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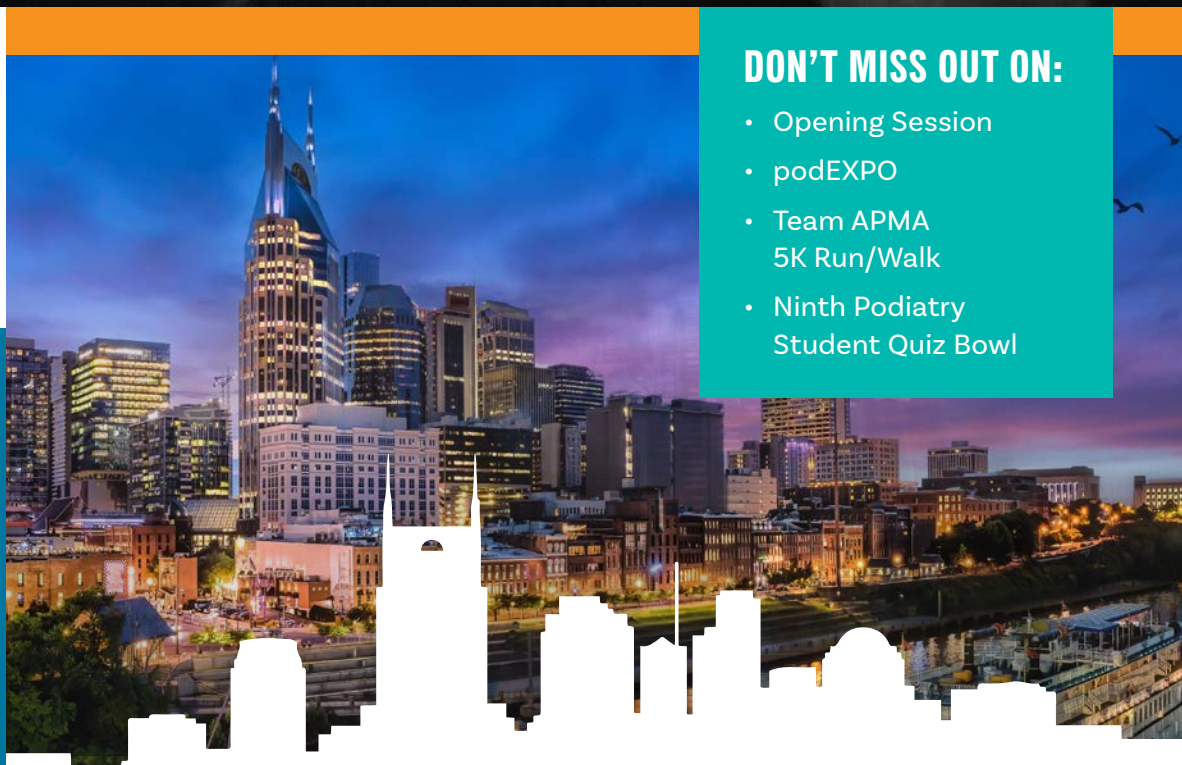
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DON'T MISS OUT ON:

- Opening Session
- podEXPO
- Team APMA
5K Run/Walk
- Ninth Podiatry
Student Quiz Bowl



WELCOME TO THE NATIONAL IN NASHVILLE!



APMA is delighted to welcome you to the 2026 Annual Scientific Meeting (The National) in Nashville! The National is the premier meeting for every podiatrist. No matter your state, your practice type, or your areas of clinical interest, there's something for you at The National. Get ready to learn, grow, network, and build community.

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On Thursday, we open up with a glimpse into the future of health care with our opening session at 9 a.m. Join the thought leaders of three leading supergroups: Burt Rubin, CEO Curalta Foot and Ankle; David Thorpe, CEO Upperline Health; and Lowell Weil Jr., DPM, Executive Chairman Balance Health. Alex Wayne, Executive Editor *KFF Health News*, will moderate this thought-provoking conversation on everything from the needs of an aging, more medically complex patient population to the evolution of care delivery models. Our reimagined exhibit hall, the podEXPO, opens at 2:15 p.m. with the highly anticipated pod-PARTY kicking off at 4:00 p.m. Get ready for great tunes, impersonators, and other entertainment to launch The National in style!

The heart of The National will be at podEXPO. Our exhibitors have all the innovative products and solutions for you to take your practice to the next level and improve patient care. Our new Solutions Stage will feature exciting presentations on new innovations and technologies that are pushing podiatry forward. Make sure you stop by the APMA booth (#521) for discussions on any legislative, health policy, or membership topics. You can also learn more about our landmark Compensation Report or meet with APMA CEO Meghan McClelland, MBA, on Thursday at 3:00 p.m.

While The National will continue to have fantastic clinical education, you will have an incredible selection of non-

clinical educational opportunities. From daily Lunch-and-Learns (see page 7 for more) to new programming on business, leadership, and innovation (including artificial intelligence!), The National is better than ever this year. If professional growth is your goal, make sure you join Lyndley Andrews, MBA, who will lead leadership and life sessions which can help you take your practice to the next level financially or help you leapfrog into a prominent role in your organization. Saturday will also see outstanding research that advances the practice of podiatric medicine and surgery with our Oral Abstracts session and Poster

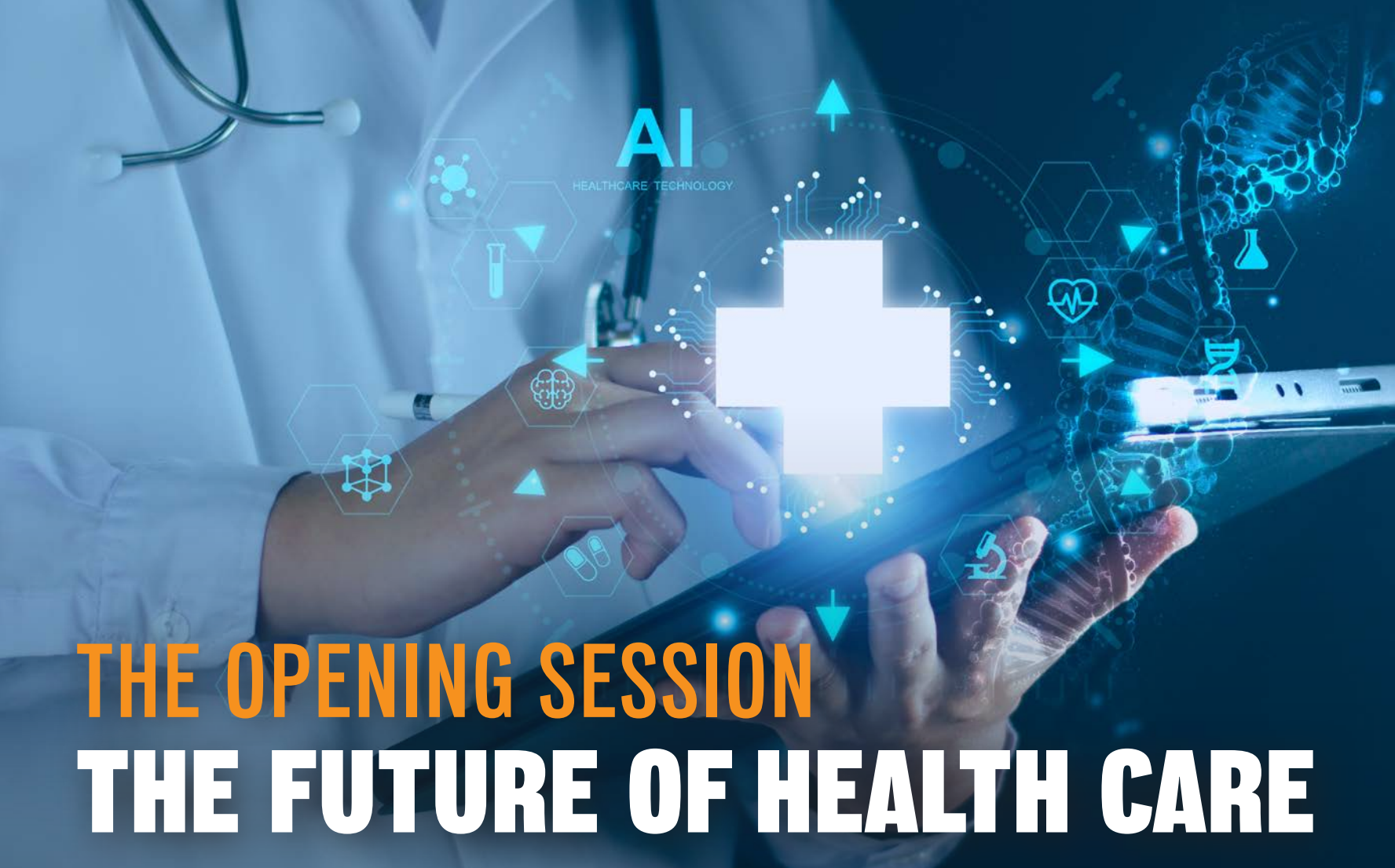
Abstracts Symposium. And as usual, Sunday will deliver the unmatched Harry Goldsmith, DPM, Memorial Coding Seminar.

Building community and networking is a big draw at The National. We have organized short meetups in podEXPO (So You Want to Be A....) where you can connect with others interested in a variety of topics, including sports medicine, hospital administration, advocacy, and social media. Friday evening, young physicians won't want to miss the Young Physicians' Happy Hour from 6:30–7:30 p.m. Early Saturday morning you can get your day started off on the right foot at the Team APMA 5K Run/Walk benefiting the APMA Educational Foundation. Finally, don't forget the Ninth Podiatry Student Quiz Bowl where all 11 podiatric medical schools will battle it out for supremacy in a Jeopardy-style competition.

The National would not be possible without the support of our wonderful exhibitors and sponsors. See a map of all exhibitors on page 22 and a full listing of sponsors on page 12. ■

APMA welcomes your feedback as The National evolves to meet the changing needs of the podiatric community. The meeting evaluation will be available soon after the close of the meeting. We look forward to delivering an exceptional event!





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HEALTHCARE TECHNOLOGY

THE OPENING SESSION

THE FUTURE OF HEALTH CARE



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Are you prepared for the future? The rise of artificial intelligence and new technologies is reshaping the health-care landscape in unexpected ways. It's challenging to keep up with all the new innovations and changes, but this year's opening session will help reduce all the noise and provide you with all the insights you need to properly map out the future. The opening session, "Future of Health Care," will bring together three visionary thought leaders from

leading supergroups (Balance Health, Curalta Foot and Ankle, and Upperline Health), who are helping to revolutionize podiatry. This session will also gain perspective from Alex Wayne, Executive Editor of *KFF Health News*, who will serve as the moderator and guide the discussion as our panelists explore what the future holds for foot and ankle specialists. The panel will discuss the rapid pace of change in health care; the needs of an aging, more medically complex patient population;

building resilient, engaged, and future-ready teams; leading the evolution of care delivery models; and more. Join us for the opening session to help shape the future along with other leaders in the profession. Attendees at the groundbreaking opening session will also hear from APMA President Patrick A. DeHeer, DPM, and CEO Meghan McClelland, MBA. ■



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12:00pm-1:00pm**

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Targeted Relief: A non-systemic treatment strategy for PDPN of the feet

Saturday, August 8 | 12:00pm

Volunteer Ballroom - Volunteer B

Join **Dr. David G. Armstrong, DPM, PhD**
and **Dr. Vincent Giacalone, DPM** for an
interactive, patient case-based symposium



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THURSDAY

7:30–9:00 a.m.

1.5 CECH

Using Advocacy to Prevent Amputations

Speakers: David Armstrong, DPM, MD, PhD; Joe Mills, MD; Shanika Hill, DPM; and Lawrence Burns, DPM
Volunteer Ballroom D

FRIDAY

7:00–8:30 a.m.

1.5 CECH

Painful Diabetic Peripheral Neuropathy

Speakers: Mark Mendezsoon, DPM, and Tariq Alfarra, DO
Volunteer Ballroom D
APMA has designated an unrestricted educational grant from Medtronic to support this session.

SATURDAY

8:00–9:30 a.m.

1.5 CECH

Optimizing Wounds

Speakers: Joseph Park, DPM; Sari Priesand, DPM; and Osama Ibrahim, MD
Volunteer Ballroom D

SUNDAY

7:00–8:30 a.m.

1.5 CECH

Ethics in Diagnostic Innovation

Speakers: Anji Dayal, JD, and Adrienne Ross, DPM
Volunteer Ballroom D

NON-CECH LUNCH AND LEARNS THURSDAY, FRIDAY, AND SATURDAY AT NOON

Our partners have put together a fantastic slate of lunchtime sessions that are the perfect way to spend your lunchtime break at The National. Non-CECH lunches have limited seating, but you can check with the registration desk to see if there are any open seats still available. Space is limited; first come, first served.

THURSDAY

12:00–1:00 p.m.

Non-CECH Lunch

Learn About a Trusted And Proven Treatment With Years of Experience in Patients with Uncontrolled Gout

Speaker: John Cozzarelli, DPM
Volunteer Ballroom A
Sponsored by AMGEN Rare Disease

12:00–1:00 p.m.

Non-CECH Lunch

Future-Proofing Podiatry Practices: AI, Security, and the Roadmap Ahead

Speaker: Ranjit Kher, VP of Product Management
Volunteer Ballroom C
Sponsored by NextGen Healthcare

12:00–1:00 p.m.

Non-CECH Lunch

Live to Close: How a Bioengineered Cellular Tissue Based Product Heals Chronic DFU and VLU's

Speakers: Daniel Davis, DPM, and Shawn Frederick, MS
Volunteer Ballroom B
Sponsored by Organogenesis



FRIDAY

12:00–1:00 p.m.

Non-CECH Lunch

Safeguarding Wealth: Lawsuit Prevention and Tax Strategies

Speaker: Leland McKay
Volunteer Ballroom B
Sponsored by Legally Mine

12:00–1:00 p.m.

Non-CECH Lunch

Exploring Selective Sodium Channel Inhibition for the Management of Acute Pain

Speakers: Elizabeth Hewitt, DPM, and Stephanie Kwei, MD
Volunteer Ballroom A
Sponsored by Vertex Pharmaceuticals

SATURDAY

12:00–1:00 p.m.

Non-CECH Lunch

Targeted Relief: A Non-Systemic Treatment Strategy for PDPN of the Feet

Speakers: David G. Armstrong, DPM, MD, PhD, and Vincent Giacalone, DPM
Volunteer Ballroom B
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12:00–1:00 p.m.

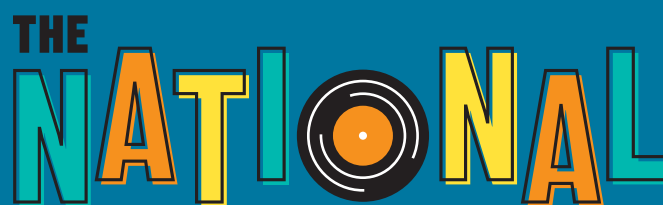
Non-CECH Lunch

Evidence to Outcomes: Fish Skin Grafts in Lower Extremity Wound Care

Speaker: Shawn Braunagel, DPM
Volunteer Ballroom A
Sponsored by Kerecis

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LEADERSHIP & LIFE SESSIONS LED BY LYNDLEY ANDREWS, MBA



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Last year, you told us you wanted more educational opportunities to support your development as leaders and help with getting the most out of your practice. That's why we enlisted Lyndley Andrews, MBA, to lead a one-of-a-kind track focused on helping your growth in the non-clinical space. The real-world information you will get from these sessions will support your career goals; allow you to effectively manage stress, decision fatigue, and the psychological demands of clinical practice; and/or help you leapfrog into a prominent role in your organization. Andrews sat down with *The National Today* to explain more about her exciting talks!





You are leading discussions on several topics at The National. What is new this year, and what are you most excited about sharing/presenting?

I am thrilled to be part of the brand-new Business, Leadership & Life track at The National! The inclusion of physician leadership development and the role that plays in shaping patient outcomes and overall organizational culture is powerful. Attendees can expect timely and engaging discussions on topics including DiSC behavioral styles and leadership effectiveness, advocacy and policy, generational collaboration, representation and influence in health-care, change management, and the **growing impact of artificial intelligence (AI) in health-care leadership**.

The sessions are incredibly varied, including:

From Personality to Performance: The Hidden Driver of Outcomes

Attendees will gain greater self-awareness of their own behavioral and communication style and learn how adapting their approach can strengthen teamwork, leadership effectiveness, and patient care outcomes.

Systems, Policy, and Advocacy as Tools to Improve Patient Outcomes and Access to Care

Attendees will leave with practical strategies to navigate health-care barriers, advocate more effectively, and improve patient access and outcomes within today's complex health-care system.

Bridging Generations to Strengthen Patient Care

Attendees will better understand generational differences in communication and workplace expectations and learn how to leverage those differences to strengthen collaboration and patient care.

Representation, Influence, and Impact on Patient Care

Attendees will recognize how diverse perspectives in health-care leadership can foster more inclusive decision-making,

strengthen patient trust, and improve health-care outcomes.

Leading Patient-Centered Change

Attendees will learn practical tools to lead change more effectively by addressing resistance, strengthening engagement, and helping teams adapt to improve patient-centered outcomes.

Leveraging AI in Health-Care Leadership

AI is constantly evolving, and attendees will gain insight into how AI can be responsibly and effectively integrated into practice as well as health-care leadership to improve efficiency, decision-making, and ultimately patient care delivery.

What do podiatrists need to know about AI in health-care leadership to stay at the forefront of the profession?

Podiatrists need a constant awareness of current practical applications of AI in health-care leadership, including how emerging technologies can support efficiency, communication, decision making, and patient care delivery. The National will help provide practitioners with a foundational understanding of what AI can and cannot do; when human judgment and leadership remain essential; and how to effectively create prompts for generative AI tools to maximize value, accuracy, and responsible use within health-care settings. This will be a fantastic primer for podiatrists who want to learn more about AI.

How does your session on professional sustainability and the meeting's tailored focus on leadership make The National unique among podiatry meetings?

The Professional Sustainability session adds a uniquely personal and practical dimension to The National by addressing the emotional realities that can come with practicing podiatric medicine. Through an honest and engaging Q&A conversation with Johanna Richey, DPM, attendees will gain real-world insight into both the successes and struggles podiatrists can face throughout their careers.

What makes this session especially

unique is its emphasis on evidence-based resilience strategies, combined with authentic discussion around topics often not openly addressed in medical education or conferences, including managing complications, coping with stress and decision fatigue, navigating difficult patient and staff interactions, and sustaining personal well-being while leading others. Attendees will leave feeling validated in their experiences and prepared with practical tools and strategies they can immediately apply to strengthen resilience, professionalism, and long-term career sustainability. ■





THE HEART OF THE NATIONAL: podEXPO EXHIBIT HALL

Bold. Dynamic. Innovative. This is the only way to describe podEXPO, the exhibit hall of The National, where you will congregate to connect with colleagues, make new connections, and learn more about the game-changing products that can help you improve patient care and strengthen your practice. This year we have extended the hours of the Exhibit Hall

EXHIBIT HALL SCHEDULE

THURSDAY, AUGUST 6

2:15–6:00 p.m.

4:00–6:00 p.m. • podPARTY

FRIDAY, AUGUST 7

9:30 a.m.–3:45 p.m.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 8

9:30 a.m.–1:30 p.m.

on Thursday and Friday to provide attendees with even more time to learn about all the innovative solutions our partners have to offer.

Discover an incredible showcase of products and services spanning the entire industry, including dermatology, cutting edge medical equipment, footwear and hosiery, practice management solutions, advanced software, surgical supplies, wound care, pharmaceuticals, and so much more. Whether you're launching your career or leading the field with years of expertise, you'll uncover powerful solutions designed to elevate every stage of your professional journey.

**You have questions?
The National has answers!**

We designed the Solutions Stage to let our industry partners share their deep expertise and new technologies that are pushing podiatry forward. These quick-hitting sessions (non-CECH) will expose you to new solutions and allow you a chance to connect with innovative partners. ■

SOLUTIONS STAGE

FRIDAY

10:00–10:20 a.m.

Compulink's AI-Powered Clinical Intelligence Platform is Redefining What's Possible in Health Care

Speaker: Kamren Powers

Presented by Compulink

10:45–11:05 a.m.

10 Tips on Getting the Best Biopsy Results Ever!

Speaker: Dock Dockery, DPM

Presented by Sagis Diagnostics

11:30–11:50 a.m.

Alleviate Foot & Ankle Pain: Cutting Edge Technology for Recovery

Speaker: Mark Mendezsoon, DPM

Presented by Alleviate, Inc.

SATURDAY

9:45–10:05 a.m.

ELITE Randomized Controlled Trial Outcomes and Clinical Experience With AmchoPlast

Speaker: Thomas Rambacher, DPM

Presented by Cellution Biologics

10:30–10:50 a.m.

Bleeding Considerations in the Anticoagulated Patient Undergoing Foot and Ankle Surgery and Limb Salvage

Speaker: Jeffrey A. Ross, DPM, MD

Presented by Baxter International

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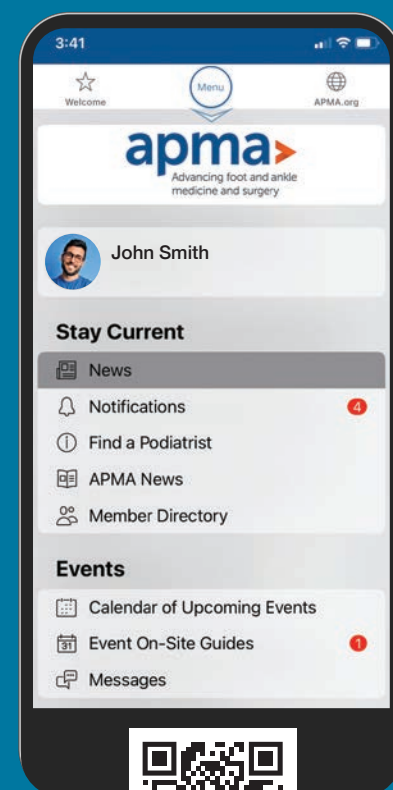
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functions of the app to connect with fellow attendees and post your thoughts and photos for all to see. Or, start a private conversation and make plans for the evening. Some sessions also allow you to interact with the presenters by answering poll questions and posting questions through the app. To participate in polling, open your session within the app and look under the “Resources” section.

As long as you are on your mobile device using APMA Engage, hop over to your social media channels and let everyone know what you love about your time in Nashville with **#APMA2026**. Snap a selfie and be sure to tag APMA in your posts.

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FRIDAY, AUGUST 7 | 2:00-3:00 PM

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CECH SCANNING SCHEDULE

To receive your CECH, you must scan your badge during each of the noted scanning times. Below are the scanning schedule, scanning locations, and contact hours available.

THURSDAY AUGUST 6

10:00-10:30 a.m.

Scanning outside the lecture hall
1.5 contact hours

12:00-12:30 p.m.

Scanning outside the lecture hall
1.5 contact hours

4:00-4:30 p.m.

Scanning in the exhibit hall
2 contact hours

FRIDAY AUGUST 7

9:30-10:30 a.m.

Scanning in the exhibit hall
2.5 contact hours

12:00-1:30 p.m.

Scanning in the exhibit hall
1.5 contact hours

5:15 p.m.

Scanning outside the lecture hall
4 contact hours

SATURDAY AUGUST 8

9:30-10:30 a.m.

Scanning in the exhibit hall
1.5 contact hours

12:00-1:30 p.m.

Scanning in the exhibit hall
1.5 contact hours

1:30-2:30 p.m.

Scanning at the Poster Abstract Symposium
1 contact hour

6:00 p.m.

Scanning outside the lecture hall
3.5 contact hours

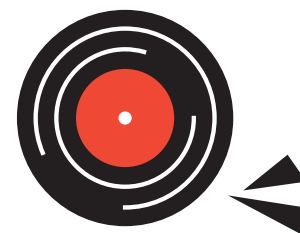
SUNDAY AUGUST 9

10:30-11:00 a.m.

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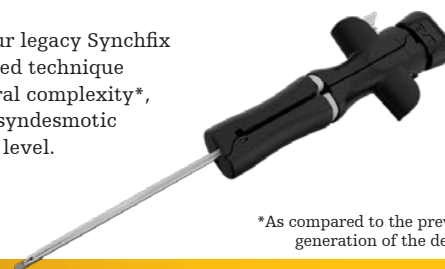


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EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM SCHEDULE

THURSDAY, AUGUST 6

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Breakfast Symposium: Using Advocacy to Prevent Amputations 7:30–9:00 a.m. Volunteer Ballroom D Join David Armstrong, DPM, MD, PhD; Joe Mills, MD; Shanika Hill, DPM; and Lawrence Burns, DPM, as they talk about Building a Sustainable Limb Preservation Model. In this session, you'll hear how to develop and lead equitable, multidisciplinary limb preservation strategies for DFU and CLTI through evidence-based care, podiatry–vascular collaboration, and outcomes-driven limb salvage programs.	1.5
Keynote: Future of Health Care 9:00–10:00 a.m. Volunteer Ballroom D Panelists: Burt Rubin, David Thorpe, and Lowell Weil Jr., DPM Moderator: Alex Wayne The keynote session will bring together visionaries from leading supergroups that are revolutionizing the practice of podiatry. The panel will discuss the rapid pace of change in health care; the needs of an aging, more medically complex patient population; building resilient, engaged, and future-ready teams; and leading the evolution of care delivery models. This panel is designed to prepare podiatrists not just to adapt to the future, but to shape it. Don't miss this groundbreaking conversation.	
New Drugs and Therapeutic Trends 10:30 a.m.–12:00 p.m. Volunteer Ballroom D • Liposomal Bupivacaine • Class IV Laser Therapy • Non-Opioid Pain Medication • GLP-1 Perioperative Impact Hear from James Whelan, DPM; Anne Sharkey, DPM; Lee Rogers, DPM; Melissa Lockwood, DPM; and Bob Baravarian, DPM, as they talk about how they incorporate new drugs and therapies into their practices and how these impact patient care and outcomes.	1.5
Fix It Without the Knife: Cutting Edge of Conservative Therapies 1:00–2:00 p.m. Volunteer Ballroom D Priya Parthasarathy, DPM; Javan Bass, DPM; Adam Fleischer, DPM, MPH; and Arman Kirakosian, DPM, will keep you on the cutting edge of conservative care as they discuss a variety of topics, including diagnosing cancer, using point-of-care ultrasound, and incorporating restoration and injury prevention into clinical practice.	1
Fix It With the Knife: Minimally Invasive Surgery 3:00–4:00 p.m. Volunteer Ballroom D Lawrence DiDomenico, DPM, will lead a fun and engaging session with Joseph K. Park, DPM; Bryanna Vesely, DPM; Rachel Gerber, DPM; and Joshua Moore, DPM, as they weigh in on minimally invasive surgery dos and don'ts for bunions and other deformities. You'll be sure to walk away with tools you can take to the OR!	1
TOTAL CECH	5

FRIDAY, AUGUST 7

EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM	CECH
Breakfast Symposium: Painful Diabetic Peripheral Neuropathy 7:00–8:30 a.m. Volunteer Ballroom D Mark Mendeszoon, DPM, and Tariq Alfarra, DO, will share all things Painful Diabetic Peripheral Neuropathy, including how to identify patients who might benefit from spinal cord stimulation. <i>APMA has designated an unrestricted educational grant from Medtronic to support this session.</i>	1.5
Plenary: Professional Sustainability 8:30–9:30 a.m. Volunteer Ballroom D Long hours + compassionate care + administrative burdens can add up to burnout for podiatric physicians and surgeons. Lyndley Andrews, MBA, and Johanna Richey, DPM, will share strategies to tackle stress, build resilience, and stay strong when handling difficult situations. Attendees will leave feeling validated in their experiences and prepared with practical tools they can apply to strengthen resilience, professionalism, and long-term career sustainability.	1
Regenerative Medicine 10:30 a.m.–12:00 p.m. Volunteer Ballroom D Andrew Schneider, DPM; Priya Parthasarathy, DPM; and Anne Sharkey, DPM, will Unlock the Power of Regenerative Medicine. Hear how to incorporate therapies like shockwave, injectables, redlight therapy, and PRP into your practice.	1.5
Pain Management and Prescribing Practices 1:00–2:00 p.m. Volunteer Ballroom C Savannah Santiago, DPM, will host this Special Session on Pain Management and Prescribing Practices that is likely to meet your licensing board's opioid/pain management requirement. Be sure to check with your state licensing board!	1
How Do I...? 2:00–3:00 p.m. Volunteer Ballroom D • Use Biomarkers • Manage All This Swelling • Talk About Mental Health Disorders/Cognitive Impairment With Patients	1.5

How Do I...? (continued) Christopher Girgis, DPM, will shine a spotlight on biomarkers in diabetic foot ulcer management. Marlene Reid, DPM, will share her secrets on managing swelling. Sari Priesand, DPM, recognizes that a patient's mental health is paramount and will share how you can talk more confidently with patients.	
At the Speed of Sound: Surgical Blitz 3:45–5:00 p.m. Volunteer Ballroom D • Bunion Osteotomy Pitfalls • MIS Achilles • Plantar Plate Repair • FDL to Peroneal Tendon Transfers • TA Muscle Flap Don't miss surgical tips and pearls on a variety of topics from Eliezer Eisenberger, DPM; Aleksandr Emerel, DPM; Adam Fleischer, DPM, MPH; Shalvi Prasad, DPM; and James Whelan, DPM.	1.5
Students' and Residents' Program 5:30–6:30 p.m. Volunteer Ballroom C Our students and residents won't want to miss this session tailored to their needs, featuring Savannah Santiago, DPM; Shalvi Prasad, DPM; and Eliezer Eistenberger, DPM. Get advice on: • Externship and Residency Interviews • Fellowship Timeline and Prep • Transitioning From Training to Practice	
TOTAL CECH	8

SOLUTIONS STAGE 10:00–10:20 a.m. Exhibit Hall Compulink's AI-Powered Clinical Intelligence Platform is Redefining What's Possible in Health Care Speaker: Kamren Powers Presented by Compulink
10:45–11:05 a.m. Exhibit Hall 10 Tips on Getting the Best Biopsy Results Ever! Speaker: Dock Dockery, DPM Presented by Sagis Diagnostics
11:30–11:50 a.m. Exhibit Hall Alleviate Foot & Ankle Pain: Cutting Edge Technology for Recovery Speaker: Mark Mendeszoon, DPM Presented by Alleviate, Inc.

BUSINESS AND LEADERSHIP SESSIONS AT THE NATIONAL

BUSINESS SESSIONS

Get ready for the insights that will take your career to the next level, including understanding RVUs, credentialing, coding, direct-pay model, and artificial intelligence. Make sure you stop by to learn more about APMA's landmark Compensation Report or on-call advocacy.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 7

Volunteer Mezzanine 8-9

APMA Compensation Report
10:30-10:45 a.m.
Speaker: **Dyane Tower, DPM, MPH, MS, CAE**

Understanding RVUs
10:45-11:15 a.m.
Speakers: **Rachel Albright, DPM, MPH,** and **Jeffrey Lehrman, DPM**

APMA On-Call Advocacy
11:15-11:30 a.m.
Speaker: **Chad Appel, JD, CAE**

All I See Is Nails
11:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
Speaker: **Jennifer Bernstein, DPM**

Credentialing Simplified
1:00-1:30 p.m.
Speaker: **Alan Bass, DPM**
Hosted by JARALL

Documentation to Dollars: Podiatry Coding, Revenue Integrity, and Lessons From the CMS 2025 Improper Payment Report
1:30-2:00 p.m.
Speaker: **Jessica Whitney, CPC, CPMA, AAPC**
Hosted by Revascent

The Future-Ready Practice: Using AI & Technology to Improve Efficiency and Performance
2:00-2:30 p.m.
Speaker: **David McKanna**
Hosted by NextGen

Direct Pay Model
2:30-3:00 p.m.
Speaker: **Anne Sharkey, DPM**

Private Practice Business Decisions
3:00-3:30 p.m.
Speaker: **Alicia Canzanese, DPM**

Friday, August 7 (continued)

Remote Monitoring
3:30-4:00 p.m.
Speaker: **TBD**
Hosted by Sensoria Health

Know Your Practice, Grow Your Practice: Getting Found by the Right Patients
4:00-4:30 p.m.
Speaker: **Jim McDannald, DPM**

Fraud, Waste, and Abuse
4:30-5:00 p.m.
Speaker: **TBD**
Hosted by Epstein Becker Green.

LEADERSHIP SESSIONS

Led by **Lyndley Andrews, MBA**, the leadership sessions will expose you to exciting information to set you apart from your peers. Whether you want to run a more efficient practice or you want to rise through the ranks of your super group or hospital, these leadership sessions are essential to getting results.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 8

Volunteer Ballroom C

From Personality to Performance: The Hidden Driver of Outcomes (DiSC Profile)
10:30-11:30 a.m.

Systems, Policy, and Advocacy as Tools to Improve Patient Outcomes and Access to Care
11:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Bridging Generations to Strengthen Patient Care
2:00-2:30 p.m.

Representation, Influence, and Impact on Patient Care
2:30-3:00 p.m.

Leading Patient-Centered Change
3:00-4:00 p.m.

Leveraging AI in Health-Care Leadership
4:00-4:30 p.m.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 8

EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM	CECH
Breakfast Symposium: Optimizing Wounds 8:00–9:30 a.m. Volunteer Ballroom D We know you want to optimize your wound care outcomes. Joseph Park, DPM; Sari Priesand, DPM; and Osama Ibrahim, MD, will guide us on how to best manage a patient through nutrition and blood sugar control and best practices on wound bed preparation. A can't-miss session to get you ready for that wound on Monday!	1.5
Oral Abstract Presentations 10:30 a.m.–12:00 p.m. Volunteer Ballroom D Your colleagues are doing groundbreaking research! Come and listen to their original work. • Indicative Risk of Acute and Chronic Hyperglycemia on the Development of Ankle Joint Limitation and Equinus Deformity in the Diabetic Patient Alex S. Fleischman, DPM • Early Weight-Bearing Protocol For Operative Treatment of Zone 1 Fifth Metatarsal Base Fractures Patrick M. Robinson, DPM, MS • Ability of Pedal Medial Arterial Calcification to Predict Outcomes after Transmetatarsal Amputation Jennifer Skolnik, DPM • Percutaneous Extracanal Fully Threaded Screw Fixation to Augment TTC/TC Intramedullary Nail Constructs in Charcot Neuropathic Hindfoot Reconstruction: A Retrospective Case Series Talem Franco, DPM • Multiplanar Evaluation of First Ray Hypermobility Lawrence Oloff, DPM • Abnormal Foot Morphology Among Children With Obesity and the Potential Implications for Public Health Jeffrey A. Ross, DPM, MD	1.5
Poster Abstract Symposium 1:30–2:30 p.m. Ryman Hall B Let the research continue! Explore the latest research and innovations in podiatric medicine and surgery during the Poster Abstract Symposium—walk the aisles, connect with colleagues, and discover emerging ideas shaping the future of foot and ankle care.	1

Complications Remix 2:30–4:30 p.m. Volunteer Ballroom D • Metatarsus Adductus Complications Quick Debate • Achilles Complications Quick Debate • Muscle Flap Complications • Plantar Fascia Complications Fibular IM Nail Complications You don't want to just sit and listen to lectures. The Complications Remix will keep you on your toes, just like complications in real life! Michelle Butterworth, DPM; Rachel Albright, DPM, MPH; Alec Dierksheide, DPM; Tim Miller, DPM; Andrew Mastay, DPM; Pat Burns, DPM; and Aleksandr Emerel, DPM, will guide us through how they think about and address complications. Lean on their experience and advice to get you through your next challenging complication!	2
Ninth APMA Podiatry Student Quiz Bowl 4:30–6:00 p.m. Volunteer Ballroom D Let's hear it for our contestants! Come to the Ninth APMA Podiatry Student Quiz Bowl, support our students, try your luck at the questions, and cheer on your alma mater.	1.5
TOTAL CECH	7.5

SOLUTIONS STAGE

9:45–10:05 a.m. | Exhibit Hall

ELITE Randomized Controlled Trial Outcomes and Clinical Experience With AmchoPlast

Speaker: **Thomas Rambacher, DPM**

Presented by Cellution Biologics

10:30–10:50 a.m. | Exhibit Hall

Bleeding Considerations in the Anticoagulated Patient Undergoing Foot and Ankle Surgery and Limb Salvage

Speaker: **Jeffrey A. Ross, DPM, MD**

Presented by Baxter International

The APMA HOD passed a resolution calling on APMA to convene a task force to develop a Consensus Plan on foot care assistants (FCAs). The task force is holding a listening session at 1:00 p.m. in Volunteer Mezzanine 3-5.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 9

EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM	CECH
Breakfast Symposium: Ethics in Diagnostic Innovation 7:00–8:30 a.m. Volunteer Ballroom D Explore the ethics and medical-legal risk perspectives of incorporating technology into your practice with Anji Dayal, JD , and Adrianne Ross, DPM .	1.5
Harry Goldsmith, DPM, Memorial Coding Seminar 8:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m. Volunteer Ballroom D Join Jeffrey Lehrman, DPM ; Alex Dellinger, DPM ; and Melissa Lockwood, DPM , to stay ahead of the coding curve with hot topics from coding changes in the last year, at-risk foot care, complex clinical scenarios, coding compliance with AI, minimal incision coding scenarios, and coding for dermatological conditions that can help keep your documentation clean and your claims on track.	3.5
TOTAL CECH	5

THANK YOU TO THE REIMAGINING APMA EDUCATION TASK FORCE

APMA gratefully acknowledges the members of the Reimagining APMA Education Task Force for their hard work and commitment to excellence in planning the 2026 Annual Scientific Meeting:

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This year, YOU help decide the best poster at The National! Browse the posters on display in Ryman Hall B1 and then cast your vote through the meeting app under Poster Abstract Symposium by 2:30 p.m. on Saturday. Each attendee can vote for one poster.

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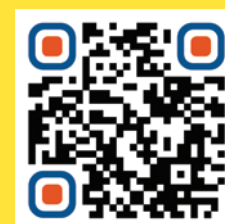
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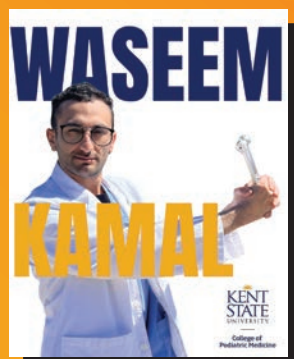
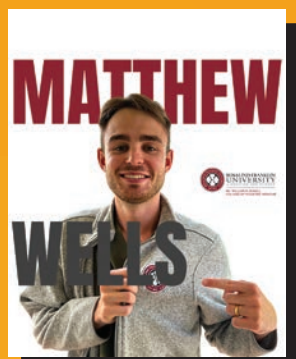
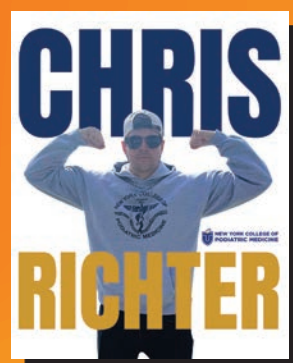
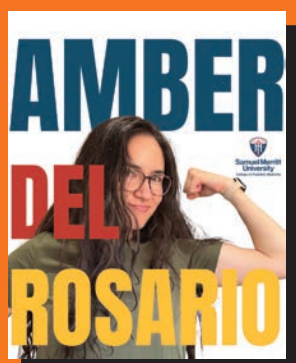
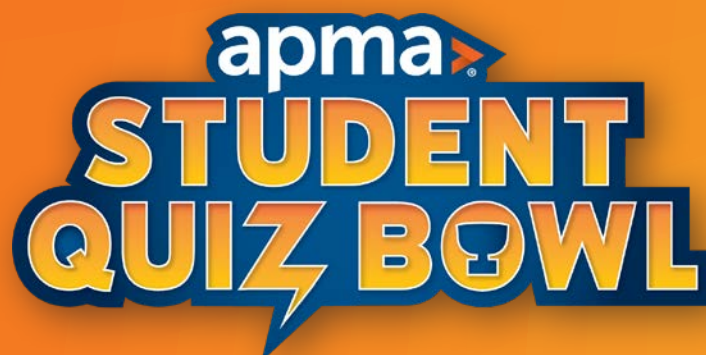
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The winner will be announced during the Ninth APMA Podiatry Student Quiz Bowl taking place on Saturday 4:30–6:00 p.m. in Volunteer Ballroom D. Don't miss your chance to recognize outstanding work from your peers!



MARQUEE EVENT: NINTH PODIATRY STUDENT QUIZ BOWL!

Whether you are still in podiatric medical school or are a veteran podiatrist, the Podiatry Student Quiz Bowl is mandatory entertainment! This cherished tradition pits one student from each of the 11 podiatric medical schools against one another in a Jeopardy-style competition. Is your school or alma mater the best? Make sure you come out for all the fun and root your school to victory! Make connections with other students or alumni at this great event that brings the whole community together for a little friendly competition!



MEET THE QUIZ BOWL

CONTESTANTS

SATURDAY, AUGUST 8

9:30–10:30 a.m.

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STUDENT QUIZ BOWL

SATURDAY, AUGUST 8

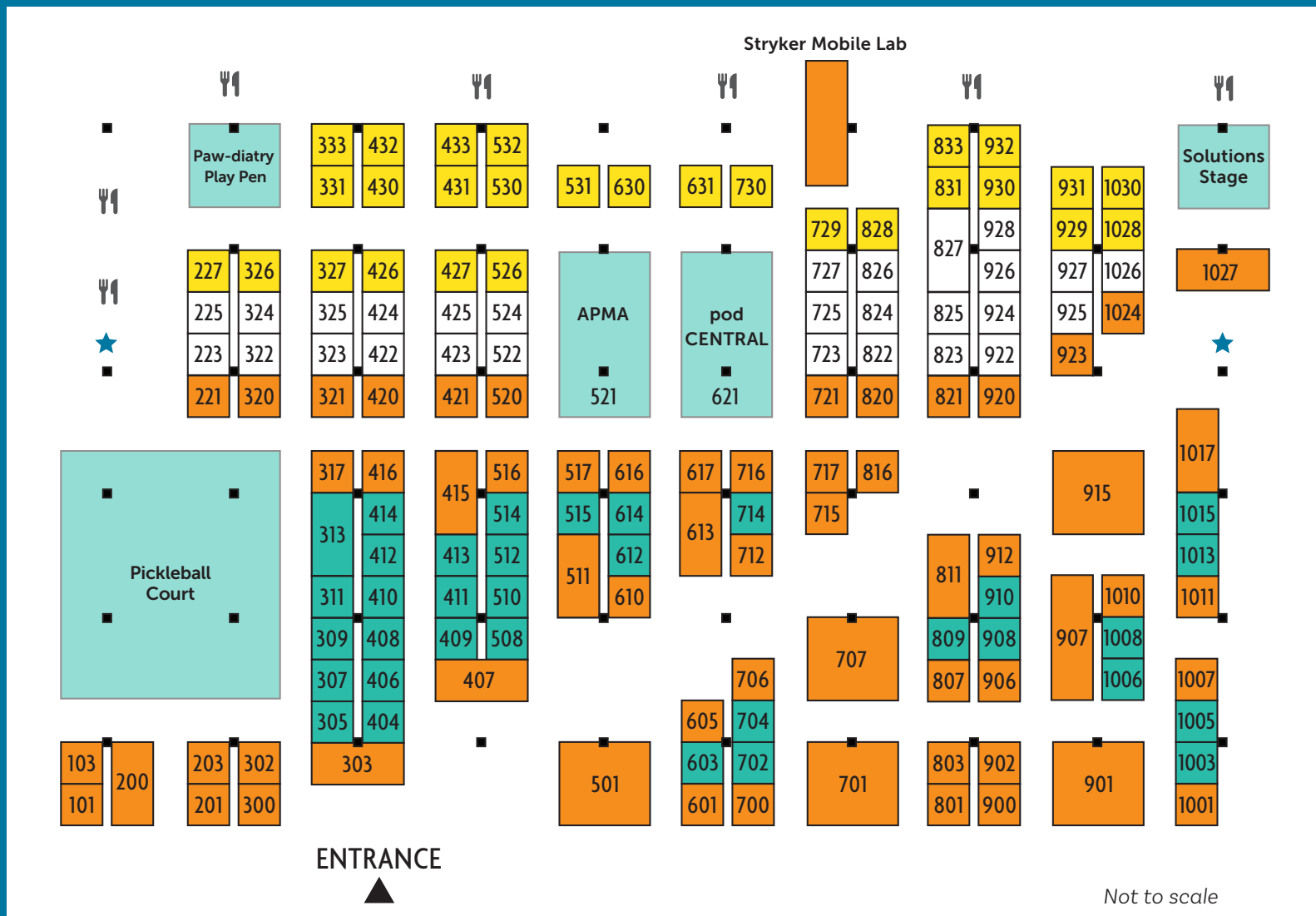
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Volunteer Ballroom D

**Temple University School of Podiatric Medicine will be represented by Sahil Kapadia, not pictured.*

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Friday, August 7 | 9:30 a.m.–3:45 p.m.
Saturday, August 8 | 9:30 a.m.–1:30 p.m.

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