

**Podiatric Residents and Fellows:
12th Annual
International Post Graduate
Research Symposium
Held at the Midwest Podiatry Conference
Hyatt Regency Chicago, Chicago, IL April 4, 2009
Call for Abstracts
Present Your Research Findings!**

The Midwest Podiatry Conference in cooperation with the Illinois Podiatric Medical Association invites you to participate in the Twelfth Annual International Post Graduate Research Symposium in Chicago on Saturday, April 4, 2009. This conference was previously only open to US podiatric residents, fellows and preceptees. The 2009 event will mark the first year that the symposium is accepting application from all over the world providing researchers with even more exposure.

Abstracts on various topics including wound care, diabetes, surgery and podiatric medicine were presented last year, with participants coming from across the country. The 2008 first, second and third place award winners are listed below.

“The Correlation between Plantar Fascia Thickness and Symptoms of Plantar Fasciitis Using the Visual Analogue Scale: A Prospective Study” – Brad Legge, DPM

“Sodium Hyaluronate in the Treatment of Osteoarthritis of the First Metatarsophalangeal Joint: A Controlled, Randomized, Double-Blind Pilot Study” – Nathan Hunt, DPM

“C-Reactive Protein is a Sensitive Biomarker in Acute Diabetic Forefoot Osteomyelitis” – Andrea Leonards, DPM

Participants said the conference was an excellent opportunity to receive recognition of their work and to network with fellow residents and practicing podiatrists. Doctors who attended the symposium during the past 11 years described it as having some of the best innovative and forward thinking content of any lectures at podiatric seminars.

Residents and fellows are an important part of podiatry today and will be the podiatric profession of tomorrow. The 2009 International Post-Graduate Research Symposium is seeking the broadest and most diverse selection of abstracts possible. This symposium affords practicing DPMs the opportunity to know and understand the contributions that residents are already making to podiatric health.

We hope you will be able to join us for this unforgettable event.

To Submit an Abstract for Presentation

Complete the attached abstract submission form, and follow the submission instructions. A letter of sponsorship must accompany each abstract from the training program director. Submissions from students will not be allowed without permission from the IPGRS Chairman.

Awards will be based on clarity, presentation, validity, proper scientific format and originality. Each abstract, if accepted, will be reviewed with suggestions offered for improvement. Ignoring these suggestions may result in a lower score during the symposium.

Participants will be notified by mail of acceptance or rejection.

Abstract Submission Deadline: January 11, 2009

Notification of Acceptance: January 31, 2009

Audio Visual

Available equipment will be an LCD projector, screen and pointer. No slide projectors, overheads or VCRs will be available. Only PowerPoint presentations will be expected, which are due 3 weeks before the conference.

Registration

If your abstract is accepted for presentation your registration for the Midwest Podiatry Conference will be waived (only one presenter per abstract). However, you will still need to complete and submit the registration form for the conference (this is in addition to the enclosed abstract submission form). The registration form and brochure for the Midwest will be sent to you upon acceptance of your abstract. All other sessions in the Doctors General Program and the Surgical Board Review Course are included for accepted presenters. Workshops are excluded and may be an additional fee. The registration brochure and updated web site will be available no later than January 2009.

The Midwest Podiatry conference does not cover any of the costs of travel or accommodation for the presentation of abstracts.

Location & Hotel Accommodations

Hyatt Regency Chicago
151 East Wacker Drive
Chicago, Illinois 60601
312-565-1234 or 1-800-233-1234

Please call the MPC Convention Director to make your reservations with the Hyatt Regency Chicago. This premier luxury hotel is located just off Chicago's famous Michigan Avenue ("Magnificent Mile"). Special Group Rates are available through **March 10, 2009** based on availability. The Hyatt was sold out in 2008 so please make your reservations early. Early check-out fees may apply. Hyatt is offering 25% off overnight parking rates for attendees of the Midwest Podiatry Conference staying overnight at the Hyatt.

Student Rate:	\$119**
Single/Double:	\$199
Deluxe:	\$229
Regency Club:	\$249
Additional Person Extra	

**This special rate is only available to residents and students.

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Car Rental Information

Please check the MPC website at www.midwestpodconf.org to find out about great deals on rental cars.

Continental Airport Express

Check out the MPC website to see available discounts from Continental Airport Express.

Shuttles leave O'Hare airport every 5 – 10 minutes with an average travel time of 45 minutes. Shuttles from Midway airport leave every 15 minutes with an average travel time of 30 minutes to the city.

International Post Graduate Research Symposium Abstract Guidelines

The following is a template for an abstract submission to the International Post-Graduate Research Symposium. The total abstract should not exceed 200 words and should cover all six sections shown below, **including the headings**. Once abstracts are submitted they are considered final and no changes or addenda will be allowed. Submitters must follow the guidelines below. Abstracts must be received no later than January 11, 2009 for review.

Abstracts will be accepted from all types of research. This includes prospective, retrospective and new ideas and innovations (this would also include interesting case presentations or small reviews). This *New Ideas/Case Study* section of the symposium is subject to available space, and will only be offered if time permits. Prospective participants will be notified of acceptance or rejection in time to arrange travel to the symposium.

An abstract is an outline of research that has been completed and is being prepared for publication. Research which has already been published should not be submitted. Please include the following headings in your abstract.

Title: The title of the research as the authors anticipate it will appear if published.

Authors: Include all persons who will be listed as authors when the manuscript is submitted for publication. It is customary to list the person responsible for the greatest part of the project as first author and those making the next largest contributions second and so on. This is left to the authors' discretion. The first author listed here does not have to be the presenting author.

Purpose: Describe what the authors hoped to discover with the research project.

Methods: Include a brief description of the methods used to carry out the project, including the statistical analysis performed.

Results: Describe what results were found and any statistical analysis performed. It is important to note if differences between the study groups were statistically significant.

Conclusion: Include the authors' opinions on the relevance of the results.

2009 International Post Graduate Research Symposium

Abstract Submission Form

April 4, 2009 – Hyatt Regency Chicago - Chicago, Illinois

Deadline: January 11, 2009

Submission Instructions

1. Abstracts must be 200 words or less and must conform to the format described under Abstract Guidelines.
2. Please include a blind printed copy of the abstract as well as a disk in Electronic IBM-compatible, Microsoft Word, ASCII or Text format (both of these should not have any identifying information on them), and one printed copy of the abstract with your name on it. You may email the electronic format to meetings@ipma.net, as long as you also submit all the paperwork.
3. Abstracts must be original, clinical and/or basic science works of the presenting author.
4. This form must be accompanied by a letter of sponsorship from your training program director. Abstracts submitted without such documentation will not be considered. Abstracts may be presented by residents or fellows (no students allowed without permission from the NPGRS Chairman).

Title: _____

Presenter: _____

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Tell us about yourself:

Name: _____

Home Address: _____

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Tell us about your training program:

Training Program Name: _____

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Was your research sponsored by a commercial company? Yes No Details: _____

Include in your package:

- Completed abstract submission form
- Letter of sponsorship
- A blind copy of the abstract and one copy identifying the author or authors
- A blind electronic format on disk, CD or email.

Mail to:

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