



Choices, Choices: Attend The National in Denver or Online

APMA goes hybrid in 2021.

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The world has experienced a nearly inconceivable amount of change in the last year and a half. Everything we knew had to be re-learned at a moment's notice. As we continue to recover through the proliferation of vaccinations, we are forced to question what "normal" even means because we have so thoroughly adapted to a new way of doing almost everything. Education is no different.

The APMA Annual Scientific Meeting has always sought to evolve with the needs of its attendees. The APMA Meeting app has been an indispensable part of the meeting for more than a decade. Each year the meeting explores new education delivery formats based on current trends and attendee feedback. APMA will continue to meet its members where they are, and for 2021 that means making the meeting as accessible as possible.

Join your colleagues at the APMA 2021 Annual Scientific Meeting (The National), July 29–August 1 in Denver and online through the APMA Online Learning Center. Whether you choose to participate in-person or virtually, The National is the can't-miss meeting for every foot and ankle physician and surgeon.

Attendees can earn a maximum of 29.5 CECH from a packed educational program covering a broad spectrum of foot and ankle medicine and surgery. Additionally, all registrants will have the opportunity to attend non-CECH lunches and interact with exhibitors. (For the latest information,

visit www.apma.org/thenational.)

The National showcases the breadth and power of medicine, starting with our opening session speaker. Natalie Stavas, MD, is a physician at Boston Children's Hospital with a special focus on preventing childhood violence. During her presentation, "Running Towards Chaos," she will discuss her experiences and personal philosophy, and how it has shaped her life and career.

On April 15, 2013, Dr. Stavas approached the finish line of her fifth

ankle topic has been removed; they have simply been integrated into other tracks. The National is also bringing back all your favorites:

- Harry Goldsmith, DPM, Memorial Coding Seminar
- PICA Risk Management Program
- Surgical blitzes
- Oral and poster abstracts

On Saturday evening, in-person attendees will participate in a viewing and panel discussion of the groundbreaking documentary "Do

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Boston Marathon. Just blocks away, she heard explosions and ran towards them. Arriving at the scene, she went to work administering CPR, applying tourniquets, and triaging the wounded. After the bombings, Dr. Stavas increased her efforts in preventing childhood violence. This advocacy goes beyond borders; traveling to Haiti throughout the year, Dr. Stavas provides medical care to children and helps strengthen the fragile medical infrastructure.

Due to attendee feedback, The National is streamlining its educational program this year. The program will offer two concurrent tracks, rather than the traditional three tracks. However, this change does not mean that any foot and

No Harm," a film that exposes the epidemic of physician suicide and burnout. Given the numerous trials collectively experienced in the last year and a half, this topic is more important than ever. (Note: Virtual attendees will not be able to participate in this session but will instead receive commensurate on-demand content so they may receive the full amount of CECH offered.)

While all attendees will have the same access to the core program, there will be additional opportunities for in-person attendees to enrich their education experience through hands-on workshops. The National is offering three options this year: ultrasound, dermoscopy and biop-

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sy, and ankle arthroscopy. Space is limited, so be sure to reserve your spot when you complete your online registration. In-person attendees will also have the chance to catch up with their vendors—many of whom you may not have seen face-to-face in nearly two years—in the expansive exhibit hall. (Virtual attendees can connect with exhibit hall vendors through the APMA Meetings App.)

The National is excited to be host to the Podiatric Medical Assistants' Educational Program, offering sessions specifically geared toward their unique role in the office. Assistants will attend breakfast symposia and plenary lectures with their podiatric physicians. They will also have the opportunity to take the American Society of Podiatric Medical Assistants (ASPMA) certification exams and earn their PMAC. Both the radiology and clinical exams will be offered, along

with review courses. The assistants' program will only be offered in Denver and will not be available through the virtual platform. (Note: the registration fee for assistants is \$149.)

Those traveling to Denver will also have the opportunity to attend the *Podiatry Management* Hall of Fame Luncheon! Because last year's ceremony was canceled due to the COVID-19 public health crisis, this year's event will include four honorees: Stephanie Wu, DPM; Bryan Markinson, DPM; Cindy Pezza and Jason Kraus. Each individual has left an indelible mark on podiatric medicine and surgery. You can reserve tickets when you complete your online registration. Proceeds from the Hall of Fame Luncheon benefit the APMA Educational Foundation Student Scholarship Fund.

Whether attending in-person, virtually, or not at all, join the Team APMA 5K Challenge! The virtual run is already live and you may sign up and complete your run-now through Mon-

day, August 2. Pledge to do a 5K, 10K, or marathon and upload your time to the event site. Learn more at www.apma.org/teamapma. This event also supports the APMA Educational Foundation Student Scholarship Fund.

Visit www.apma.org/thenational today to complete your registration. The cost to attend the meeting (in-person or virtually) is \$399 for APMA members; life members, young physicians, residency directors, and Federal Services component members pay \$299. As always, residents and students pay nothing to attend. Make your choice today! **PM**



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