

Learn, Network, and Have Fun at The National in Orlando

Live meetings are back.

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The APMA 2022 Annual Scientific Meeting (The National) is the can't-miss meeting for every podiatrist. Make your plans now to join your colleagues at this year's event in Orlando, FL, July 28-31. You will earn up to 27.5 CECH while networking with peers and, once the scientific sessions are done for the day, you can enjoy all the amazing attractions of Orlando. Visit www.apma.org/thenational for the latest information.

The National is aptly named because it brings together foot and ankle physicians and surgeons and podiatric medical assistants from across the country for four days of education, networking, and professional growth. The unbeatable educational program features a diverse and renowned faculty at the forefront of trends in the field. No other podiatric meeting can boast the depth of content and variety of learning formats of The National.

The National will kick off with keynote speaker Mike DeGere, DPM, MBA. A 1999 graduate of Scholl College of Podiatric Medicine, Dr. DeGere practiced podiatry in Wisconsin and Ohio for 15 years. After serving as Chief of Surgery and Chief of Staff at St. Agnes Hospital in Fond du Lac, WI, he entered full-time executive leadership in 2014. He was soon promoted to Vice President of Population Health for the SSM Health Wisconsin Region, and in 2021 became Vice President and Chief Medical Officer

for Froedert Health—Holy Family Memorial in Manitowoc, WI. His address will provide an executive's perspective on podiatrists' key role in medical staff leadership and improving population health. The opening session will also include an update from APMA President Laura Pickard, DPM.

The program at The National covers the breadth of podiatric medicine

Bring your whole office to Orlando, because The National is also host to the Podiatric Medical Assistants' Educational Program, offering sessions specifically geared toward their unique role in the office. Assistants will attend some sessions, like breakfast symposia and plenary lectures, with their physicians and then break out for their own tracks. They will

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and surgery. Tracks at this year's event include limb preservation, wound care, surgical complications, public health and disparities, imaging, trauma, sports medicine and biomechanics, and more. Beyond traditional lectures, the program includes two surgical blitzes, oral and poster abstracts, a risk management program*, controversy debates, the Podiatry School Student Quiz Bowl, and the legendary Harry Goldsmith, DPM Memorial Coding Seminar.

If you prefer a more active approach to your education, make sure your program includes one of The National's hands-on workshops. This year's options are biopsies and plastic techniques; ultrasound; and ankle arthroscopy. Space in each workshop is limited, so if you are interested in attending one, be sure to register soon!

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. (Pre-registration is required.)

Between sessions, meander through the expansive exhibit hall to catch up with your vendors and find everything you need to improve your practice efficiency and patient care. Surgical implements, orthotics, practice management software, topicals, and more: if a podiatrist can use it, you will find it at The National. Check out the latest list of exhibitors at The National website.

The National celebrates the entire podiatric community, and this year we're excited to welcome back the

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Team APMA 5K Run/Walk for the first time since 2019. The in-person run will take place on Saturday, July 30, on site at our host property. Visit www.apma.org/teamapma to register and be a part of this beloved tradition. Proceeds from the race benefit the APMA Educational Foundation.

Later in the day on Saturday, The National is excited to host *Podiatry Management's* Hall of Fame luncheon. This year's event will honor three inductees: Stephanie Wu, DPM; Lawrence DiDomenico, DPM; and Cindy Pezza. Tickets are \$75 each or you can purchase a table of 10 seats for \$750. A portion of the proceeds from ticket sales for this event will also support the APMA Educational Foundation.

The National will be held at the Orlando Marriott World Center. This impressive Orlando resort hotel is the quintessential destination for meetings and families alike. Experience

the newly renovated Falls Pool Oasis featuring a new slide tower with two 200-foot winding waterslides and one 90-foot speed slide, a dedicated kid's splash park, interactive game room, and more. If you are planning a family vacation before or after The National, the resort is located only 1.5 miles from Disney World and just minutes from SeaWorld Orlando, Universal Studios, and Legoland. Visit The National website to book your room at the special meeting rate. At The National website you will also find additional information about all the exciting things to do in Orlando, including links to purchase tickets to local attractions.

The National offers everything you could want in an educational conference for an unbeatable price. APMA members pay only \$499 to attend when registering by July 27. Young physicians, life members, residency directors, and Federal Services component members pay an even

lower rate; residents and students attend for free! Visit www.apma.org/thenational now to make your commitment to the can't-miss foot and ankle event of the year.

**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 pre-approved online program and received a 10-percent discount can receive an additional 5-percent discount for attending the risk management programming at The National. PM*



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