

APMA MEMBERSHIP

Membership in the American Podiatric Medical Association (APMA) is automatically included when you become a PPMA member. The APMA serves 12,000 member podiatrists across the country, and represents podiatry on national affairs. APMA has been most influential on many fronts—legislative, regulatory (Medicare), as well as diagnostic and procedural coding. Its annual educational meetings attract thousands of podiatrists all over the world.

CHANCE TO SERVE

PPMA is maintained by an “all-volunteer” Board serving in many capacities on committees and other task forces in support of the profession. The Board in turn is supported by full-time professional staff at Association headquarters.

TO STAY INFORMED

The *PPMA News* is the Association’s newsletter to stay connected, and to keep updated on Association news, member news, and the podiatric profession at-large in PA. PPMA’s website, www.ppma.org, assists the Association in alerting members to more pressing news and information. Both are great communication vehicles to keep the membership always in the loop.

Remember, your ability to practice podiatric medicine to the full extent of your training, experience, and licensure has been promoted and protected by the combined forces of PPMA and APMA. Please contact us for further information on how to become a member or maintain your membership in this proud organization!

WHY ALL PODIATRISTS MUST BELONG!

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PPMA NEEDS YOU!

BENEFITS OF BELONGING

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TO SUSTAIN A UNIFIED VOICE

The Pennsylvania Podiatric Medical Association (PPMA) is the voice and conscience of its 850-plus members across all counties of Pennsylvania. Your support of our profession, demonstrated by becoming a member, maintains the unified force needed to sustain podiatric medicine as the main source of foot and ankle care in Pennsylvania.

TO MAINTAIN FAIR REIMBURSEMENT

A strong and unified voice is needed to overcome government and other third party assaults on the DPM's ability to practice his or her profession to its fullest potential and maintain a fair reimbursement environment.

TO ADVOCATE FOR PODIATRY

PPMA is headquartered in Camp Hill, Pennsylvania, minutes from downtown Harrisburg, giving staff the recourse to react quickly to any legislative issues that affect podiatrists. In addition, stationed on the PPMA website, www.ppma.org, members have the ability to immediately contact their legislators through an advocacy system called CAPWIZ.

TO WORK WITH THE HEALTH CARE COMMUNITY

PPMA serves as YOUR link between health insurance programs, hospitals, the State Board of Podiatry, the Pennsylvania Medical Society, the Pennsylvania Osteopathic Medical Society, and many other health care providers and organizations in Pennsylvania. PPMA often works together with these organizations to make access to health care easier for the citizens of our Commonwealth, and opens up the lines of communication so its members are able to practice to the full extent of their training and experience.



FOR LICENSURE & BOARD CERTIFICATION/RECERTIFICATION

Within the PPMA organization are two entities to expand PPMA member benefits. The first is the William L. Goldfarb Foundation for Education and Research of the Lower Extremity, PPMA's educational arm since 1994. The Foundation provides CPME-approved continuing medical education in the form of accredited seminars/courses, an online lecture library, and an online Review Course format in 'real' time. Under the direction of its dedicated board of volunteer podiatrists, the Foundation offers:

- The **Annual Clinical Conference** usually takes place in the fall with stellar faculty and the latest in foot and ankle surgery techniques, as well as general podiatric medicine lectures. Some may recall this seminar used to be known as The Hershey Seminar;
- Nationally renowned **Intensive Board Review, Refresher, & Recertification Course**, held in the winter. This course has grown so much during the past decade; it now offers, in addition to the classroom setting, taking the course online in 'real time.' Afterwards the lectures are posted on the Goldfarb Foundation's website for purchase;
- Other seminars held during the year help DPMs to attain the number of credits required for licensure within a two-year period. The **Annapolis Conference** and the **Montana Meeting** integrate a leisure activity like Fly Fishing for the Montana Meeting or a location brimming with history, entertainment, and shopping, like Annapolis, Maryland.

Goldfarb Foundation courses are provided at a substantial discount to PPMA members.

PMAP MALPRACTICE INSURANCE COVERAGE

PODIATRIC
MEDICAL
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The Podiatric Medical Assurance of Pennsylvania (PMAP) is another major benefit made available only through membership in PPMA. It is PPMA's endorsed podiatric professional liability insurance program, governed by its own volunteer board of podiatrists. This program has provided responsible and affordable malpractice insurance coverage in Pennsylvania since 1994.

The John Yurconic Insurance Agency is PMAP's broker and makes available other insurance lines such as health, disability, and business insurance.



TO HAVE UNION BACKING

OPEIU/Guild #45 endorsement allows PPMA members to use the strength of the AFL-CIO's 14 million members to increase access to legal and lobbying services, and to be included in the health plans of Union members. The OPEIU also has special benefits like its PerksCard that helps members save on such items as gift cards, movie tickets, video rentals, dining, health care, car repairs, home improvements, vacations, and lots more!

