

Celebrate the Year of the Mouse with The Western

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The 2020 Western Foot and Ankle Conference, the go-to meeting for podiatric physicians and staff from all areas of expertise to earn their continuing education contact hours, will be held once again at the home of Mickey Mouse—and *The Western's* home for over 20 years. Hosted by the Disneyland® Hotel and Convention Center in Anaheim, California June 25-28, 2020, the destination seminar is no squeaky affair at which doctors of podiatric medicine and podiatric medical assistants can engage and learn. **Doctors attending the CME meeting accredited by the Council on Podiatric Medical Education will be able to earn 27 contact hours**, including radiology—with fluoroscopy credits should they opt to register for the free fluoroscopy course—for their medical license renewals. The convenient location affords peers and colleagues to come together in a friendly but professional environment.



Thomas J. Chang, DPM

a keynote lecture on the role of wearable technology in podiatric medicine and surgery presented by Dr. Bijan Najafi, PhD from Baylor College of Medicine. Thanks to his contribution in successful translation of technologies for various clinical applications, Dr. Najafi was recognized as one of the most Influential Health and Medical Leaders by Tucson Local Media in 2014.

This year *The Western* also welcomes back the popular arthroscopy workshop, with two new hands-on workshops on Charcot foot and foot and ankle fusions to enhance the educational opportunities available during the one-stop shopping meeting, which boasts a full exhibition with vendors to meet the needs of every podiatric prac-

Mouse Around in Chang's Corner

The 2020 *Western* will welcome back California's own Thomas J. Chang, DPM for "Chang's Corner". This track will be a special event wherein Dr. Chang will share his years of experience, giving advice and pearls that DPMs can use in surgery and in their daily practice in the office. Dr. Chang will be presenting some lessons learned and sharing some challenging cases in his own particular style. To gain an even a greater perspective, during this track attendees will hear from other prominent podiatric surgeons as they present some of their cases and get Dr. Chang's advice on them. At the conclusion, *Western* meeting goers will get the opportunity to seek answers to those questions they have been wanting to ask from the panel.



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As is the way at each *Western* meeting, esteemed instructors from California and across the country will present cutting-edge and relevant scientific and patient care lectures. This year's program will be highlighted by

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tice and team. California Podiatric Medical Association and American Podiatric Medical Association members and their staff receive reduced registration rates, and PICA policyholders can earn a 15% premium discount by attending the PICA risk management presentation.

The program for podiatric medical assistants comes back for another round, once again featuring two separate tracks for administrative or clinical staff, but this year adding a billing and coding track on Thursday for those assistants who handle the books. The *Western* is also revamping last year's newly introduced program for back office staff to be able to perform in-office procedures important to running a successful practice.

As another bonus, x-ray technicians will be able to earn all 12 required radiology units by completing a take-home course and exam.

It All Ends with a Mouse

After long days of learning, attendees can enjoy new perks, restaurants, and entertainment at and around the Disneyland® Hotel and Downtown Disney. Still providing significant savings on Disneyland® Park and Disney California Adventure® Park passes, *The Western* is a meeting for the whole rat pack.

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