



January 2011 E-Newsletter

2011 New York Podiatric Clinical Conference



The 2011 New York Podiatric Clinical Conference promises to be a vibrant event bringing together 2,000+ Doctors of Podiatric Medicine, residents, students, and assistants from across the country and internationally.

The conference is being held January 28-30 at the Marriott Marquis in New York City. This year's conference will feature engaging lectures on relevant topics such as surgical treatment and rehabilitation of overlapping, cross-over, and dislocated 2nd toe, tendon repair with reconstructive tissue matrices, Kaposi's Sarcoma, diabetic foot, negative pressure wound therapy, revascularization of the infrapopliteal vessels, selection of

amputation levels, sports medicine, atheromatous embolization syndrome, hallux limitus, pediatrics, and radiology. It will also feature three days of intensive, hands-on wet labs/workshops, scientific lectures, panel discussions and roundtables with experts and peers. Education sessions will address a variety of subjects such as wound care, surgical techniques, biomechanics, and a variety of specialized areas of podiatric medicine that keep DPM's current and offer education in cutting-edge technology to ensure quality patient care.

Also featured will be a two-floor exhibit hall with over 250 booths displaying products, services, and technology relevant to the field. Scheduled coffee breaks will make it easy to visit exhibitors who represent all aspects of podiatric practice and will be ready to discuss their products and services with you. Many exhibitors will also be offering free samples and giveaways.

The New York Clinical Conference will be running in conjunction with the NYCPM January Open House, and we welcome you to attend both of these (free) events. To learn more about the conference and to register for our open house, go to www.nycpm.edu/openhouse.asp.

What should I do if my GPA is below admission requirements?

The NYCPM admissions committee looks at both your science GPA and your cumulative GPA. Generally, the admissions committee looks for a science and cumulative GPA above a 3.0. If you know your GPA does not meet admission requirements, you should not feel hopeless. Your path to medical school may take longer, but acceptance is possible.

To improve your science GPA, you can take additional science courses at any college or university. Keep in mind that your goal is to improve your GPA, so ideally, you should receive an A or B in these courses. Sometimes just one or two courses will raise a GPA. In other instances, a full year might be needed to improve your likelihood of acceptance. This depends on what your GPA is before you start additional coursework. Our recommended science courses are: Anatomy, Biochemistry, Histology, Genetics, and Microbiology.

Before you apply, calculate your science GPA. If your science GPA is below a 2.75, you should call an admissions representative to discuss your situation. Also, you can schedule a consultation where you bring your transcripts in person and discuss your plan with an admissions representative. Call 1-800-526-6966.

Admissions Test and Letters of Evaluation

All applicants (except foreign medical graduates) are required to take the Medical College Admission Test (MCAT). The Dental Admission Test (DAT) is also accepted on a case-by-case basis, although the MCAT is preferred. In addition, all applicants are required to submit either a Pre-Medical Committee Evaluation or three letters of recommendation. It is recommended that one of the letters of recommendation be written by a practicing Doctor of Podiatric Medicine. Official MCAT and DAT scores must be released to AACPM.

Meet an NYCPM Professor:



Name: Robert Eckles, DPM, MPH

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What are your responsibilities at NYCPM?

I am Dean for Clinical Education, Graduate Medical Education, and program director for the NYCPM/MHC PM&S-36 residency program. This means I have overall responsibility for the 3rd and 4th years of training- all clinical courses, whether they are classroom-based or not. Relating to

Graduate Medical Education, I also have the title of placement director, which applies to externships, as well as to residencies. Too, I have final responsibility for all the CE courses the College sponsors. Fortunately I have the able assistance of Dr. Tony Iorio and Ms. Audrey Negron to assist in this area. I am also Associate Professor in the Department of Orthopedic Sciences, and am course director for Functional Orthopedics III.

What made you decide to pursue a career in podiatric medicine?

As a runner, back in the days when running was somewhat novel, I had a foot problem and was treated at the Pittsburgh Podiatry Hospital - precursor institution to the West Penn Hospital residency program. 3 clinic visits and I was hooked, even though they actually (in hindsight) didn't properly diagnose my problem. Despite that, it was clear that podiatry was a grand mix of surgery, medicine and manual therapies and that it was what I had always wanted.

What is your area of expertise?

Functional orthopedics, orthotic design and manufacture, and sports medicine.

What advice do you have for incoming students?

Act like you mean it. All of you will invest tremendous time and money in the pursuit of your goal - your DPM degree. From day one, your job has to be to learn as much as possible, to participate as fully as you can, and to absorb as much from your professors as possible - and it is not all just work, of course. Not everyone can be top of class, but I can guarantee you that regardless of class rank, students who engage early, contribute and do their best, find what they are looking for in the end. Have fun. Podiatry is a great profession.

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