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POST-RESIDENCY WORK EXPERIENCE

Moore Foot and Ankle Specialists, Asheville, NC



Associate Podiatrist since July 17, 2017

Treat all aspects of the foot and ankle pathology including infections, Charcot neuroarthropathy, diabetes mellitus, trauma, sport injuries, ingrown toenails, bunions, and structural deformities, etc. The majority of my experience is in diabetic wound care and limb salvage. I spend on average 20+ weeks on call each year and perform over 600 surgical procedures each year.

HOSPITAL PRIVILEGES

Mission Hospital System, Asheville, NC

Privileged for forefoot and rearfoot/ankle surgery including external fixation, skin grafting, and lower extremity flaps starting August 1, 2017

Orthopedic Surgery Center, Asheville, NC

Privileged for forefoot and rearfoot/ankle surgery starting December 22, 2017

Harris Regional Hospital, Sylva, NC

Privileged for forefoot and rearfoot/ankle surgery starting January 9, 2018

RESIDENCY/TRAINING

Saint Francis Hospital and Medical Center, Hartford, CT

PMSR-RRA July 2014 – June 2017

Chief Resident, SFHMC, 2016 - 2017

- Provided outpatient podiatric care at the SFHMC Podiatric Surgical Clinic which is a resident run clinic scheduled surgeries, post-operative follow ups, inpatient follow ups, and diabetic foot care.
- Provided wound care at the Center for Advanced Wound Healing and Lymphedema Management gained experience with complex diabetic foot wounds, surgical dehiscence, hyperbaric oxygen therapy, and prosthetic/orthotic planning and fitting. I have CWSP certification as of 4/8/2019
- Sizeable experience in forefoot/rear foot surgery, flatfoot reconstruction, trauma, and diabetic limb salvage.
- Managed inpatients in all levels of care. Over 400 days spent on call. Accumulated vast experience in emergent podiatric evaluations, inpatient medical management, and outpatient follow up of admitted patients.
- Completed all allopathic medical rotations including: Vascular Surgery, Plastic Surgery, Internal Medicine, Infectious Disease, Emergency Medicine, Radiology, Dermatology, Rheumatology, and Behavioral Medicine.
- Resident Moderator for the Greater Hartford Podiatric Monthly Meetings for all residents and attendings; Responsibilities included organizing sponsorships and lecture/case presentations.
- Resident Moderator of student extern education. This included workshops on suturing, surgical instrumentation, operating etiquette and techniques, cadaver labs, and mock interviews.

EDUCATION

Des Moines University College of Podiatric Medicine and Surgery- Des Moines, IA, DPM, 2014 University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill- Chapel Hill, NC, BSPH Nutrition with Highest Honors, 2010 Minor in Chemistry

Union Pines High School- Cameron, NC, High School Diploma, 2006

RESEARCH/PUBLICATIONS

American College of Foot and Ankle Surgeons Poster Presentation, New Orleans LA, February 2019
Case Review: Treatment of Talar Avascular Necrosis using Subchondroplasty and Subtalar Joint Fusion.
Balloch RE; Butto DN, Ward ML; Davis, C; St. Francis Hospital, Hartford, CT.
ACFAS Scientific Literature Review Monthly, March 2017
Free Medial Plantar Flap Connection with a Posterior Tibial Artery Flap in Reconstruction of Fore–Mid Foot
Skin Defect
American College of Foot and Ankle Surgeons Poster presentation, Las Vegas NV, February 2017
Case review series: Effects of open Z-lengthening and posterior ankle arthrotomy and use of a Walk-Aid
device on elimination of AFO devices in patients with Cerebral Palsy and Multiple Sclerosis
ACFAOM Review Text 2016 Edition, published
Chapter 2: Laboratory Medicine; Ward ML, Ward PE; Central Carolina Foot and Ankle Associates
ACFAS Scientific Literature Review Monthly, December 2014
Nutritional Status Deteriorates as the Severity of Diabetic Foot Ulcers Increases and Independently Associates
with Prognosis
APMA National Meeting Poster Presentation, Las Vegas NV, July 2013
Floating Osteotomy as a Treatment for Plantar Forefoot Non-Healing Wounds without signs of Osteomyelitis
Pehde CE, Mastay AR, Ward ML; East Village Foot and Ankle Center, Des Moines, IA.
American Public Health Association National Meeting, Washington DC, October 2009

Impact of Over the Counter Shoe Inserts on Heel Pain Following recent Weight Gain

Ward ML, Ward PE; Foot and Ankle Center of North Carolina, Pinehurst, NC.

MAGAZINE CONTRIBUTIONS

The Kitchn

The best shoes to wear while working in the kitchen. Published online 1-22-2018 https://www.thekitchn.com/the-best-shoes-to-wear-while-working-the-kitchen-253194

Real Simple

The one mistake you're making with your heels. Published online 10-30-2017.

https://www.realsimple.com/beauty-fashion/shoes-accessories/how-to-make-high-heels-more-comfortable

Women's Health

Exactly what to do if your toenail falls off. Published online 10-9-2017. https://www.womenshealthmag.com/health/ripped-off-toenail

LECTURES

American College of Foot and Ankle Surgeons Complication Seminar 2016, Providence, RI Case study presentation on a Charcot ankle reconstruction which ended in below knee amputation American Podiatric Medical Association National Meeting 2015, Orlando FL Presented information on trauma foot exam to podiatric assistants American Podiatric Medical Association National Meeting 2013, Las Vegas, NV Presented information on diabetic foot exam to podiatric assistants American Public Health Association National Convention 2009, Washington DC Presented follow up original research on weight loss and heel pain relief American Public Health Association National Convention 2008, San Diego, CA Presented initial original research on weight loss and heel pain relief

NATIONAL BOARDS/PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATIONS

NBPME Part 1, passed June 2012 NBPME Part 2, passed January 2014 NBPME Part 3, passed June 2015 ACLS/BLS 2014, renewed June 2022 North Carolina State Podiatry License #659, obtained January 2016 Diplomat of the American Board of Foot and Ankle Surgeons, Board Certified in Forefoot and Rearfoot/Ankle Surgery as of April 4, 2019 Diplomat of the American Board of Podiatric Medicine with CAQ in Amputation Prevention and Wound Care American Board of Wound Management Certified Wound Specialist Physician obtained April 2019

COURSES/CONFERENCES

North Carolina Foot and Ankle Society Annual Meeting, Greensboro NC, January 2023 North Carolina Foot and Ankle Society Annual Meeting, Greensboro NC, January 2020 North Carolina Foot and Ankle Society Annual Meeting, Pinehurst NC, February 2019 North Carolina Foot and Ankle Society Annual Meeting, Charlotte NC, February 2018 Connecticut Podiatric Medical Association Annual Symposium, Hartford CT, March 2017 American College of Foot and Ankle Surgery National Meeting, Las Vegas NV, February 2017 ACFAS Division 8 Complications Conference, Providence RI, January 2017 Chicago Lower Extremity Surgical Foundation Flaps Course, Chicago IL, October 2016 American Academy of Foot and Ankle Osteosynthesis Advanced Course, Memphis TN, August 2016 American Podiatric Medical Association Annual Meeting, Philadelphia PA, July 2016 American College of Foot and Ankle Surgery Arthroscopy Course, Chicago IL, June 2016 Connecticut Podiatric Medical Association Annual Symposium, Hartford CT, March 2016 American Academy of Foot and Ankle Osteosynthesis Comprehensive Course, Memphis TN, March 2016 North Carolina Foot and Ankle Society Annual Meeting, Greensboro NC, January 2016 ACFAS Division 8 Complications Conference, Providence RI, January 2016 American Podiatric Medical Association Basic and Advanced Arthroscopy course, Orlando FL, July 2015 American Podiatric Medical Association Annual Meeting, Orlando FL, July 2015 Connecticut Podiatric Medical Association Annual Symposium, Hartford CT, March 2015 ACFAS Division 8 Complications Conference, Providence RI, January 2015 American Podiatric Medical Association Annual Meeting, Las Vegas NV, July 2013 American Public Health Association National Meeting, Washington DC, October 2009 American Podiatric Medical Association Annual Meeting, Toronto ON, July 2009 American Public Health Association National Meeting, San Diego CA, October 2008 American Podiatric Medical Association Annual Meeting, Honolulu HI July 2008

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

APMA, American Podiatric Medical Association ACFOAM, American College of Foot and Ankle Orthopedics and Medicine NCFAS, North Carolina Foot and Ankle Society ACFAS, American College of Foot and Ankle Surgeons APHA, American Public Health Association

LEADERSHIP

AWARDS AND HONORS

APMA Educational Foundation Scholarship 2013-2014 North Carolina Foot and Ankle Society Basil Tucker Scholarship 2013-2014 Marjean Reed Scholarship for Outstanding Surgical Teaching Assistant 2012-2013 North Carolina Health Sciences and Medicine Scholarship 2010-2014 Des Moines University Merit Scholarship 2010-2014

VOLUNTEER AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

Special Olympics "Fit Feet" 2014 – 2017
Performed foot evaluations and screenings of special Olympics participants
Hartford Marathon 2015
Participated in the Hartford ½ Marathon
Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation "Walk for a Cure" 2010-2014
Raised money for the JDRF and participated in the community fair for diabetes awareness
Catholic Worker's House 2010-2012
Cooked and served dinner for the homeless population of Des Moines monthly
Senior Health Fair 2010-2012
Performed foot screenings and performed with the Des Moines University choir
Girls in Science 2011-2013
Taught girls ages 8-12 about science and medicine and led hands on surgical skills workshops
Des Moines Marathon 2011
Ran a water station for marathon runners
Mission Active 2011-2013
Held a science/activity fair for girls and boys ages 5-12 to encourage active lifestyles
Des Moines University Choir 2010-2013
Performed at school and community events with the DMU acapella choir, served as lead soloist