Renew, Reinvent and Revive Your Practice

The future of podiatry is brighter than ever. Come in from the cold this February and join your colleagues and dozens of practice management experts to renew, reinvent, and revive your practice. Register today at www.aappm.org or see page 11.
WELCOME

RENEW, REINVENT, AND REVIVE YOUR PRACTICE WITH AAPPM!

Plan now to attend the AAPPM Mid-Winter Renewal Conference in Tampa, Florida! Once again, we have assembled the experts in podiatric practice management to put together our best conference to date!

As promised at our last several events, this conference will feature NEW workshops, NEW content, NEW experts, and a brand-new experience whether this is your first conference with us or you are a seasoned AAPPM veteran.

What’s new this time, you ask? For starters, we will be hosting a workshop specifically designed to allow you to add dermatological services to enhance your practice. For the first time ever, we will have a cadaver lab for hands-on training! The Dermatology Workshop is limited to the first 50 doctors, so be sure to sign up NOW!

So often, surgery and practice management are considered to be mutually exclusive. This could not be farther from the truth. Even the most high-powered surgical practice would benefit from the principles of practice management. We are partnering with the American Society of Podiatric Surgeons (ASPS) at our Midwinter Conference for an extraordinary half-day workshop on surgical practice management pearls.

We are honored to welcome Dr. Dock Dockery as our keynote speaker. Dr. Dockery is well known to many of you as the Founder and President of the International Foot & Ankle Foundation, one of the leaders of Podiatric Education Conferences. We look forward to welcoming Dr. Dockery to the AAPPM for the first time and are excited for him to share his knowledge with us!

What is an AAPPM conference without an awesome destination? Due to popular demand, we are returning to the beautiful Grand Hyatt, which received accolades from all our attendees last year. It’s a perfect setting to Renew and Revive YOURSELF after the extensive learning during your time with us.

For those who have attended an AAPPM conference in the past, you know how the interactive and relaxed environment enables you to immerse you and your team in topics that are pertinent to you on a daily basis. For those who have yet to experience an AAPPM conference, you don’t know what you’re missing...this is a great place to start!

We are proud to continue to offer our Certified Medical Office Manager - Podiatry Certification (CMOM-Pod). This endeavor with the Practice Management Institute is the first specialty certification available exclusively through AAPPM. The online course will culminate in Tampa for a review and examination on Wednesday. The feedback from the first graduating class was overwhelmingly positive. This, of course, is in addition to our already superior tracks for Executive Managers and Podiatric Medical Assistants taking place on Friday.

If you haven’t registered, what are you waiting for? Register NOW for early bird pricing and look forward to an unrivaled professional experience. We look forward to welcoming you in Tampa!
GENERAL INFORMATION

REGISTRATION
The registration fee includes all educational sessions as well as meals, and refreshment breaks (excluding dinner) throughout the conference. For a list of all registration fees, please refer to the registration form at the end of this brochure. This conference will be of interest to podiatric physicians, executive managers, and medical assistants.

ACCOMMODATIONS
The Grand Hyatt is the venue for our Midwinter Renewal Conference and is located at 2900 Bayport Dr, Tampa, Florida 33607. The hotel is offering a special guest room rate of $219 for the AAPPM attendees until February 1, 2017. After this date the hotel will not offer the discounted rate and may no longer have rooms available. To make your reservation, call 1-813-874-1234 and mention you are with AAPPM. To make hotel reservations online, visit www.aappm.org.

CONTINUING EDUCATION
The American Academy of Podiatric Practice Management (AAPPM) is approved by the Council of Podiatric Medical Education (CPME) as a provider of continuing education in Podiatric Medicine. AAPPM has approved this activity for a maximum of 15.75 continuing education contact hours. CECH approved hours will be listed by lecture in the detailed agendas on the AAPPM website. No commercial interest provided financial support for this continuing education activity.

AAPPM will be offering 6.0 CE credits for the Executive Manager CMOM-POD certification. PMAC credits are currently pending with ASPMA. Please visit www.aappm.org for updates.

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Members of the AAPPM will recoup their investment through a multitude of discounts on products, services, conference fees, and practice enhancement programs. Find out firsthand how the positive, sharing attitude, of our leadership and members, along with our unique practice management meetings, mentoring programs, and many other educational resources can help you change your practice and change your life. For membership information, visit us online at www.aappm.org, e-mail: office@aappm.org, or call us at 517-484-1930. We look forward to welcoming you to the AAPPM family!
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 22

CMOM-POD REVIEW COURSE AND FINAL EXAM
Before the main conference begins in earnest on Thursday, practice managers applying for CMOM-Pod certification have the opportunity to review course materials, and then will take their final certification exam.

8:00 am – 12:00 pm
CMOM-POD REVIEW COURSE
Our experts will help you review all the material you have been studying and answer any of your questions to prep you for testing. We will be covering office compliance, practice administration, employee relations, financial management, managed care delivery system, medical marketing, DME, insurance and billing.

2:00 pm – 6:00 pm
CMOM-POD CERTIFICATION EXAM
Testing for your certification! You can do it! Best of luck!

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 23

7:00 am – 8:00 am  1.0 CECH
CODING BOOT CAMP
Join this extra preparatory session for the full-day Coding and Compliance Workshop to refresh on the basics of coding. We’ll cover proper E & M selection, modifier usage, correct coding initiative, and much more.

8:30 am – 12:30 pm
HOW TO ENSURE YOUR MARKETING IS DONE CORRECTLY, BEABLE TO EVALUATE IF IT’S WORKING, AND FIX IT IF IT’S BROKEN
In this session, AAPPM Marketing experts and your colleagues will show you how you can have an expertly marketed practice even if you don’t know where to start right now. No matter where your office is located, there are more than enough prospective patients to ensure your success. But do they know how to find you? This workshop will introduce the tools and strategies you need to market your practice and teach you how to use them effectively, evaluate them accurately, and fix them if they aren’t working.
SUCCESS WITH DURABLE MEDICAL EQUIPMENT (DME)

DME is an essential adjunct to your patients’ treatment. Whether you wish to dispense wound care products, therapeutic shoes, custom AFOs, or more, DME can greatly improve patient compliance and outcomes. Yet many doctors are abandoning DME because they “can’t get paid.” This workshop covers types and use of DME for many conditions, how to code and bill them, and ensure you comply with regulations to pass any audits.

CODING AND COMPLIANCE

A new year brings new challenges in coding and compliance. It is essential that you and your practice keep up. Everything you need to succeed in 2017 will be covered in these sessions. Don’t lose valuable revenue to government penalties! Be on top of the changes to let you thrive in the new year!

CERTIFICATION FOR DIABETIC SHOE FITTING

This full-day class and certification course, sponsored by Dr. Comfort, will teach medical staff how to fit diabetic shoes and non-custom inserts, make diabetic shoe modifications, and how to order and use these items. A certified staff member with this knowledge will fit their patients better and improve outcomes. It also frees up valuable time and energy for the doctor, improving efficiency and profitability!

PRACTICE MANAGEMENT IN THE SURGICAL PRACTICE

This workshop is focused on effective practice management as it relates specifically to the surgical practice. Basic success relies on setting expectations, ensuring the best possible outcome, and following up effectively. Superior practices also rely on surgical patients spreading the word!

ADDING DERMATOLOGICAL PROCEDURES TO ENHANCE YOUR PRACTICE: A WORKSHOP AND CADAVER LAB

Dermatology is often an overlooked area of podiatric medicine but the opportunities are tremendous. This doctors-only workshop will focus on proper techniques for skin and nail biopsies, use of dermatoscope, skin flaps, and much more. For the first time at an AAPPM meeting, this workshop will feature a hands-on cadaver lab to be able to perform each procedure and be ready to bring them back to your office to implement. This workshop requires an additional fee and is restricted to 50 participants—first come, first served, see registration form for details.

MIPS, MACRA, AND ALTERNATIVE PAYMENT MODELS: WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

It is on everyone’s mind and it is here. It is going to impact how we all practice. It is going to impact how we get reimbursed. Join this evening workshop to get a better handle on what these payment models mean, how they will affect how you practice, how to comply, and how to navigate them successfully.

HERE’S A PREVIEW

For detailed agendas with individual lecture descriptions and CECH hours visit us at www.aappm.org
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 24

7:15 am – 8:15 am 1.0 CECH
EVERYTHING YOU’D EVER NEED TO KNOW ABOUT BIOMECHANICS IN AN HOUR!
In podiatric practice management, nothing is more important than understanding biomechanics. This lecture will help identify basic biomechanical principles and recognize how pathological foot conditions affect gait. Practitioners will learn how to select the appropriate orthotic design based on an accurate assessment of foot type.

7:15 am – 8:15 am
A REVIEW OF CONTRACT LAW FOR IN NETWORK INSURANCE PLANS, HOSPITAL EMPLOYMENT AND ASSOCIATE CONTRACTS
In a contract the large print giveth and the small print taketh-away. We will review all traps in employment contracts and how to protect the employer and also how the employee can be protected. Health Insurance contracts, are a land mine for reimbursement. Know how to negotiate a price, identify land-mines, and maximize your reimbursement.

8:30 am – 5:30 pm 1.25 CECH
GENERAL SESSION
All conference attendees can come together for the general session, featuring an exceptional lineup of practice management experts sharing their best practices and top advice. Make sure you’re ready to take notes so you don’t miss any key takeaways!

9:15 am - 5:30 pm
EXECUTIVE MANAGER TRACK
The Executive Managers track will address and overcome the common challenges you face on an everyday basis including staffing, communication, team work, and employee relations! Whether you’re newly appointed to the position or established within your practice, attend this revitalizing track to enhance your leadership skills!

9:15 am - 5:30 pm
MEDICAL ASSISTANT TRACK
This intensive one-day education and training program teaches essential clinical, and administrative skills to increase patient satisfaction and compliance, improve office flow and efficiency, and decrease costly and time consuming errors. A panel of practice management leaders will teach attendees through hands on training and interaction how to perform to a new level of competence and proficiency.

7:00 pm – 9:00 pm 2.0 CECH
CREATING VALUE, TRUST AND QUALITY THROUGH COMPREHENSIVE EVIDENCE BASED PROTOCOLS, PRODUCTS AND ANCILLARY SERVICES
Learn cutting edge approaches to comprehensiveness within the diabetic and geriatric patient populations. Compliance tools, templates and much more will be provided.

EVENING EVENT | 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm
WINE TASTING AND CIGARS UNDER THE STARS
This is a social event with your colleagues, AAPPM board and speakers. You will be able to try different wines and/or cigars. Our goal is to help raise money to support the educational work the AAPPM supplies to the student practice management clubs at podiatry schools. These funds support practice management curriculum and initiatives, scholarships, leadership and development. Donations of $25 or more are encouraged, however, all donations are welcome and very much appreciated.

This event is sponsored by BAKO Pathology, Top Practices and SureFit.
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 25

7:00 am – 8:00 am
INCREASING PATIENT COMPLIANCE AND OUTCOMES WITH IN-OFFICE DISPENSING
While many podiatrists have embraced dispensing medical and convenience products from their office, some still are resistant. Adding In-Office Dispensing products to your treatment protocols will help to ensure that your patients have the best products as adjuncts to their treatment and will also increase their compliance.

7:00 am – 8:00 am
TRANSITIONING TO A CASH PRACTICE: IS IT POSSIBLE?
Is dropping insurance altogether a realistic alternative? While it’s not for every practice, our panel of national experts will grapple with the issues and help you determine if this transition is right for you.

8:15 am – 9:30 am
BREAKFAST AND LEARN
The AAPPM favorite returns! Grab something to eat and take some time to interact with your colleagues, share top takeaways from the conference so far, and discuss questions and challenges you’re facing in your practice.

10:00 am – 10:30 am
BREAKFAST AND LEARN WRAP UP

10:30 am – 2:30 pm
INTERACTIVE GENERAL SESSION
Do you enjoy open dialogue discussions? We’ll be featuring an interactive panel general session. Talk with the experts about practice marketing, growing your business, the upcoming value-based payment models, changes in the world of health care, and more.

2:30 pm – 3:30 pm
INFORMATION OVERLOAD!!
Putting What You Learned into Action

4:00 pm – 5:30 pm
PRACTICE MANAGEMENT ANSWER FORUMS
What intractable issues is your practice facing? Bring on your toughest, biggest questions! Then, hear what AAPPM experts and your colleagues have to say. Each forum will focus on different topics, such as DME, marketing, compliance, coding, and more. Rotate through the sessions or stay in one if you prefer. Choose your own adventure!
COMPLIMENTARY CONSULTATIONS

Take advantage of a complimentary consultation with one of our experts! Please contact the consultants directly to schedule your appointment during the conference.

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EDUCATIONAL OBJECTIVES

After these continuing education programs, attendees will:

**UNDERSTAND** the important role of dermatological testing and procedures in diagnosing and treating the most common foot and ankle dermatological conditions more effectively.

**IMPROVE** their knowledge of how to effectively perform a biomechanical examination, prescribe custom orthotics, and improve patient acceptance and compliance.

**IMPROVE** their ability to assess which treatment options are best suited for wounds commonly seen by podiatrists; and increase understanding of the proper application of various wound care products, the importance of using wound care protocols, and how dispensing wound care products can improve patient care and compliance.

**UNDERSTAND** MIPS, MACRA, and Alternate Payment Models to properly perform and report measures and ensure any financial penalty can be avoided.

**BETTER UNDERSTAND** the clinical needs and applications for durable medical equipment and the impact these products can have on improving patient care.

**LEARN** how incorporating In-Office Dispensing into practice treatment protocols helps to produce better clinical outcomes and improves patient compliance.

**UNDERSTAND** the critical role that developing and implementing clinical treatment protocols plays in enhancing patient care and compliance.

**BETTER UNDERSTAND** the effective clinical use of various durable medical equipment, and products, including AFOs.
Please complete one registration form per attendee. Registration cut-off date is February 15, 2017 after which you may register onsite.

REGISTRANT INFORMATION

Name/Credentials (name as it appears on badge)

Practice Name/DPM Name

Address

City State Zip Code

E-mail Address (confirmation sent via e-mail only)

Phone Fax

Special Needs/Dietary Restrictions:

ADD-ONS

q YES, I am attending the Dermatology and Cadaver Lab Workshop • Thursday, Feb. 23 $40 (Limited to 50 DPM attendees)
q YES, I would like a Speaker Presentation Handout Book $75

The AAPPM will be supplying a complimentary link to all speaker presentations following the symposium. For an additional fee to your registration, the AAPPM will print a bound book of any supplied speaker presentations for note taking for $75.00 per book.

WORKSHOP SELECTION

q YES, I am attending the Diabetic Shoe Fitting Certification Course • Thursday, Feb. 23
q YES, I am attending the CMOM-POD review and testing course (CMOM-POD Candidates Only; must be enrolled in the program. Visit aappm.org for details.)

PAYMENT (Please make check payable to AAPPM) Total Due $______________________________

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