



DFCON26

26th Edition of the Interdisciplinary Global Diabetic Foot Conference JW Marriott, Anaheim Resort October 22-24, 2026

Presented By: American Limb Preservation Society, Baylor College of Medicine, Keck School of Medicine of USC, and University of California, San Francisco

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2026

7:00 am **Continental Breakfast, Live Registration, & Exhibits**

7:45 am **Virtual Login Begins**

8:00am **Optional, Non-CME Breakfast Symposium-(1) (Location: TBD) – LIVE ATTENDEES ONLY**

8:00 am **Optional, Non-CME Breakfast Symposium-(2) (Location: TBD) – LIVE ATTENDEES ONLY**

8:00 am **Welcome**

David G. Armstrong, DPM, MD, PhD, Joseph L. Mills, Sr., MD and Michael S. Conte, MD

SESSION 1: Hop on the Magic Bus- Different Nations, Same Sole

Moderators: David Armstrong, DPM, MD, PhD and Joseph Mills, Sr., MD

8:10 am **The Bus Starts Here: The 2026 Global Preservation Tour**

Sicco Bus, PhD

8:25 am **One Team, in the Name of Limbs: How MLK Hospital Is Making the Impossible Possible**

David Tobey, DO

8:40 am **How do we define a Center of Excellence in Limb Preservation? A Message from Exotic Portland**

Cy Dove, DPM

8:55 am **Oh! Canada! A North American Free Toes Alliance (NAFTA)**

Ahmed Kayssi, MD

9:10 am **V.A.-Va-Voom! Driving System-Wide Limb Preservation in the Department of Veterans Affairs**

Hiro Suzuki, MD

9:25 am **Don't Worry, Be Hari: The WUWHS Global State of the Union**

Harikrishna Nair, MD

9:40 am **Panel Discussion**

9:55 am **Break/Exhibits**

SESSION 2: Flow, Flow, Flow Again

Moderators: Katharine McGinigle, MD and Michael Conte, MD

10:15 am **Hard Rock & Heavy Metal: Is Orbital Atherectomy All That?**

Mike Siah, MD

10:30 am **Mission Impossible: Defining the "No Option" Patient**

Neal Barshes, MD, MPH

10:45 am **Simply the BEST: Deep Diving into the BEST-CLI Global Sub-Studies**

Michael Conte, MD

11:00 am **The BEST of Times: Translating Trial Evidence into Practice**

Joseph Mills, Sr., MD

11:15 am **Between a Rock and a Hard Place: Conquering the Calcified Vessel**

Katharine McGinigle, MD

11:30 am **Panel Discussion**

11:45 am **Lunch, Exhibit & Posters**

12:00 pm- **Optional, Non-CME Lunch Symposium-(1) (Location: TBD) – LIVE ATTENDEES ONLY**

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1:15 pm **Olmos Award Presentation**

David G. Armstrong, DPM, MD, PhD, Joseph L. Mills, Sr., MD and Michael S. Conte, MD

SESSION 3: Infectious Grooves

Moderators: Sara Mahmoud, DPM & Brian Schmidt, DPM

1:30 pm **I need a Hiro: Lessons on the Latest in Antimicrobial Care**

Hiroyuki Suzuki, MD

1:45 pm **The BeBoP Beat: To Treat or Not to Treat Before the Biopsy?**

Marcos Schechter, MD

2:00 pm **Search and Destroy: The Predict Prevent, and Treat Battleplan**

Brian Schmidt, DPM

2:15 pm **Image Based Debridement is now a Thing: Just Watch This!**

Stephanie Woelfl, DPT

2:30 pm **It's worse than you think: Mortality and Wounds**

William Tettelbach, MD

2:45 pm **Panel Discussion**

3:00 pm **Break-Exhibits and Posters**

3:10 pm- Optional, Non-CME Spotlight Theater (Location: TBD) – LIVE ATTENDEES ONLY

3:25 pm TBD, Company: TBD

SESSION 4: The Supporting Cast: Every Sole Singer Needs a Band

Moderator: Samantha Minc, MD, MPH

4:00 pm **I Dream of Gene - Are Gene and Cell Therapy Ready for Prime Time**

Michael Conte, MD

4:15 pm **Happy CAMPers? Your Modalities for the Modern Wound Healing Clinic**

Brian Lepow, DPM and Suzanna Fitzpatrick, Credentials tbc

4:30 pm **New Pills for Diabetic Ills: The Endocrine Impact on PAD**

Rodica Pop Busui, MD, PhD

4:45 pm **Counseling the High-Risk Patient (And Their High-Risk Clinician)**

Brandon Brooks, DPM, MPH

5:00 pm **Lifestyle Redesign: Engineering a Better Daily Grind For Our Patients**

Stacey Schepens-Niemiec, PhD, OTR/L

5:15 pm **Panel Discussion**

5:30 pm **Adjourn**

5:30 – 7:30pm **Welcome & Poster Reception**



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FRIDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2026

6:45 am **Continental Breakfast & Live Registration**

7:00 am- **Optional, Non-CME Breakfast Symposium (Location: TBD) – LIVE ATTENDEES ONLY**

8:00 am **TBD**

Moderator: TBD

Company: TBD

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8:00 am **TBD**

TBD, Company: TBD

7:45 am **Virtual Login Begins**

SESSION 5: **CONCURRENT SESSIONS – Choose Session 5A OR 5B**

SESSION 5A: **Digital Remastery**

Moderators: Robert G. Frykberg, DPM, MPH, PhD and Stephanie Wu, MD

8:00 am **Welcome Back**

8:05 am **Postcard from ALPS: A Fellow's View of the Global Frontier**

Sara Mahmood, DPM

8:20 am **ALPS Traveling Fellowship Announcement**

Robert G. Frykberg, DPM, MPH, PhD and Stephanie Wu, MD

8:25 am **TTT WTF?**

Katharine McGinagle, MD

8:40 am **Should we be treating Charcot fractures more aggressively?**

Laura Shin, DPM, PhD

8:55 am **The ReyZ of Light: What the Podiatric Provider Is Missing in Plain Sight"**

Alex Reyzelman, DPM

9:10 am **Regifting the gift of pain: Can Spinal Cord Stimulation Improve Protective Sensation?**

Rodica Pop Busui, MD, PhD

9:25 am **Panel Discussion**

Session 5B: **LOCATION - ARBOR BALLROOM BREAKOUT ROOM**

Limb Preservation Center: Dream to Reality

8:00 am **Creation of Limb Preservation Center**

Krishna Jain

8:15 am **Medical Management and Use of Hyperbaric Oxygen in Wound Healing**

John Copotorto

8:35 am **Managing Wound in Limb Preservation Center**

Lee C. Rogers, DPM

9:05 am **Business Models**

Miguel Sandoval

9:20 am **Panel Discussion**

John Copotorto, Kishna Jain & Lee C. Rogers, DPM, Miguel Sandoval

9:40 am **Break**

9:50 am- Non-CME Spotlight Theater (Location: TBD) – LIVE ATTENDEES ONLY

10:05am

SESSION 6: Maximizing Activity in Rich Days

Moderators: Ryan Crews, PhD & Stephanie Woelfel, PT, DPT, CWS

10:40 am **Take Two Walks and Call Me in the Morning: Tailoring Physical Activity Recommendations for Persons with Diabetic Foot Disease**

Stephanie Woelfel, PT, DPT, CWS

10:55 am **Goldilocks and the Diabetic Foot: Too Little, Too Much or Just the Right Amount of Physical Activity**

Ryan Crews, PhD

11:10 am **Exercise for DFU Patients: Heresy or Helpful?**

Rodica Pop Busui, MD, PhD

11:25 am **Supporting Physical Activity Behavioral Modifications in Persons with Diabetic Foot Disease**

Bijan Najafi, PhD

11:40 am **Maximizing Activity Rich Days with the Optimized Therapeutic Footwear**

Sicco Bus, PhD

11:55 am **Panel Discussion**

12:10 pm **Lunch, Exhibit & Posters**

12:25 pm- Optional, Non-CME Lunch Symposium (Location: TBD) – LIVE ATTENDEES ONLY

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SESSION 7: Silicon Sole: Building the Next Gen Ecosystem to Eliminate Amputation

Moderators: Bijan Najafi, PhD and David G. Armstrong, DPM, MD, PhD

1:40 pm **High RPM: Putting Remote Control of the Diabetic Foot into the Patient's Hands**

Caitlin Hicks, MD

1:55 pm **Pressure Campaign: Should we be Measuring People pre and postop like we say we are?**

Ron Sherman, DPM

2:10 pm **Lee's Excellent Adventure: Tomorrow's Tech in Today's Limb Preservation Clinic**

Lee C. Rogers, DPM

2:25 pm **Your Chatbot Will See You Now: How Next-Gen Therapies are Changing Everything**

Salman Avestimehr

2:40 pm **Closing the Loop: AI Chatbots, Smart Boots, and Autonomous Care for the Diabetic Foot**

Bijan Najafi, PhD, MSc.

2:55 pm **Panel Discussion**

3:10 pm **Break**

SESSION 8: Voice of the Patient

Moderators: Kym McNicholas, PhD & Stephanie Woelfel, PT, DPT, CWS

3:30 pm **The Sole of the Matter: Sage Wisdom from our Therapeutic Spouses**

Patients: Lazaro Reyes, Frank Navarette & Willie Jefferson

4:00 pm **Adjourn**

7:30-10:00 pm **DFCon - Taste of Iceland Reception (faculty & registrants)**



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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2026

7:00 am **Continental Breakfast, Live Registration, Exhibits**

7:00 am- **Optional, Non-CME Breakfast Symposium (Location: TBD) – LIVE ATTENDEES ONLY**

8:00 am **TBD**

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8:00 am **TBD**

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8:00 am **Welcome Back**

SESSION 9: An Image Enhancement

Moderators: Jill Somerset, RVT and Michael Conte, MD

8:10 am **The BOLD and the Beautiful: Is IVIM MRI the Perfusion Powerhouse?**

David Reiter, PhD

8:25 am **Anu's View on What's New: Dynamic NIRS**

Anu Godavarty, PhD

8:40 am **Pedal with the Mettle? Why Pedal Acceleration Time is the MVP of the Vascular Lab**

Jill Sommerset, RVT

8:55 am **RUS PAT FTW**

Lihong Wang, PhD

9:10 am **The Tricorder is here: Multiple Sensors on One Device**

Farstah Vasefi

9:25 am **Panel Discussion**

9:40 am **Break/Exhibits**

9:50 am- **Optional, Non-CME Spotlight Theater (Location: TBD) – LIVE ATTENDEES ONLY**

10:05 am **TBD**

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SESSION 10: Wound Healing: Deep Cuts to Add to Your Soundtrack

Moderator: Harikrishna Nair

10:40 am **The Billion Dollar Question: How Do I Make Sense of All of the New Wound Healing Products?**

Lee Rogers, DPM

10:55 am **Who Turned on the Black Light? Seeing the Invisible in the High-Risk Foot**

Stephanie Woelfel, PT, DPT, CWS

11:10 am **Just Say Yes to NO: Is the Future of Nitric Oxide Here?**

Mike Edmonds, PhD (Virtual) // not invited but an alternative, depending on Convatec Chris Manu

11:25 am **An Axis of Healing: We Should be Using Multiple Topicals to Heal Wounds**

Harikrishna Nair

11:40 am **Clean Sweep 2.0: The IWII Revolution in Wound Hygiene**

Kara Couch, MS, CRNP, CWS

11:55 am **Panel Discussion**

12:10 pm **Lunch**

12:25 pm- Optional, Non-CME Lunch Symposium (Location: TBD) – LIVE ATTENDEES ONLY

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SESSION 11: Summary Judgement: The Final Countdown

Moderators: David G. Armstrong, DPM, MD, PhD, Joseph L. Mills Sr., MD, FACS, Michael S. Conte, MD

1:40 pm **The Look Ahead: How the International Working Group Will Change Your Practice 2027**

Sicco Bus, PhD

1:55 pm **The Screening Standard: Why Most Programs Fail and How We Fix Them**

Rodica Pop Busui, MD, PhD

2:10 pm **The Ghost of Wounds Past: 40 Years of Healing to Predict the Next 40**

Mike Edmonds, PhD (Virtual)

2:25 pm **The Big Idea: What Game Changing Studies will Hit the Limb Preservation Horizon in the Near Future?**

Michael S. Conte, MD

2:40 pm **Abstract Winner Announcement**

Bijan Najafi, PhD

2:50 pm **The Big Raffle Prize (and Kicking You Out until DFCon27)**

3:00 pm **Adjourn**