ABPM May Highlights

Editor's Note

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Editor

Dear Fellow Diplomates,

As we move into May, we are excited to spotlight our continued commitment to advancing and supporting our diplomates. We have an exciting webinar on Monday, June 8th with Dr. Michael Cornwell to discuss vascular disease as it relates to podiatric medicine, and we encourage all diplomates to join what promises to be an informative session.

In this issue, we share key updates and advocacy efforts in "ABPM Wins for the Diplomates," highlighting how board certification continues to create tangible value through professional recognition and expanded opportunities. We also provide a summary of global podiatry developments, offering insight into how our profession is advancing worldwide and reinforcing our shared purpose across borders.

As we celebrate Mother's Day, we reflect on the realities of balancing clinical excellence with family life. For mothers in podiatry, the day is not only one of appreciation, but also a reflection of the balancing act they perform daily. Between patient care, clinic demands, surgeries, and the emotional energy of caring for patients, paired with school routines, caregiving, and managing a household, the concept of balance can feel more aspirational than attainable.

Yet many podiatrist moms are redefining what balance truly means. It is not about equal time, but about flexibility and intention, recognizing that some days the clinic requires more, while other days family takes precedence. The challenge is not only logistical, but emotional, as many navigate feelings of guilt when pulled in different directions. However, balance does not require perfection. It calls for self-compassion and the understanding that both roles can be fulfilled with presence and purpose.

This Mother's Day, we recognize the strength of podiatrist moms who continue to heal, nurture, lead, and adapt, often all in the same day. Their ability to build a life grounded in resilience, purpose, and love is worth celebrating.

Thank you for your continued dedication to podiatric medicine and for being part of the ABPM Community.

Sincerely,
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ADVOCATING FOR OUR DIPLOMATES, ADVANCING PODIATRY

Kiana Trent, DPM
Communications Chair

At the American Board of Podiatric Medicine, we are committed to advocating for our diplomates and advancing the profession of podiatry. Through the dedicated efforts of our Privileging Committee, we actively work to ensure that your certification is recognized, respected, and valued across healthcare systems. Our focus is on protecting your professional standing while continuing to elevate the standards and visibility of podiatric medicine

If you encounter credentialing challenges, know that you are not navigating them alone. ABPM stands ready to support you, working directly to help resolve issues and remove barriers whenever possible. We fight for our diplomates every day championing your role, your expertise, and the overall growth and integrity of podiatry.

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ABPM Communications Chair

GLOBAL RECOGNITION FOR U.S PODIATRISTS: A NEW OPPORTUNITY WITH RCPSG

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Communications Committee

The American Board of Podiatric Medicine (ABPM) and the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Glasgow (RCPSG) have established a landmark partnership that creates new international opportunities for ABPM Diplomates. Through this agreement, Diplomates in good standing may qualify for Membership or Fellowship within the RCPSG's Faculty of Podiatric Medicine, strengthening global collaboration and advancing standards in podiatric care.

Under the agreement, ABPM certification is recognized as an entry qualification for RCPSG membership. Diplomates with fewer than three years of post-training experience may apply for Membership, while those with more experience are eligible for Fellowship. This pathway allows podiatrists to expand their professional credentials, access the RCPSG's extensive educational resources, and enhance their global standing. In turn, the RCPSG benefits from the expertise and engagement of ABPM-certified practitioners, fostering a diverse and highly skilled professional community. Why It Matters: Global professional recognition, Expanded networking and leadership opportunities. To apply, gather your residency completion certificate, board certification, diploma, and your updated CV and sent to RCPSGapplications@podiatryboard.org.

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CALL FOR RESIDENCY EVALUATORS

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One of the most important components of the CPME residency approval process is the team site visit. The site visit is a peer-review process that helps to enhance the quality of education by assessing a program's compliance with CPME standards and requirements. CPME is committed to ensuring each evaluator possesses appropriate experience and skills essential to the evaluation process. CPME residency evaluators must be certified by one or both of the specialty boards recognized by the SBRC and should be either program directors or active faculty members of CPME-approved residencies. Prior to participating as a member of a team, evaluators complete a training program and are assigned to a team as trainees under the tutelage of the team chair and the specialty board representatives.

If you are interested in being nominated to serve as a on-site team evaluator, please email Stephanie Hook DPM, Executive Director at Stephanie.Hook@podiatryboard.org. and include your CV and a letter of intent that briefly describes: Why you are interested in being a residency evaluator, any involvement with graduate medical education, familiarity with CPME 320 Standards and Requirements for Approval of Podiatric Medicine and Surgery Residencies, familiarity with Podiatary Residency Resource (PRR) including the various reports.

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ABPM AMBASSADOR PROGRAM

Applications for the ABPM Ambassador Program will close **5/15/2026**. Apply now at **www.podiatryboard.org**

GLOBAL PODIATRY SUMMIT 2026

Uniting the World of Podiatry: Copenhagen, Denmark

Imaze Davis, DPM
ABPM international Chair

The Global Podiatry Summit (GPS) 2026, hosted by the International Federation of Podiatrists (FIP) in Copenhagen, Denmark, brought together podiatric leaders, educators, and clinicians from across the globe in a powerful and unifying event. Under the theme "Brick by Brick Building Podiatry for the Future," the summit highlighted a shared commitment to advancing education, innovation, and global collaboration in foot and ankle care. After an opening featuring the Tivoli Youth Guard, the summit continued with impactful presentations and meaningful dialogue. Across the globe, we may train differently, but we are united by one purpose: to keep the world on its feet.

The program featured perspectives on the past, present, and future of podiatry, including Professor Robert Ashford (UK) on the profession's evolution, Dr. Patrick DeHeer, DPM on current clinical advancements, and Andreas Pihl on artificial intelligence and innovation. Additional sessions addressed global health initiatives, education models, surgical advancements, and strategies to elevate podiatry within multidisciplinary healthcare systems. Dr. Lee Rogers was also voted President Elect of the International Federation of Podiatrists (FIP).

The summit showcased the strength of international collaboration, with a reception at Copenhagen City Hall reinforcing shared values and global partnership. As ABPM International Chair, I was proud to represent the United States and contribute to discussions advancing and unifying our profession.

Beyond the sessions, activities such as the Lego building exercise, Global 5K, Celebrate Your Country, Sock Showcase, Carlsberg Brewery dinner, and Global Disco fostered connection and community.

Looking ahead to the Global Podiatry Summit 2028 in Dublin, Ireland, the momentum continues. GPS 2026 was more than a conference—it was a movement grounded in collaboration, innovation, and shared purpose. Together, we are building podiatry—brick by brick.

Imaze Marian Davis, DPM, MBA, CWSP, DABPM
ABPM International Chair

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Upcoming Conferences

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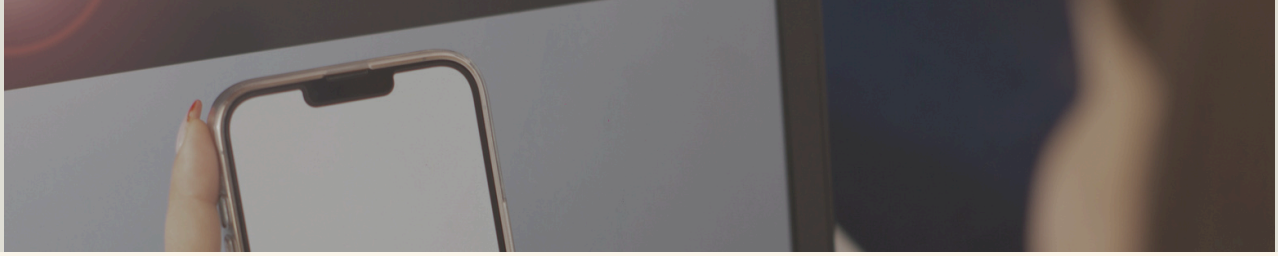
2026 Western Foot and Ankle Conference
Booth 1020
June 25, 2026 - June 28, 2026
Disneyland hotel & Convention Center, Anaheim, CA

THE WESTERN
Foot and Ankle Conference

August

The 2026 National
August 6, 2026 - August 9, 2026
Garylord Opryland Resort & Convention Center, Nashville, TN

THE NATIONAL
NASHVILLE, TN · AUGUST 6-9, 2026
APMA ANNUAL SCIENTIFIC MEETING



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