PROGRAM OVERVIEW
DFCon is the premier international, interdisciplinary diabetic foot conference in North America. In its 15th year, the course is designed for the wide spectrum of generalists and specialists who diagnose and manage the diabetic foot. Didactic talks, panel discussions, Q&A sessions, specialty symposia and workshops will delve into diagnostic and interventional strategies for diabetic foot ulcers and amputation prevention. Featuring a world-renowned international faculty, DFCon offers the opportunity to review state-of-the-art concepts and techniques.
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LEARNING OBJECTIVES
1. Identify updated information to provide patient care in the disciplines of vascular surgery, vascular interventional, wound care, podiatry and diabetology.
2. Explain new techniques in collaborating and communicating when working with teams to ensure best practices in patient care, education and research in vascular surgery and all disciplines that care for the diabetic foot.
3. Apply quality improvement in areas in vascular surgery.
4. Utilize updated information as outlined in program as related to vascular surgery diagnosis and diseases.
5. Outline on new techniques and studies along with innovative approaches related to patient care, medical knowledge, practice-based learning and improvement, and system based practices.

TARGET AUDIENCE
Our target audience includes: podiatric surgeons, diabetes specialists, vascular surgeons, interventionalists, primary care physicians, wound healing specialist physicians and nurses, residents, fellows, physician assistants, nurse practitioners.

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Lectures
Panel Discussions
Question and Answer Sessions
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Thursday, March 23, 2017

6:45 - 8:00  Registration

7:00 - 8:00  Breakfast Symposia
- Hangar Clinic (non CME/CPME)

Global Session - Strategic Amputation Limitation Summit: Global Treaties to Treat, Trust and Verify
Moderators: Dr. David G. Armstrong and Dr. Joseph L. Mills Sr.

8:00 - 8:20  Game of Toes: Boulton Unveils the Stark Truths on Amputation Prevention
- Dr. Andrew Boulton

8:20 - 8:40  A View of the Diabetic Foot from Down Under – Dr. Matthew Malone

8:40 - 9:00  Toward Forming A More Perfect Union of Native American Nations - How Two Clinicians Serve with a Single Purpose to Save Soles
- Dr. Scott Brannan and Dr. Keith Goss

9:00 - 9:20  Toe and Flow Alla Toscana: How Longstanding Leadership Extends Limb Life - Dr. Roberto Anichini

9:20 - 9:40  Pax Romania: How to Create a Diabetic Foot Podiatry Specialty Without Stopping for a Bucharest
- Dr. Norina Gavan

9:40 - 10:00  Res Ipsa Toequitur: How the National UK Diabetic Foot Audit Is an Indictment and Clemency - Dr. Gerry Rayman and Dr. William Jeffcoate

10:00 - 10:20  The New Look International Working Group on the Diabetic Foot: Moving Forward to Prevent Amputations - Dr. Kristien Van Acker

10:20 - 10:40  Panel Discussion

10:40 – 11:00  Break
Local Recipes for Limb Salvage Team Success

11:00 - 11:10  Avoiding the Chop in Chiapas: Building a Limb Salvage Program in Mexico  
Dr. Jose Antonio Muñoa

11:10 - 11:20  HULA- How Harbor-UCLA Jumps Through Hoops to Save Legs  
Dr. Fred Bongard

11:20 - 11:30  How an Outpatient Angio Suite Two Steps to Success in Saving Limbs in the Heart of Texas  
Dr. Robert Feldtman

11:30 – 11:40  A Decade Behind the Delhi Counter: Reducing Amputations in India  
Dr. Rumneek Sodhi

11:40 – 11:50  How Can We Collectively Raise Our C Average? Improving Care for a Common, Costly and Complex Condition  
Dr. Neal Barshes

11:50 – 12:30  Panel Discussion

12:30 – 1:40  Lunch Symposium – Latin American Toe and Flow Symposium “HENDOLAT” (non CME/CPME)

Devices
Portrait of the Doctor as a Young Geek - Time to Re-Joyce or Re-Assess?  
Moderator: Dr. David G. Armstrong

1:40 – 2:00  Wearables are Passe: How About Injectables?  
Dr. Miguel Montero-Baker

2:00 – 2:20  Sensors and Sensibility: Romantic or Plain Jane? Pride or Prejudice?  
Dr. Bijan Najafi

2:20 – 2:40  Socksess at CES: How the Diabetic Foot and Smart Sox Took Over the Consumer Electronics Show  
Ran Ma

2:40 – 3:00  A New Sockratic Method for Answering Age-Old Rhetorical Questions: Are Smart Socks and Intelligent Textiles Here To Stay?  
Davide Vigano
3:00 – 3:20  I, Claudicant: How Wearables are Measuring and Managing our Way to a Better Republic - Dr. Iraklis Pipinos

3:20 – 3:40  The Robot - the Widget in our Wardrobe: How Wearable Robots are Transforming More than Meets the Eye - Dr. Joe Hitt

3:40 – 4:00  Panel Discussion

4:00 – 4:20  Break

Charcot Foot
Moderator: Dr. William Jeffcoate

4:20 – 4:40  Defining Charcot - Dr. Uli Illgner

4:40 – 5:00  Denosumab (RANKL for Charcot) - Dr. Matthew Malone

5:00 – 5:20  Surgical Therapy - Dr. Keith Goss

5:20 – 5:40  A Worldwide Registry - Dr. Fran Game

5:40 – 6:00  Panel Discussion

6:00 – 7:30  Welcome to #DFCon17 Reception
Open Exhibits (non CME/CPME)

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Friday, March 24, 2017

6:45 – 7:00  Registration

7:00 – 8:00  Overlapping Breakfast Symposia
- Osiris Therapeutics (non CME/CPME)

Pedal Access - Dr. Miguel Montero-Baker

Noninvasive Testing: SPY and VASAMED
- Dr. Joseph L. Mills Sr. and Dr. Jeffrey Ross

Offloading - TBA

Skin Substitutes: Keeping Things Covered
- TBA

Debridement - Debrisoft

Videos
Moderator: Dr. Joseph L. Mills Sr.

8:00 – 8:10  Pedal Bypass - Dr. Neal Barshes

8:10 – 8:20  Retrograde Access - Dr. Miguel Montero-Baker

8:20 – 8:30  The Outer Limits of Endovascular Therapy
- Dr. John Rundback

8:30 – 8:40  The Many Ways to Skin a Foot: Damage Control Debridement - Dr. Chris Attinger

8:40 – 8:50  Indocyanine Green-Directed Foot Salvage
- Dr. Joseph L. Mills, Sr. and Dr. Jeffrey Ross

8:50 – 9:10  Novel Ways to Assess Frailty - Dr. Bijan Najafi

9:10 – 9:30  Break

Limb Salvage Maintenance: Managing The Diabetic Foot In Remission
Common Sense to Avoid ToeMas Paine: The Diabetic Foot in Remission and other Quiet Revolutions
Moderator: Dr. Chris Attinger

- Dr. David G. Armstrong
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**Peripheral Artery Disease**
*Moderator: Dr. George Andros*

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**Next Gen Infection: Pus-ing the Envelope**
*Moderator: Dr. David G. Armstrong*

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<td>Topical Antimicrobial Therapy for Diabetic Foot Wounds: A Cochrane Systematic Review - Dr. Benjamin Lipsky</td>
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A centerpiece of the conference is the presentation of the Edward James Olmos Award for Advocacy in Amputation Prevention. The award is named in honor of the celebrated actor and director Edward James Olmos, who has been active in raising awareness of the ravages of diabetes and the importance of limb preservation in the Latino community. Every male member of Olmos’s family, including his father and all of his uncles, has either died or lost limbs as a result of diabetes. He has made it a personal mission to educate his community, which has one of the highest rates of diabetes and limb amputation.
Saturday, March 25, 2017

6:30 – 7:00  Registration
6:30 – 7:00  Breakfast

Four Unopposed Company Supported Workshops
Topics may include but are not limited to: offloading and wearable technology, NPWT, bioengineered tissue, diagnostics, and other vascular/diabetic foot techniques. (non CME/CPME)

7:00 – 8:00  Workshop A  Workshop B
8:00 – 9:00  Workshop C  Workshop D
9:00 – 10:00 Workshop A  Workshop B
10:00 – 11:00 Workshop C  Workshop D
11:00 – 1:00  Lunch/Exhibits
11:30 – 12:30  Sponsored Lunch Symposium

Vascular
Moderator: Dr. Joseph L. Mills, Sr. and Dr. George Andros

1:00 – 1:20  Streamlining Vascular Care
- Dr. Darren Schneider

1:20 – 1:40  To Stent or Not to Stent? What Lesions Require Stenting and What Stent Should Be Chosen? - Dr. Jayer Chung

1:40 – 2:00  Atherectomy: Debunking and Debulking the Data! - Dr. Miguel Montero-Baker

2:00 – 2:20  Panel Discussion
## Conclusions

**Moderator: Dr. Joseph L. Mills, Sr. and Dr. David G. Armstrong**

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