GPMA
Georgia Podiatric Medical Association

29TH ANNUAL

Georgia Foot & Ankle Summit

FEBRUARY 18–20 | 2027

INTERCONTINENTAL BUCKHEAD ATLANTA

PROGRAM GUIDE

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DEAR COLLEAGUE

It is my pleasure to invite you to attend the **29th Annual Georgia Foot & Ankle Summit** at the **InterContinental Buckhead Atlanta**.

Our three-day conference will explore a broad spectrum of topics in podiatric medicine and surgery, featuring expert-led presentations on emerging techniques, clinical advancements, and the evolving challenges facing today's podiatric physicians. From minimally invasive surgical approaches and advanced limb salvage strategies to artificial intelligence, risk management, and innovative treatment options, this year's diverse program is designed to deliver practical, evidence-based insights that enhance patient care and support continued professional growth.

This year's program will feature engaging debates comparing traditional and minimally invasive surgical techniques, multidisciplinary discussions, and research poster presentations showcasing the next generation of podiatric physicians. Attendees will also have the opportunity to participate in hands-on cadaver labs designed to provide focused, individualized training and practical experience with advanced surgical techniques.

Georgia Podiatric Medical Association's annual business meeting will be held on Thursday during lunch, 12:00–1:15 PM, where members will receive an update on the association's activities. On Friday evening you are invited to attend our annual reception and enjoy cocktails and appetizers while connecting with your colleagues and industry members.

Be sure to visit our exhibit hall to explore and learn about new innovations, products, and services that you do not want to miss from top industry members. We are grateful for the support our industry partners provide us and the vital role that they play in our community.

We hope you find this year's conference to be both inspiring and enriching delivering the high-quality education and connections you expect from your state association. You can register online at **www.gapma.com/register**. Should you have any questions, please contact us at 404.410.0018 or **info@gapma.com**.

All my best,

Lee Hlad, DPM, FACFAS
SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN

SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE

We gratefully recognize the volunteer members of our scientific committee for their contributions in planning the 29th Annual Georgia Foot & Ankle Summit.

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GENERAL INFORMATION

CONFERENCE LOCATION

InterContinental Buckhead Atlanta
3315 Peachtree Road NE
Atlanta, GA 30326

HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS

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3315 Peachtree Road NE
Atlanta, GA 30326

We have reserved a block of rooms at a discounted rate of $259/night + tax. To make a reservation, call **888.211.9874** and reference the Georgia Foot & Ankle Summit or **Book Online**. Reservations must be made by **January 18, 2027** to secure the discounted rate.

CONTINUING EDUCATION

The Georgia Podiatric Medical Association is approved by the Council on Podiatric Medical Education as a provider of continuing education in podiatric medicine. The Georgia Podiatric Medical Association has approved this activity for a maximum of 25 continuing education contact hours.

INTENDED AUDIENCE

The intended audience for the conference is podiatric physicians.

CANCELLATION POLICY

A $50.00 administrative fee will be charged to any cancellation. Cancellations must be made in writing to info@gapma.com by December 31, 2026. No refunds for cancellations will be honored after this date. Refunds are not granted to no-shows.

COMMERCIAL FINANCIAL SUPPORT

No commercial interest provided financial support for this continuing education activity.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

Upon the conclusion of the 29th Annual Georgia Foot & Ankle Summit, podiatric physicians will be able to:

- Evaluate advancements in surgical and nonsurgical treatment of foot and ankle conditions.
- Compare open and minimally invasive surgical techniques and their clinical outcomes.
- Identify multidisciplinary strategies for limb salvage and complex wound management.
- Apply best practices in patient safety, risk management, and controlled substance prescribing.
- Examine emerging technologies, including artificial intelligence and regenerative medicine.
- Incorporate current clinical research and evidence-based approaches into patient care.
- Improve clinical documentation, coding accuracy, and regulatory compliance.
- Recognize the importance of professionalism, ethical decision-making, and physician well-being in patient care.

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

REGISTRATION CATEGORY	REGISTERED BY DECEMBER 1, 2026	REGISTERED AFTER DECEMBER 1, 2026
GPMA Member	**Free**	$49
APMA Member	**$499**	$549
Non-APMA Member	**$1,199**	$1,249
APMA Resident Member	**Free**	Free
Student	**Free**	Free

SOCIAL MEDIA

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SCHEDULE AT-A-GLANCE

Thursday, February 18, 2027: 7:00 AM – 6:15 PM (8.5 CECH)
Friday, February 19, 2027: 7:00 AM – 6:15 PM (9.75 CECH)
Saturday, February 20, 2027: 7:00 AM – 2:00 PM (6.75 CECH)

25 CECH Total

ATTENDANCE VERIFICATION

In accordance with Council on Podiatric Medical Education requirements, GPMA is required to monitor educational session attendance to verify CECH earned by each attendee.

Badges will be bar-coded with each attendee's personal information. You must scan your badge during the scanning times noted below to earn CECH. A time stamp is recorded each time that you scan and CECH is awarded accordingly.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 18

1st Scan:
When you arrive at the conference

2nd Scan:
10:00–10:45 AM Exhibit Hall

3rd Scan:
3:00–3:45 PM Exhibit Hall

4th Scan:
When you leave the conference

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 19

1st Scan:
When you arrive at the conference

2nd Scan:
10:00–10:45 AM Exhibit Hall

3rd Scan:
3:00–3:45 PM Exhibit Hall

4th Scan:
When you leave the conference

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 20

1st Scan:
When you arrive at the conference

2nd Scan:
9:00–9:15 AM

3rd Scan:
When you leave the conference

CECH certificates will be emailed to attendees by March 12, 2027.

SCHEDULE

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2027

7:00–8:30 AM	(1.5 CECH)	**BREAKFAST & LEARN** **Risk Management in Podiatric Practice: Legal Considerations & Strategies** Adrianne Ross, DPM & Andrew Alder, JD
8:30–9:30 AM	(1 CECH)	**Maintaining Professionalism in the Digital Age: Implications for Patient Care**
9:30–10:00 AM	(0.5 CECH)	**Resident & Fellow Research Poster Review: Advances in Podiatric Medicine & Surgery**
10:00–10:45 AM	(No CECH)	**BREAK** **Visit the Exhibit Hall**
10:45 AM–12:00 PM	(1.25 CECH)	**Small Incision, Big Difference? The MIS vs. Open Bunionectomy Debate** Bryanna Vesely, DPM & Alvin Cowans, DPM
12:00–1:15 PM	(No CECH)	**GPMA ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING**
1:15–3:00 PM	(1.75 CECH)	**Advanced Limb Salvage: Multidisciplinary Approaches to Wound Healing & Vascular Management** • Tibial Transport & Interventional Radiology for Chronic Nonhealing Wounds Lee Hlad, DPM & John Martucci, DPM • Vascular Assessment & Management Strategies for Lower Extremity Limb Salvage Andres DePalma, MD
3:00–3:45 PM	(No CECH)	**BREAK** **Visit the Exhibit Hall**
3:45–4:45 PM	(1 CECH)	**Controlled Substance Management: Best Practices for Podiatric Physicians** Susan Blank, MD
4:45–6:15 PM	(1.5 CECH)	**Updates in the Surgical Management of Charcot** Jacob Wynes, DPM & Jeffrey Loveland, DPM

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FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2027

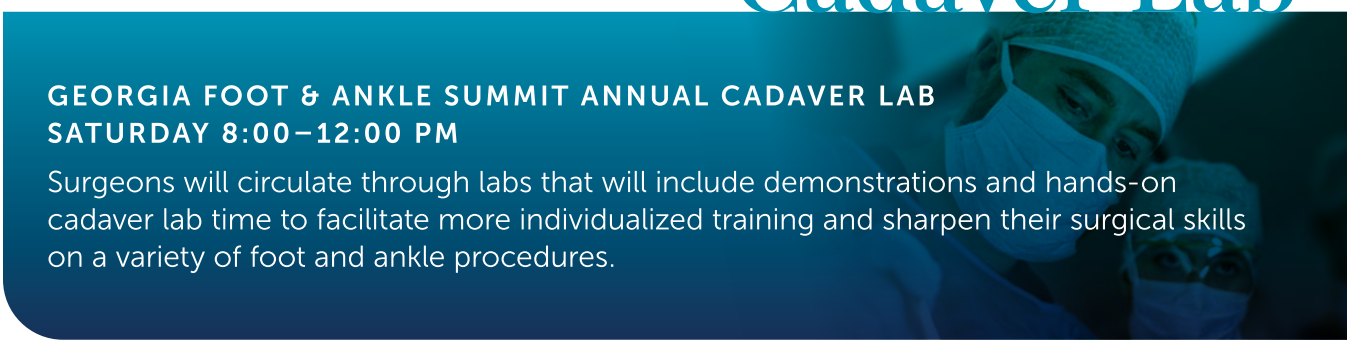
7:00–8:00 AM	(1 CECH)	**BREAKFAST & LEARN**
8:00–10:00 AM	(2 CECH)	**Contemporary Approaches to Lower Extremity Peripheral Nerve Disorders** • Conservative Treatment Strategies for Lower Extremity Peripheral Neuropathies Sequoia Ducasse, DPM & Eric Lullove, DPM • Current Concepts in Lower Extremity Peripheral Nerve Surgery James Wilton, DPM
10:00–10:45 AM	(No CECH)	**BREAK** **Visit the Exhibit Hall**
10:45 AM–12:00 PM	(1.25 CECH)	**Integrating Artificial Intelligence into Podiatric Practice** Eric Lullove, DPM
12:00–1:15 PM	(1.25 CECH)	**LUNCH & LEARN**
1:15–2:15 PM	(1 CECH)	**Beyond the Blade: The Future of Regenerative Foot & Ankle Care** Abigail Skov, DPM
2:15–3:00 PM	(0.75 CECH)	**The Future of Podiatric Medicine: Addressing the Student Recruitment Challenge** Gene Pascarella, DPM
3:00–3:45 PM	(No CECH)	**BREAK** **Visit the Exhibit Hall**
3:45–4:45 PM	(1 CECH)	**Balancing Patient Access, Physician Responsibility & Sustainability** Martina Randall, DPM
4:45–6:15 PM	(1.5 CECH)	**First MPJ Arthrodesis: Comparing Open & Minimally Invasive Surgical Approaches** • Minimally Invasive First MPJ Arthrodesis Brian Loder, DPM • Open First MPJ Arthrodesis John Martucci, DPM
6:15–8:15 PM	(No CECH)	**ALL ATTENDEE & VENDOR RECEPTION**

SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2027

7:00–9:00 AM	(2 CECH)	**BREAKFAST & LEARN** **Podiatric Coding Essentials: Common Challenges & Best Practices** Danielle Butto, DPM
9:00–9:15 AM	(No CECH)	**BREAK**
9:15–10:30 AM	(1.25 CECH)	**Anatomy of an Audit** Christopher Noll, RN, CPC & Adrianne Ross, DPM
10:30–11:30 AM	(1 CECH)	**Beyond Burnout: Three Boundary Shifts Every Physician Needs** Sherunda Simone Josey, DPM, MPH
11:30 AM–12:30 PM	(1 CECH)	**Innovations in Fusions vs. Replacements** Mark Mendeszoon, DPM
12:30 –2:00 PM	(1.5 CECH)	**LUNCH & LEARN**

Cadaver Lab



GEORGIA FOOT & ANKLE SUMMIT ANNUAL CADAVER LAB
SATURDAY 8:00–12:00 PM

Surgeons will circulate through labs that will include demonstrations and hands-on cadaver lab time to facilitate more individualized training and sharpen their surgical skills on a variety of foot and ankle procedures.

FRIDAY NIGHT

Reception

PLEASE JOIN US

Friday
February 19, 2027
6:15 pm

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Exhibit Hall Pre-Function

COCKTAILS AND APPETIZERS WILL BE SERVED

GPMAPAC

Georgia Podiatric Medical Association Political Action Committee

The Georgia Podiatric Medical Association Political Action Committee (GPMA-PAC) is a non-profit, bipartisan fundraising committee through which podiatrists support state candidates who champion podiatric medicine's issues before the Georgia General Assembly.

GPMA-PAC enables podiatric physicians to be effectively involved where public policy decisions are made that impact how healthcare is administered and regulated in Georgia. By combining resources through contributions to the GPMA-PAC, podiatric physicians gain a stronger voice for the profession, their practices, and the patients they serve.

When you consider the importance of legislation in creating the laws and regulations that govern nearly every aspect our healthcare system, the importance of supporting those who advocate for podiatric physicians and their patients is clear. Help make sure the voice of podiatric medicine is heard when and where it counts!

Scan the QR code to donate today or visit www.gapma.com/gpmapac

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Promoting Professional Excellence and Patient Advocacy

The APMA Political Action Committee (APMAPAC) is a nonprofit, bipartisan fundraising committee through which podiatrists support federal candidates who champion podiatric medicine's issues before the U.S. Congress.

Because of the efforts of the APMAPAC and its parent organization, the American Podiatric Medical Association (APMA), the profession has gained a national presence as a political force in Washington, DC.

APMAPAC's role is to support candidates seeking Congressional office in the U.S. House and Senate. The only other legal means for such support is through contributions made directly to a candidate by an individual.

Scan the QR code or visit www.apma.org/donate today!

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