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3:10 PM-3:55 PM – Refreshments / Visit Exhibitors

3:55 PM-5:30 PM – Soft Tissues and Other Issues **sign in (1.75 credits)**

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7:00 AM-7:30 AM – Breakfast / Visit Exhibitors

7:30 AM-10:00 AM – Innovations in Podiatric Medicine & Surgery **sign in (2.5 credits)**

10:00 AM-10:45 AM – Refreshments / Visit Exhibitors

10:45 AM-11:45 AM – Workshop **sign in (1.0 credits)**

11:45 AM-1:00 PM – Lunch & Learn / Visit Exhibitors

1:00 PM-3:40 PM – All Things Hallux Valgus and First Ray **sign in (2.75 credits)**

3:40 PM-4:15 PM – Refreshments / Visit Exhibitors

4:15 PM-6:30 PM – More First Ray **sign in (2.25 credits)**

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7:30 AM-10:00 AM – Trauma & Rearfoot **sign in (2.5 credits)**

10:00 AM-10:30 AM – Refreshments / Last Chance to Visit Exhibitors

10:30 AM-12:45 PM – Trauma & Rearfoot *cont.* **sign in (2.25 credits)**

12:45 PM-1:30 PM – Lunch

1:30 PM-3:45 PM – Medicine, Diabetes, and Other Jeopardy Topics **sign in (2.25 credits)**

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7:30 AM-10:45 AM – Quips, Tips & Pearls **sign in (3.25 credits)**

10:45 AM-11:00 AM – Refreshment Break

11:00 AM-1:00 PM – Quips, Tips & Pearls **sign in (2.0 credits)**

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**Topics of Interest:** The attendee will gain knowledge and understanding of various topics that the podiatric physician may encounter related to soft tissue, innovations, etc.

**Medicine:** The attendee will become familiar with the current treatment options and advanced therapies in the various medical conditions that present to a podiatric physician.

**Dermatology:** The attendee will gain a better appreciation for the wide array of dermatologic conditions that can present in the skin and nails of the foot. Diagnostic methods and treatment protocols will be reviewed. Indications for biopsy procedures will be discussed in the context of a hands-on workshop that will include the most useful plastic procedures for post-biopsy excisions on the skin of the foot.



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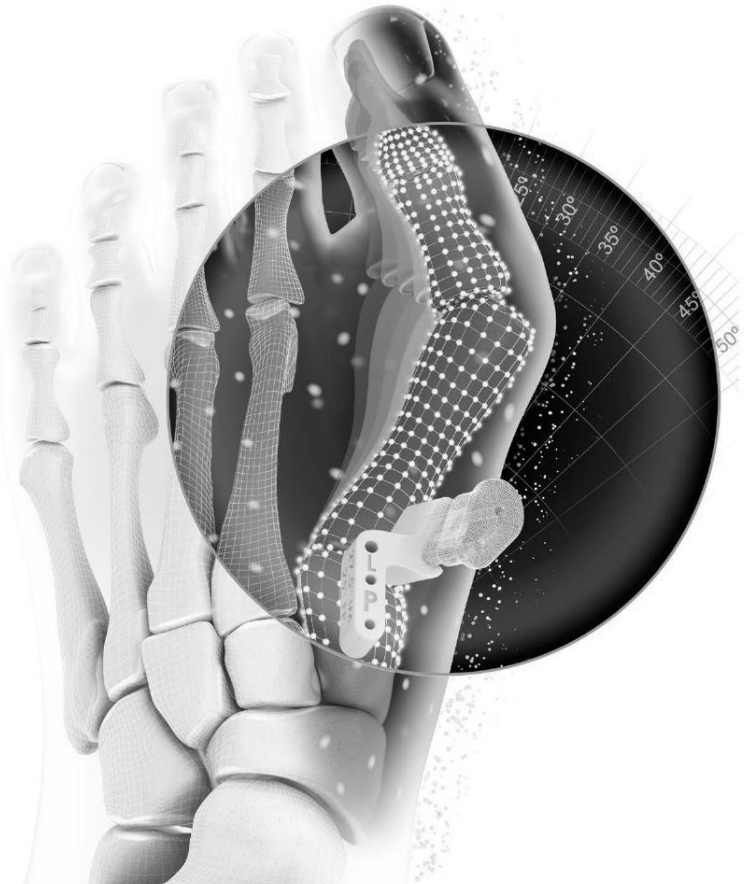
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## **THURSDAY, APRIL 9, 2026**

12:00 – 12:25 PM REGISTRATION & REFRESHMENTS - EXHIBIT HALL OPENS

12:25 – 12:30 WELCOME TO PHOENIX Haddon

### **CURRENT TOPICS AND DEVELOPMENTS IN PODIATRY**

**Moderator: McGlamry**

12:30 – 12:50	Lessons Learned Transitioning from Residency to Practice	GERBER
12:50 – 1:10	Placental Derived Allografts	CALDARELLA
1:10 – 1:30	Fibular Fractures: The Art, The Science and the Magic	MCGLAMRY
1:30 – 1:50	Surgical Technique for Tailor's Bunionectomy	RUCH
1:50 – 2:10	Update on Ultrasonic Tendon Debridement and Repair	FREED
2:10 – 2:30	The Ischemic Toe Nightmare: Don't Panic??	BROSKY
2:30 – 2:50	Salvage of the Infected Ankle	MCGLAMRY
2:50 – 3:10	QUESTION AND ANSWER	PANEL
<b>3:10 – 3:55</b>	<b>REFRESHMENT BREAK &amp; VISIT EXHIBITS</b>	

### **SOFT TISSUES AND OTHER ISSUES**

**Moderator: Scherer**

3:55 – 4:20	Analysis and Report on 100,000 Abnormal Toenails	SCHERER
4:20 – 4:45	Cost Effective Capsulorrhaphy of the Lessor MPJ	RUCH
4:45 – 5:10	A Study of 15,000 Interdigital Webspace Infections	SCHERER
5:10 – 5:30	QUESTION AND ANSWER	PANEL

## **FRIDAY, APRIL 10, 2026**

**7:00 – 7:30 AM BREAKFAST WITH EXHIBITORS**

**Aprajita Nakra - Memorial Section**

### **INNOVATIONS IN PODIATRIC MEDICINE & SURGERY**

**Moderator: Haddon**

7:30 – 7:50	Use of a novel Superalloy in Foot & Ankle Surgery	CALDARELLA
7:50 – 8:10	Supramalleolar Osteotomy: Small correction for Big Impact	BROSKY
8:10 – 8:30	Plantar Plate Arthroscopy	FREED
8:30 – 8:50	Allograft Resurfacing Options for the First MPJ	HADDON
8:50 – 9:10	GLP-1 Agonists and Skin	VLAHOVIC
9:10 – 9:30	Management of Ankle Osteochondral Defects	HADDON
9:30 – 9:50	BioMechanics Driven Reconstruction of the Foot & Ankle	GERBER

*Friday Schedule Continued*

9:50 – 10:00 QUESTION AND ANSWER PANEL

**10:00 – 10:45 REFRESHMENT BREAK & VISIT EXHIBITS**

10:45 – 11:45 **DERMATOLOGY WORKSHOP** SCHERER

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**ALL THINGS HALLUX VALGUS AND FIRST RAY**

Moderator: Caldarella

1:00 – 1:20 MIS Bunion Surgery: What's it Really All About CALDARELLA

1:20 – 1:40 The Austin: Time Tested and Proven MCGLAMRY

1:40 – 2:00 Primary and Salvage 1st MPJ Arthrodesis CALDARELLA

2:00 – 2:20 Allograft Augmentation 1st MPJ Arthrodesis BROSKY

2:20 – 2:40 Checkrein of the Great Toe FREED

2:40 – 3:00 Lapidus Arthrodesis: The Value Added Equation CALDARELLA

3:00 – 3:20 Scarf Revision for Failed Hallux Valgus Surgery RUCH

3:20 – 3:40 QUESTION AND ANSWER PANEL

**3:40 – 4:15 REFRESHMENT BREAK & VISIT EXHIBITS**

**MORE FIRST RAY**

PANEL DISCUSSIONS

4:15 – 5:20 MIS vs. Traditional Bunion Surgery Punks vs The Law

5:20 – 6:30 Geriatric HAV Surgery: Fusion Vs Other

## **SATURDAY, APRIL 11, 2026**

**7:00 – 7:30 AM BREAKFAST WITH EXHIBITORS**

### **TRAUMA AND REARFOOT**

Moderator: Brosky

7:30 – 7:50	Ankle Stabilization, Don't Forget Old School	MONTROSS
7:50 – 8:10	An Alternative Double Arthrodesis	RUCH
8:10 – 8:30	Achilles Tendon Rupture Update 2026	CALDARELLA
8:30 – 8:50	Management of Complex Foot and Ankle Deformities	GERBER
8:50 – 9:30	Lauge Hansen A-Z	RUCH
9:30 – 9:50	Complex Ankle Replacement	MONTROSS
9:50 – 10:00	QUESTION AND ANSWER	

### **10:00 – 10:30 REFRESHMENT BREAK & VISIT EXHIBITS**

10:30 – 10:50	Geriatric Ankle Fracture Management?? Minimally Invasive??	HADDON
10:50 – 11:20	Minimal Incision Fibular Fracture Management	CALDARELLA
11:20 AM – 12:30 PM	Rearfoot Realignment	PANEL
12:30 – 12:45	QUESTION AND ANSWER	PANEL

### **12:45 -1:30 LUNCH SPONSORED BY DEPUY SYNTHES**

### **MEDICINE, DIABETES, AND OTHER JEOPARDY TOPICS**

Moderator: Vlahovic

1:30 – 1:50	Navigating Tik-Tok's Dermatology Myths	VLAHOVIC
1:50 – 2:10	Diagnosing and Treating Small Fiber Neuropathy	SCHERER
2:10 – 2:30	Dermatophytoma: A Condition You See Everyday	VLAHOVIC
2:30 – 3:30	Utilizing Cytology to Understand Soft Tissue Pathology	SCHERER
3:30 – 3:45	QUESTION AND ANSWER	PANEL

## **SUNDAY, APRIL 12, 2026**

7:30 – 8:00 AM BREAKFAST

### **QUIPS TIPS AND PEARLS. STUFF YOU CAN USE ON MONDAY**

Moderator: Haddon

7:30 – 7:55	Stage Zero Charcot: Avoid Collapse and Surgery	BROSKY
7:55 – 8:20	Surgical Technique for Plantar Heel Surgery	RUCH
8:20 – 8:40	Hallux IPJ Arthrodesis Utilizing Crossed Screw Technique	HADDON
8:40 – 9:05	Giant Cell Tumor of Tendon Sheath: A Review	FISHCO
9:05 – 9:25	Implant Arthroplasty	MONTROSS
9:25 – 9:50	Base Wedge Bunionectomy and Early Weightbearing	HADDON
9:50 – 10:10		TBA
10:10 – 10:35	Principles of Lower Extremity Reconstructive Surgery	GERBER
10:35 – 10:45	QUESTION AND ANSWER	PANEL
<b>10:45 - 11:00</b>	<b>REFRESHMENT BREAK</b>	

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11:00 – 11:20	Peripheral Nerve Sheath Tumors	FISHCO
11:20 – 11:40	Indications for Ankle Arthrodesis	EMERSON
11:40 AM – 12:00 PM	Updates in Preoperative Management	BUSBY
12:00 – 12:20	Increased Breast and all Cause Cancer Prevalence in Female Podiatrists	ROBINSON
12:20 – 12:40	FISHCO RESIDENT LECTURE	TBA
12:40 – 1:00	QUESTION AND ANSWER	PANEL

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TO THE PODIATRY PROFESSION

## **VALLEY OF THE SUN**

Challenging Cases & Current Treatment Options  
in Podiatric Medicine & Surgery  
Joint Provider: Arizona Foot and Ankle Medical Assoc.  
Marriott Phoenix Tempe at The Buttes – **Phoenix,  
Arizona**  
April 9-12, 2026  
25 CECHs

## **SURGICAL PEARLS BY THE SEA**

Current Trends in Management of Foot, Ankle & Leg  
Disorders  
Joint Provider: Rhode Island Podiatric Medical Assoc  
Newport Marriott – **Newport, Rhode Island**  
April 23-26, 2026  
25 CECHs

## **FOOTPRINTS IN THE SAND**

Challenging Cases & Current Treatment Options  
in Podiatric Medicine & Surgery  
Joint Provider: South Carolina Podiatric Medical  
Assoc.  
Hilton Beachfront Resort & Spa – **Hilton Head, South  
Carolina**  
June 18-21, 2026  
20 CECHs

## **45TH ANNUAL RECONSTRUCTIVE SURGERY OF THE FOOT, ANKLE & LEG UPDATE 2026**

Joint Provider: San Diego Podiatric Medical Society  
Hyatt Regency Mission Bay – **San Diego, California**  
September 24-27, 2026  
25 CECHs

## **THE 39TH ANNUAL SANIBEL CONFERENCE**

Hallux Valgus & Related Forefoot Surgery  
Sanibel Harbour Marriott – **Fort Myers, Florida**  
November 4-7, 2026  
20 CECHs