees can take a water taxi to historic Old Town Alexandria, VA, recently named #1 on the list of Best Places to Go in 2018 by *Money* magazine.

Visit [www.apma.org/thenational](http://www.apma.org/thenational) today to complete your online registration. APMA members pay just \$499 until June 15—a \$100 savings compared to the cost of on-site registration! Federal Services component members, young physicians, residency directors, and life members pay only \$299 to attend The National, while residents and students receive complimentary registration.

Come to Washington, DC, this summer and find out for yourself what makes The National the must-attend meeting for every podiatrist. Register now! **PM**



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