

# Podiatry Management's Podiatric Hall of Fame

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This year, *PM's* readers have made history. They elected Paul Kesselman, DPM, and Lee Rogers, DPM, to join a very elite group of legendary individuals in *Podiatry Management's* Podiatric Hall of Fame. This is the only time in over four decades that two nominees received exactly the same number of votes!

Dr. Kesselman is a distinguished author, lecturer, and DME authority, making him truly a worthy recipient of *Podiatry Management's* Lifetime Achievement Award. To learn more about this extraordinary podiatrist, we direct you to a biography and tributes from many of his closest colleagues, which appear on page 99.



Dr. Rogers has established himself as a leader in both the academic and political arenas. To learn more about this exceptional podiatrist, we direct you to a biography and tributes from many of his closest colleagues, which appear on page 53.

In the Lifetime Achievement category for non-podiatrists, the readers of *PM* have made history again by wisely selecting Jeff Root to receive this honor. Jeff's induction marks the first father (Merton Root, DPM) and son to be enshrined in the *PM* Hall of Fame. To learn more about this remarkable individual, read his biography and tributes that appear on page 43.

To see the complete list of winners over the history of these awards, see the column at right.

We've also listed the Honorable Mention recipients for this prestigious award on page 46. Invariably, future inductees will emerge from this list.

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- Earl Kaplan, DPM\*
- E. Dalton McGlamry, DPM
- Raymond Suppan, DPM
- Theodore Clarke, DPM\*
- James Ganley, DPM\*
- Orlando Mercado, DPM\*
- Arthur Helfand, DPM
- Merton Root, DPM\*
- Lowell Weil, Sr., DPM
- James Bates, DPM\*
- Steven J. Berlin, DPM
- Charles Krausz, DPM\*
- Thomas Melillo, DPM\*
- Guido LaPorta, DPM
- Irvin O. Kanat, DPM\*
- John Ruch, DPM
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- Lawrence Harkless, DPM
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- Warren Joseph, DPM
- Jay Levrio, PhD\*
- Jon Hultman, DPM, MBA
- David Armstrong, DPM, PhD
- Faye Frankfort
- Hal Ornstein, DPM
- John Carson\*
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- Lynn Homisak
- Brad Bakotic, DPM, DO
- Betsy Herman
- Oliver Foster, DPM\*
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- John Steinberg, DPM
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- Rita Yates
- Joshua Gerbert, DPM
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- Bryan Markinson, DPM
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- Lawrence DiDomenco, DPM
- Louis Levine\*
- Jeffrey Lehrman, DPM
- Mike Crosby
- Tracey Vlahovic, DPM
- Steve McClain, MD
- Paul Kesselman, DPM**
- Lee Rogers, DPM**
- Jeff Root**

\*Deceased

# Podiatry Management's 42nd Annual Survey

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In this issue, we also present the results of *Podiatry Management's* 42nd Annual Survey. The survey of 587 podiatrists reflects income, expenses, and practice trends from calendar year 2023.

There was a considerable post-COVID bounce in net income in 2023, with solo doctors reporting a 27 percent increase and partnership/group DPMs reporting a 13 percent increase. (Note that solo doctors were hit particularly hard in 2022, as reported in our previous survey, with their incomes down 19 percent.)

Here are some details from the latest data:

1) The median net income for solo doctors rose 27 percent to \$131,000. The median net income for partnership/group DPMs rose 13 percent to \$167,250.

2) The percentage of doctors working in solo practices remained relatively flat, rising 1 percent to 39 percent of respondents.

3) Doctors saw an average of 79.4 patients per week, which was one patient fewer than the previous survey.

4) High inflation impacted expenses, which were up 12 percent overall. Comparing 2023 with 2022, DPMs surveyed spent more than double on fixed equipment (up 115 percent), and they boosted pensions to staff (up 90 percent) and themselves (up 82 percent). Other significant increases were reported for products for sale, professional liability, and advertising.

The complete survey results can be found starting on page 59.

Respectfully Submitted,

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