



Why Your Assistants Should Join the ASPMA!

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Joining the ASPMA (The American Society of Podiatric Medical Assistants) can boost a staff member's career and confidence. Podiatric medical assisting is a small and rapidly changing professional career; as a result, our role is sometimes not understood as well as it should be by other professionals, our peers, educators, and the general public. Obtaining membership in the ASPMA will establish one's identity as a podiatric medical assistant.

Podiatric assisting is mostly on-the-job training, learning all aspects of podiatry, one of the only fields in which the medical assistant does a lot of patient care. We design our lectures/conferences around the assistants, whether they are clinical, radiological, or administrative. We at the ASPMA Board all work for DPM's around the county, and we try to be as available as possible to answer any questions that are at all podiatry-related. If you would

- 2) Clinical Exam without Radiology
- 3) Radiology Exam (our New exam about a year old)

Online we offer membership application and membership renewal along with FREE CME'S. We also are always

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looking for members' input on lecture and journal topics. If there is something you would like to read about or hear at a conference, please reach out to us at the website link below.

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like your staff to have a networking base where they can ask questions and get different points of view for the same kinds of specialty, then you should have them join the ASPMA.

We offer certification for the Podiatric Medical Assistant, whether clinical, radiological, or administrative. All our exams come with a study guide that was developed and updated by DPMs and board members who have direct and daily contact with podiatry.

We offer FREE CME's to all of our members through both our print journal and online. If they are already members certification is the next step. Your state may not require certification (some states do) but in any case you should be investing in your assistants. The ASPMA can provide you with the knowledge and skills you need along with a study guide to take the exam(s) to become...

- 1) PMAC (Podiatric Medical Assistant-Certified)
- 2) PRAC (Podiatric Radiology Assistant Certified)

Our examinations are offered online and in-person at several conferences. We offer three different exams:

- 1) Administrative Exam (currently on hold getting updated)
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