MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

As the newly elected President of the American Board of Podiatric Medicine I am proud to represent an organization that certifies in the experiences practiced most by the majority of the podiatric profession. The ABPM has made many great strides over the past decade, to the credit of those who preceded me in this leadership position. My goal as President is to continue the advancing the ABPM credential in both peer recognition and value, as sought by providers, hospitals and patients.

The Board just completed another test administration in early October, with the largest number of examination candidates in almost 20 years. Migrating the examination to the computer based patient simulation model has made the experience of both administering and taking the test more efficient than ever before. Gone is the history of boarding a plane, traveling to a hotel in the Midwest, spending two days of testing by moving from room-to-room to interview with a series of examiners. With computer-based case simulation technology we can deliver content efficiently, without compromising the rigor of the examination. This makes for a “test-friendly” approach to the examination for our candidates.

ABPM also continues to encourage podiatric education and academic excellence by awarding scholarships to students demonstrating outstanding achievement in Podiatric Medicine and Podiatric Orthopedics at each of the colleges of podiatric medicine. These awards and certificates of achievement are presented by Board members nearest to the recipient’s college. I was fortunate enough to deliver one of the awards myself and saw just how helpful these scholarships are, particularly at a time when

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DEAR COLLEAGUES:

I am pleased to present another informative ABPM membership Newsletter with an address from our new President, Dr. Steve Goldman, a welcome to our new Board of Director members, Dr. Lee Rogers, and Dr. Steven Geller, as well as our most recent new Veterans Administration members.

We also have a new infographic, developed by headquarters staff with a clear, concise map regarding our Steps to Certification.

In past newsletters, I have requested your questions on ABPM issues. In this issue we respond to the question “What is the affiliation between ABPM and ACFAOM and APMA?” We decided that was best addressed by interviewing the two organizations’ executives.

ABPM has also been involved with several initiatives to engage our younger members at the Young Physicians Institute (YPI). Dr. William Chagares provides an informative update on these activities.

We are proud to acknowledge our diplomates who have recently been appointed to the Veterans Administration staff.

I always enjoy the photo gallery of ABPM on the GO... and we enjoy your attendance at these receptions, and meetings.

Sincerely,
David H. George, DPM
Editor, Founding Member, Past ABPM President

Your feedback is important to us.

We invite you to participate in our very short survey regarding this newsletter.

Expected time to complete: 1-3 minutes. OR participate in this survey posted on our website at: www.abpmed.org/pages/members/members-newsletter.
ABPM WELCOMES
Dr. Stephen Geller, DPM AND Dr. Lee Rogers, DPM
TO THE ABPM BOARD OF DIRECTORS

DR. GELLER has been a Diplomate of the ABPM since 1997. He currently serves on the ABPM Examination Committee as sub-section Chair for the In-training and Qualification examinations and has been a committee member since 2008. He also serves as one of two ABPM representatives to the Council on Podiatric Medical Education's Residency Review Committee (RRC) and is a residency program evaluator for the ABPM, ABFAS, and CPME. Dr. Geller holds clinical appointments at many of the colleges of podiatric medicine and is a past president of the Arizona Podiatric Medical Association. Dr. Geller earned his Master’s Degree in Medical Education and recently completed his tenure as the Director of Podiatric Medication Education at Maricopa Medical Center in Phoenix, AZ. His clinical practice has been recognized in Phoenix Magazine’s “Top Docs”, as well as one of “America’s Top Podiatrists” by the American Research Council.

“I have been an active participant in ABPM’s activities since becoming a diplomate. As a national lecturer and RRC representative, I have been a strong proponent for students and residents gaining thorough understanding of medicine and pathomechanics. I feel a thorough podiatric understanding is critical in every healthcare organization. I am extremely pleased to be serving on this board.”

DR. LEE ROGERS became an ABPM Diplomate in 2008 and is currently a member of the ABPM Examination Committee and the ABPM Speakers’ Bureau. He is also on the exam committee for the National Board of Podiatric Medical Licensing Examiners (NBPME). Dr. Rogers is Executive Medical Director of the Amputation Prevention Center at Sherman Oaks Hospital in Los Angeles, CA, as well as the national medical director of the Amputation Prevention Centers of America, a division of Restorix-Health, Inc. He is also past Chair of the Foot Care Council for the American Diabetes Association. Dr. Rogers received the 2011 APMA Rising Star Award for outstanding national accomplishments. He was selected as Educator of the Year from the California Podiatric Medical Association in 2012 and given the Master’s Award from the American Professional Wound Care Association. Dr. Rogers has been politically active, running for U.S. House of Representatives in 2012 and 2014, and serving as Vice Chair of CPMA’s Podiatry Political Action Committee.

“I am proud to be serving on the ABPM. I am keenly aware of the importance of this specialty board certification, especially as it relates to acquiring staff privileges at hospitals and becoming credentialed by third party payers. I am solely certified with ABPM. I have a chosen subspecialty in diabetic limb salvage, providing me a thriving and rewarding subspecialty career. I understand the challenges faced by our young graduates when they leave residency and enter the workforce. I want to make certain the ABPM provides graduates with the information they need to become certified. I look forward to working with the Board to continue ensuring our examination reflects the typical work and expertise required by a podiatrist in this decade and beyond.”
ACFAOM AND ABPM
WHAT IS THEIR AFFILIATION?

As in many professions, the jargon around terminology as well as affiliated organizations can become confusing, to not just new graduates but sometimes even to seasoned professionals. In an interview with Daniel Evans DPM, Vice President of American College of Foot and Ankle Orthopedics and Medicine (ACFAOM) and Steven Goldman, DPM, President American Board of Podiatric Medicine, we outline ABPM’s affiliation with ACFAOM, and the value each organization brings to you, as well as their relationship with the American Podiatric Medical Association (APMA), Council on Podiatric Medical Education (CPME) and the Joint Committee on the Recognition of Specialty Boards (JCRSB).

Q: What is the American College of Foot and Ankle Orthopedics and Medicine (ACFAOM) and how does it relate to the American Board of Podiatric Medicine (ABPM)?

A: DR. EVANS: ACFAOM is an education, research and advocacy organization. This means we serve as the “educational arm” for the medical and orthopedic aspect of the podiatric profession. We do not certify doctors in the specialty. The American Board of Podiatric Medicine is the specialty board authorized by the Joint Commission on the Recognition of Specialty Boards (JCRSB) to certify in podiatric orthopedics and podiatric medicine. ACFAOM provides education and advocacy for the specialty for which ABPM certifies, but the two organizations are independent.

Q: What is the relationship between ACFAOM and ABPM?

A: DR. GOLDMAN: ABPM’s mission is to protect the health and welfare of the public by evaluating and certifying the competence of podiatrists in the specialty of podiatric orthopedics and primary podiatric medicine. Once a podiatrist has achieved ABPM certification and become an ABPM Diplomate, they are invited to become a Fellow of ACFAOM. As with other medical specialties, while the latter is primarily an honorary designation, affiliation with ACFAOM not only gives you access to the most current information in our specialty, but it also indicates that you have achieved certification and are in good standing at the highest level of accreditation in our specialty. It also shows that you continue to seek to advance your knowledge and advocate for the profession.

Q: How does ACFAOM promote ongoing education?

A: DR. EVANS: One way we do this is through our annual clinical conference. Our conference exists as a stand alone conference on the even calendar years and is linked with the APMA National on odd numbered years. In 2016 it will be held in Savannah Georgia from June 24-26. The interactive conference is free to ACFAOM members, a major benefit for them. In addition, we have publications, the Foot and Ankle Weekly and The FOOT. We encourage our members to submit articles for possible inclusion in these publications. We also publish a review text in Podiatric Orthopedics & Primary Podiatric Medicine.
This is a great resource for patient care as well as to prepare for the ABPM exams. Our website contains a great deal of information including our online Live Learning Center with numerous courses designed to help you in your practice. Our site links connect members to medical journals critical to ongoing education in the podiatric medical and orthopedic specialty. Continued education is a priority and an area ACFAOM is committed to expanding.

Q: How do ACFAOM and ABPM relate to the APMA?

A: DR. GOLDMAN: The APMA works to advance the growth and stability of the podiatric medical profession as a whole by increasing nationwide awareness of foot and ankle health through public education and legislative advocacy. APMA uses the Joint Committee on the Recognition of Specialty Boards (JCRSB) of the Council on Podiatric Medical Education (CPME) as its recognized credentialing body for certifying boards. The JCRSB, under the APMA authority, recognizes only two organizations to certify in podiatric specialty areas, namely ABPM and ABFAS.

DR. EVANS: ACFAOM is one of the independent affiliated organizations of the APMA, and is recognized by them directly. ACFAOM is not regulated by a credentialing organization such as the JCRSB.

Q: How does ACFAOM advocate for the profession?

A: DR. EVANS: As over 80% of podiatric activity is non-surgical, it is critical that a postdoctoral educational organization emphasizing this aspect of care is in place to provide up to date content for its membership, as well as input to the profession as a whole with respect to residency training development in the non-surgical area of clinical practice. The APMA House of Delegates provides ACFAOM the opportunity to advocate for our profession at the national level. That advocacy is enhanced through our relationship with a well-recognized certifying board such as the ABPM.

DR. GOLDMAN: Strong advocacy and certification in podiatric medicine is increasing in importance, as managed care organizations, such as Kaiser Permanente, begin asking for specialty certification specific to podiatric medicine, as well as that of podiatric surgery. Health care organizations understand that the areas of wound care, limb salvage, biomechanics and care of diabetic patients require specialty training to ensure proper treatment – and that these are found in a growing population of those served. Through the ongoing advocacy by ACFAOM and APMA, the level of professionalism within podiatry continues to be elevated.

Q: Do ACFAOM or ABPM create or establish the rules or criteria for credentialing?

A: DR. EVANS: No. Although input is provided by both organizations, as well as the podiatric community of interest, it is the Council on Podiatric Medical Education (CPME), through its committees, who actually create criteria and guidelines for the recognition of the colleges of podiatric medicine, residency and fellowship training programs, and the certifying boards, with additional input from the APMA House of Delegates. This includes decisions such as sun-setting prior criteria for newly established criteria. CPME is also empowered to develop and adopt standards and policies as necessary for the implementation of all aspects of its accreditation, approval, and recognition.
IN THE AUTUMN OF EACH YEAR, APMA conducts the Young Physicians’ Institute (YPI) in Franklin, TN. This event brings together young DPMs for the purpose of advancing their knowledge base in areas critical to becoming well-rounded health-care practitioners as well as enhancing and developing leadership abilities and skills to enable them to take on significant decision-making roles and be of further benefit to their state components and APMA. One of the primary objectives of the YPI, as outlined in their material, is to provide pertinent practice information to young physicians.

Attending the Institute were a number of notable podiatrists including the new APMA Executive Director, James Christina, DPM, APMA President Phil Ward, DPM, APMA BOT member, Patrick DeHeer, DPM, APMA Director of Young Physicians, Nichol Salvo, DPM and APMA past-president, Ross Taubman, DPM. This provided an opportunity for ABPM past President, Dr. Stavosky and myself to network with key leaders in our profession on a number of important topics which relate to our Board.

ABPM is the first professional organization outside of APMA to sponsor a young physician to attend the APMA YPI. This year Melissa Lockwood, DPM and ABPM Diplomate was sponsored, and participated in the program activities events. Dr. Lockwood represented our Board extremely well and engaged in networking with other young physicians at the Institute. Other young physicians active at the Institute were ABPM Diplomates Priya Parthasarathy, DPM and Erin Klein, DPM. Their enthusiasm for the importance of board certification in medicine was palpable.

ABPM also sponsored the Friday afternoon Lunch and Learn where Jim Stavosky and I presented a power point on the value provided by ABPM board certification. The presentation generated interest among the young physicians as details around ABPM certification were outlined. For more information, please view our Steps to Certification.
ABPM STEPS TO CERTIFICATION

Candidates with 36 months of CPME approved residency training.

Candidates may sit for the examination at the conclusion of their final year of residency or thereafter.

- All new applicants must attempt board of qualification within 5 years of completing residency training.

- If board certified status is not achieved within the first 5 years, candidates may continue to apply for full certification (part 1 and 2) for an additional 5 years BUT: in the second 5 year period, candidates must pass both parts 1 and 2 within the same examination year. Board qualified classification, alone, will not be conferred.

- Candidates must achieve board certification with the ABPM within 10 years of completing residency training.

Pass both Part 1 & Part 2 of the examination process:
- Become Board Certified

Candidates with 24 months of CPME approved residency training.

- All candidates must achieve board certified status by the 2018 examination year.

NOTE: Starting in 2019 all candidates must have a minimum of 36 months of CPME approved residency training.

Pass both Part 1 & Part 2 of the examination process:
- Become Board Certified

Candidates may hold Board Qualified status up to 5 years.

- Must pass Part 2 and obtain board certification by the 2018 examination cycle and become Board Certified

- Pass Part 1 only:
  - Become Board Qualified

Candidates may hold Board Qualified classification up to 5 years between 2018 only.

- Pass Part 1:
  - May hold board qualified classification through 2018 only

All candidates must achieve board certified status by the 2018 examination year.

NOTE: Starting in 2019 all candidates must have a minimum of 36 months of CPME approved residency training.

All Board Certified members must enroll in the ABPM Maintenance of Certification (MOC) process the year after they achieve board certification in order to maintain certification throughout a 10 year cycle. Please refer to our website at https://www.abpmed.org/pages/members/moc for more information.
CONGRATULATIONS
NEW VETERANS ADMINISTRATION APPOINTEES!

The ABPM Board of Directors congratulates the following individuals on their recent appointment to the Veterans Administration. Serving in this capacity is not only an honor but it also reflects their commitment to our service personnel and our country.

PLEASE JOIN ME IN CONGRATULATING YOUR COLLEAGUES

Birute Balciunas, DPM | Milwaukee, WI VA
James Blaine, DPM | Mountain Home VA Health Care System
Tiffany Delutis, DPM | Bay Pines VA Health Care System, FL
Frances Fittanto, DPM | VA New Jersey Health Care System, NJ
Marshal T. Gwynn, DPM | Salem VA, VA
Lisa Horn, DPM | Edward Hines VA, IL
Joe Nasca, DPM | Salem VA, VA
Joseph Sindone, DPM | Gainesville VA, FL
EXCITING THINGS ARE HAPPENING WITHIN THE ABPM. I am thrilled to share my recent experience with all of you. The ABPM has several initiatives to further engage new and younger members, including sponsorship with the APMA's Young Physician Institute (YPI).

At the last conference, ABPM sponsored an attendee, a luncheon and a presentation. This serves two purposes: it gets accurate information about the ABPM to residents and young practitioners so that they clearly understand the improved "path to certification", and it allows the ABPM Speaker's Bureau members to interact with and cultivate networking relationships with the young physicians - our millennial members.

I had the honor of attending the 2015 YPI in Nashville, TN in September and it was amazing. The APMA’s commitment to recruiting, growing and maintaining relationships with young leaders is evident by the great topics presented at the conference including: risk management issues (Cybercrimes), economics of practicing medicine in the 21st Century, employee/employer relations, practice start-ups, student loan debt strategies, and more.

There were also two opportunities to break away into small groups and work on APMA initiatives. I was thrilled to see many attendees actively participate in defining leadership in the 21st century and how the APMA can support these young leaders.

WHY IS THIS IMPORTANT TO OUR ABPM MEMBERSHIP?

There are many reasons:

• We want to continue attracting quality candidates to our specialty and certification process.

• We want these future leaders in the profession to understand that their ability to obtain board certification in podiatric medicine not only brings value to their professional development and to their patients but also to the medical profession.

• We want these young members to share their experience with ABPM with their colleagues and peers.

Do you know a young physician, who graduated within the last 10 years from an accredited podiatric medical school, who would benefit from attending the YPI in future years?

Please contact ABPM headquarters for more information regarding this opportunity.
ABPM ON THE MOVE!  
APMA NATIONAL | ORLANDO, FLORIDA

Dr. Matthew Williams, Dr. Christopher Lamy, Dr. Lee Rogers, Kathy Kreiter, Dr. Christopher Lotufo, Dr. Mindy Benton, Dr. Steven Spinner, Dr. Charles Lombardi, Dr. Mitchell Shikoff

Rebecca Coyne (2nd year student), Dr. Stephen Schmid, Dr. Erin Klein, Elizabeth Neubauer (2nd year student), Michelle Winder (2nd year student), Emily Chau (2nd year student)

Dr. James Stavosky, Dr. Christopher Lotufo, Dr. Sam Mendicino, Dr. Michael DellaCorte, Dr. Alan Ng

Patricia Nahrinig, Dr. Michael DellaCorte, Sandy Chilleme, Grace Thompson

Dr. Samuel Spadone, Dr. and Mrs. Jon Hultman, Dr. Amy Steth

Dr. Steven Goldman, Kim Lau, Lester Jones
PRESENT RESIDENCY SUMMIT EAST | TEANECK, NEW JERSEY

Drs. Marc Benard and David George

Dr. Marc Benard, Patricia Nahring

Scott Marshall, Dr. Marc Benard

WESTERN UNIVERSITY PRESENTATION | POMONA, CALIFORNIA

Drs. Lawrence Harkless, Lester Jones, James Stavosky, Marc Benard
students are graduating with large individual student debt.

The ABPM Board of Directors feel it is important for the certifying boards to support not just the students and residents, but also those entering the profession. This year, the ABPM sponsored diplomate Dr. Melissa Lockwood (IL), a member of the Young Physician's association, to participate in a seminar given at PICA Headquarters. She provided information to better understand the climate of practice, managed care, malpractice, etc. Opportunities like this enable ABPM to provide a broader awareness and understanding of the role of ABPM, and its committee activities as a recognized certifying board, in an interactive forum, with a population of people who are the most likely candidates to participate in the certifying process delivered by our Board.

The ABPM is also working with other organizations such as the American Board of Foot and Ankle Surgeons and the American College of Foot and Ankle Orthopedics and Medicine to further the betterment of our profession.

Lastly, our Speaker's Bureau, staffed by ABPM members with world-class expertise in areas of podiatric medicine and podiatric orthopedics, provides clinical expertise, and insight into the “real world” of health care and the importance of, and guidance around, board certification. Lectures are delivered at both the colleges of podiatric medicine and at residency consortia around the country and typically draw from 30 to 100 attendees.

I am hopeful and confident that our outreach efforts will benefit our profession today and for years to come.

Sincerely,
Steven L. Goldman, DPM, MBA
President, ABPM