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8 Hours of Education

The Indiana Podiatric Medical Association is pleased to announce its Virtual Learning Series. These live presentations will include case debates and timely topics, providing two continuing education contact hours each.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 15 | 7:00 PM-9:00 PM

Superficial Venous Insufficiency and Deep Vein Pathology | 2.0 CECH

Luis Barajas, MD and Nancy Harthun, MD

A review of superficial venous insufficiency and deep venous disease to better understand clinical presentation, diagnostic testing, and treatment modalities. Discussion will include epidemiologic review, clinical presentation, classification, diagnostic testing, treatment options, outcomes and complications. In addition, recognizing symptoms of deep vein pathology; understanding current indications for treatment; and treatment modalities available for treating deep vein pathology.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 13 | 7:00 PM-9:00 PM

Artificial Intelligence in Lower Extremity Dermatology | .5 CECH

William Scherer, DPM, MS

This session will review how artificial intelligence software, computers, and smartphone apps can aid podiatrists in the diagnosis and management of lower extremity skin and nail conditions. Learning Objectives:

- Providing new knowledge about the application of artificial intelligence in podiatry.
- Improving physician lower extremity dermatology diagnostic skills with technology.
- Understanding proper use and limitations of artificial technology in clinical practice.
- Improving patient outcomes with AI guided diagnosis and treatment of skin and nail disorders.
- Reducing errors in diagnosis of skin and nail pathology.

Utilizing Cytology for Lower Extremity Pathology | .5 CECH

William Scherer, DPM, MS

An overview of cytology, anatomical vs clinical pathology, histopathology vs cytology, indications for cytology specimens, instrumentation, common soft tissue masses, ganglion vs sarcoma, joint aspiration, gout vs pseudogout, stepwise procedural technique for obtaining a proper sample via needle biopsy, alcohol vs formalin fixative, ESwab, cytology fluid analysis, joint fluid analysis, review of cytospin centrifuge, synovial joint fluid analysis. Learning objectives:

- Enhance physician diagnostic skills utilizing cytology to sample mass and fluid.
- Improving patient outcomes with early diagnosis of ganglion vs sarcoma.
- Attaining competence with needle aspirational biopsy and fixative selection.
- Understanding differences between gout and pseudogout.

What's New in Podiatric Dermatology?

2024 Update | 1.0 CECH

Sarah Sykes, DPM

This presentation will provide an update on various conditions that are largely limited to the lower extremity. Attendees will gain perspective on evidence-based diagnosis and innovative testing options that will help to improve patient outcomes with early diagnosis and treatment. Examples of dermatology protocols and the value of office-dispensed products unique to podiatric medicine will be reviewed.



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Skin Substitutes: Best Documentation and Coding Practices | .5 CECH

Alan Bass, DPM

This lecture will clarify the appropriate use of CPT and HCPCS coding for wound care and debridement services. Effective documentation strategies for the essential elements of wound care will also be discussed.

Evaluation and Management and Incident-To Billing | .75 CECH

Alan Bass, DPM

This session will review E&M coding; incident-to coding; and split-shared coding.

How Would You Code This? Proper Diagnosis and Treatment Coding | .75 CECH

Alan Bass, DPM

A review of podiatric scenarios along with proper documentation and proper coding of different podiatric scenarios.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 26 | 7:00 PM-9:00 PM

Complex Cases | 2.0 CECH

Gage Caudell, DPM (Moderator)

The session will provide a review of complex case studies, attendee polling and panel discussion. Join us for this fun, interactive and educational presentation.



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FACULTY



Luis Barajas MD, RPVI, DABVLM, is a native of Northwest Indiana, where he attended Purdue University and obtained his Bachelor of Science in Biology. He moved to Southport, Indiana, as a medical student and completed his medical degree from Indiana University in Indianapolis. He received board certification in venous medicine from the American Board of Venous and Lymphatic Medicine. He is also a registered phlebology sonographer, demonstrating enhanced skills in the use of ultrasound technology to evaluate vein patients.



Nancy L. Harthun, MD, MS, FACS, RVT, is an experienced vascular surgeon and clinical researcher board-certified in both Vascular and General surgery by the American Board of Surgery. She is a distinguished Fellow of the Society of Vascular Surgery and a Visiting Professor of the Association of Women Surgeons. She earned her medical degree from Yale University School of Medicine, New Haven, CT, and a master's degree in clinical research (magna cum laude) from the University of Virginia, Charlottesville, VA.



Dr. Alan Bass is a board-certified podiatrist and a certified professional coder (CPC). Dr. Bass has been in private practice in New Jersey for almost 30 years. Dr. Bass is a partner in PARE Coding and Compliance Services in addition to being the CEO of JARALL Medical Management, a full-service consulting, billing, and credentialing company. He also serves as an expert panelist for Codingline. He is a

frequent lecturer nationwide in the areas of coding, compliance and business management services.



Dr. William Scherer is board certified by the American Board of Foot and Ankle Surgery and by the American Board of Podiatric Medicine. He has maintained a private practice in South Florida since 1991, has served 17 years as an Adjunct Professor at Barry University School of Podiatric Medicine, and is the Senior Podiatric Medical Advisor to Bako Diagnostics.



Dr. Gage Caudell is a foot and ankle surgeon at Fort Wayne Orthopedics. He is American Board of Foot and Ankle Surgery certified in foot surgery and foot and ankle reconstruction. He received his Doctor of Podiatric Medicine from Es Moines University. Dr. Caudell frequently lectures across the country and serves on the IPMA Board of Directors.



As a proud Texas native, Dr. Sarah Sykes is dedicated to treating all conditions of the foot and ankle, focusing on a collaborative approach to care with a strong emphasis on patient education.

Dr. Sykes received her Doctor of Podiatric Medicine (DPM) from Arizona College of Podiatric Medicine and completed a rigorous residency in podiatric surgery at St. Joseph Medical Center Houston, gaining hands-on experience in a variety of foot and ankle disorders.



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GENERAL INFORMATION

Registration

You may register for multiple dates at one time, or each individually. There is no charge for IPMA members to attend. Non-member 2024 convention attendees also attend complimentary using provided discount code.

Fees:

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| IPMA Member | Complimentary |
| APMA Member | \$25 |
| Non-Member | \$60 |

To register, [click here](#) for visit the webinar page at indianapodiatic.org.

Virtual Access

Two days prior to each webinar, registered attendees will receive an individual access link and instructions to participate. You must be logged in using this personalized link to receive continuing education credit.

Continuing Education Credit

This activity has been planned and implemented in accordance with the standards and requirements for approval of providers of continuing education in podiatric medicine through a joint provider agreement between the American Academy of Podiatric Practice Management and the Indiana Podiatric Medical Association. The American Academy of Podiatric Practice Management is approved by the Council on Podiatric Medical Education as a provider of continuing education in podiatric medicine. The American Academy of Podiatric Practice Management has approved this activity for a maximum of 8 continuing education contact hours.

Continuing Education Certificates

IPMA will provide online access to your continuing education certificate within one week following each offering.

To access your certificate:

- Visit IPMA's website at www.indianapodiatic.org.
- Select the CME Certificate link located on the home page and on the convention page.
- Enter your last name into the search field, select the event from the drop-down menu and submit.

Please print a copy of the certificate for your records. It is your responsibility to obtain your certificate on or after the date available.

The Indiana Podiatric Medical Association assumes no responsibility for applying to each state's continuing education credit agency. IPMA will assist

you with the process in your own state. Most states have a 30- or 60-day post-convention deadline to submit for continuing education credit.

Sponsorship Acknowledgment

No commercial interest provided financial support for this continuing education activity. The IPMA acknowledges that some of its faculty may receive honorariums or compensation from a pharmaceutical company or may have financial interest in the products or services they are promoting or discussing. All conflicts of interest should be reported by the speaker or convention moderator, so that attendees are properly informed.

IPMA Mission Statement

IPMA's mission is to ensure the highest quality of lower extremity health care for patients by advancing the art and science of podiatric medicine through advanced continuing education, legislative advocacy, public education and promotion of the profession.

Purpose

This virtual series will provide information on the most up-to-date diagnostic and treatment methods for lower extremity disorders.

Intended Audience

This virtual series will be of interest to podiatric physicians and surgeons. Other health care professionals with special interest in the diagnosis and treatment of lower extremity disorders will also benefit from this convention.

Privacy and Confidentiality Policy

The Indiana Podiatric Medical Association's (IPMA) Policy on Privacy and Confidentiality dictates the Association's handling of a learner's personal information. This policy is enforced in all areas of the Association's business, including online communications, offline communications, direct marketing, and event registration.

IPMA maintains a comprehensive database of information on its learners in accordance with the general needs and expectations of the organization and its learners. This information is intended exclusively for purposes related to official Association business and to facilitate interaction between the Association and its learners. Directory information in the database may include home or work addresses, telephone numbers, fax numbers, e-mail addresses, and activity registrations/online purchases.