

We Have Met the Enemy and It Is Us

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The history of the advancement of podiatry is marked with cases in which we had to overcome obstacles. You might assume that the resistance came from the house of medicine in general and orthopedists in particular, but the facts prove otherwise. In 1955, a proposed Bylaw to change chiropody to podiatry was defeated. It took a late-night Parliamentary maneuver in 1957 to finally get it passed. In 1981, many then-American Podiatry Association delegates unsuccessfully voted against the inclusion of the word “Medical” in our national association’s name. Despite unfounded fears, mainstream medicine essentially ignored these changes.



Similarly, there was opposition to mandatory requirements of one, two, and finally three-year podiatric residencies. Again, it was not MDs or orthopedists who opposed these advancements. Now, an historic resolution to allow all podiatrists to take the USMLE exams is scheduled to be considered by the AMA. A *PM News* poll shows that the overwhelming majority of grassroots supports it, yet a vocal minority is once again opposed to it.

This Resolution is the result of a white paper by the Joint Task Force of Orthopaedic and Podiatric Surgeons: the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons (AAOS), the American College of Foot and Ankle Surgeons (ACFAS), the American Orthopaedic Foot & Ankle Society (AOFAS), and APMA. Hopefully, the will of the overwhelming majority of podiatrists will prevail. As the philosopher George Santayana famously said, “those who forget the past are doomed to repeat it.”

Respectfully Submitted,

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