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FOOT & ANKLE CENTER OF ILLINOIS FORGES AHEAD IN 2021!

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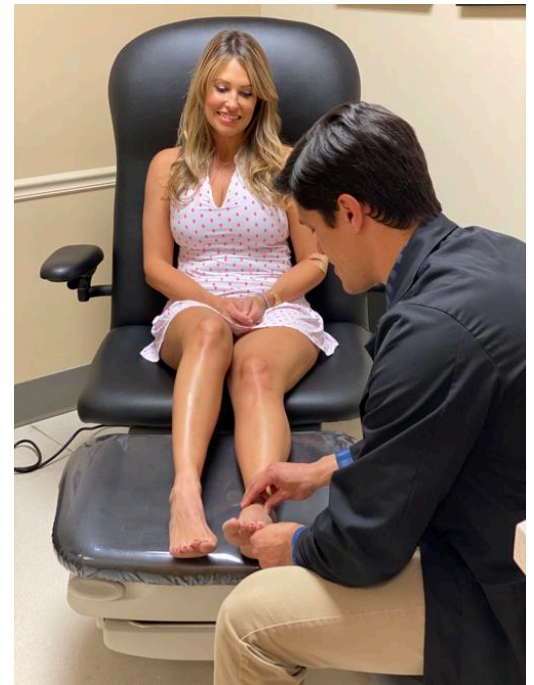
Founded nine years ago in Springfield IL, the Foot & Ankle Center of Illinois (FACI) built an exemplary network of medical clinics in central Illinois that have become the preferred destination of patients with difficult foot and ankle problems. Thousands of patients seek assistance from FACI each year at clinics located in Springfield, Decatur, Taylorville, Shelbyville, Sullivan, and Carlinville. Despite the COVID Pandemic, FACI made substantial progress to advance foot and ankle care. Here are some of the major accomplishments:

FACI EXPANDS SERVICE IN DECATUR

According to Dr. Sigle, "This year we made a major commitment to expand our presence in Decatur, IL. We recently moved into a newly remodeled clinic at HSHS St. Mary's Hospital in Decatur, IL. The clinic is open five days a week, 8 am-5pm. The space is absolutely beautiful and patients are thrilled! We have three exam rooms and a procedures room, a casting room, a laser and digital x-ray room, a products display area, and a comfortable reception area. The clinic is located on the 1st level next to the rear entryway of the building and is accessible with ample parking."

"We also hired additional medical support staff with specialized medical training and a top notch surgeon. Christopher Collazo, DPM, AACFAS recently completed an advanced surgical fellowship at the nationally recognized Weil Foot & Ankle Institute. Dr. Collazo lives in the area and will be on-site at five days a week. He will also be available for trauma, emergency needs, and wound care. Dr. Collazo is a skilled surgeon who is very personal. He's dedicated to help patients get back to doing what's important to them; and he will be an asset to the community," said Dr. Sigle.

According to Dr. Collazo, "I enjoy working with Dr. Sigle and Dr. Gonzalez who are highly trained and well-regarded physicians in the central Illinois region. I am looking forward to building my practice and establishing roots in the Decatur area. I treat patients of all ages with compassion and strive to provide quality care. My primary goal is to provide patients with better solutions and treatment that will change their lives. I specialize in women's foot care, pediatric foot care, sports injuries, foot deformities, and trauma. I live in the community and I'm very accessible. I can see patients within one day of making an appointment. No referrals are necessary and we accept most insurance plans. I am very excited to be a part of this community!"



FACI EXPANDS SERVICE IN MONTICELLO

The Foot & Ankle Center of Illinois is also expanding its reach to nearby Piatt County this year. According to Dr. Sigle, "We recently joined the medical staff at Kirby Hospital in Monticello, IL. Kirby Hospital is a beautiful facility and extraordinary independent hospital with great staff. The National Rural Health Association recognized Kirby as a Top 20 Critical Access Hospital in 2019."

FACI MAKES A HEALTHY COMMITMENT IN SOLAR

According to the U.S. Energy Information Administration, healthcare facilities are one of the top five commercial building energy consumers. FACI recently installed a new roof and solar system at its primary clinic in Springfield, IL this fall.

According to Dr. Sigle, "Our clinic consumes a great deal of energy because we have an open extremity MRI and weight bearing CT scanner. We thought solar would be a smart way to reduce energy consumption and protect the environment. It is also an added cost-saving solution."

FACI MAKES SAFETY UPGRADES TO SPRINGFIELD CLINIC

FACI also made two major safety upgrades to the mechanical and HVAC systems in Springfield. As a protective measure to patients and staff we retrofitted the heating ventilating and cooling system to include special UV lighting mechanisms that kill viruses and bacteria. Backup generators were also installed to serve as an auxiliary energy power source in the event of unforeseen power loss.

FACI BRINGS WORLD CLASS IMAGING TO PATIENTS

FACI acquired a world-class extremity MRI and weight bearing CT scanner this year to expand its diagnostic capabilities. According to Dr. Sigle, "Having this technology at our disposal allows us to provide immediate diagnosis during patient consultations and to pre-plan and customize surgeries. This helps us minimize surgical times and avoid possible complications."

According to Dr. Gonzalez, "The extremity MRI is fantastic for patients who are claustrophobic and fearful of getting into an enclosed MRI chamber. Image quality is also best in class." The Foot & Ankle Center of Illinois was designated as an Accredited MRI and CT Imaging Center by the Intersocietal Accreditation Commission.

"This past year presented the greatest challenges of my lifetime and professional career," said Dr. Sigle. "I am proud of our staff for their high level of professionalism and commitment to stay open during the pandemic and continuous effort to achieve major accomplishments. We are looking forward to expanding our services in Decatur and Monticello, and accepting new patients. As we head into our tenth year of medicine, we are confident that Dr. Collazo will bring added value to our practice and to the region," said Dr. Sigle.



If you are looking for board certified podiatrists with advanced training and experience, contact the Foot & Ankle Center of Illinois [217-787-2700](tel:217-787-2700) to make an appointment. On-line appointments can also be made at myfootandanklecenter.com. No referrals are necessary. Appointments are made within twenty-four hours and most insurance plans are accepted.