Are you interested in obtaining CME credits but don’t know what is available? The APMA online calendar is a great resource to learn about events occurring throughout the country.

Open the online calendar, and you will see a listing of events in an interactive calendar format. You will find national, affiliated, regional, and even international meetings listed. You can also find the schedule of meetings for the APMA Board of Trustees, APMAPAC, and APMA House of Delegates.

See an event listed that you might be interested in attending? Click on the event and view the details, which include the event type, dates, location, speaker, topic, and description. Contact information for registration is provided in the description area.

Go to the APMA website, www.apma.org/Events, and try out the online calendar. You will be surprised at the extensive listing of events available to assist you in earning your CMEs and in improving your knowledge of the association and its many related organizations.

APMA AFFILIATE SPOTLIGHT — ASSOCIATION OF EXTREMITY NERVE SURGEONS

During the 2011 House of Delegates meeting, the delegates voted to approve affiliate status for the Association of Extremity Nerve Surgeons (AENS). AENS was founded in 2006 by physicians from multiple medical specialties dedicated to peripheral nerve pathology and treatment. The AENS mission is to promote the collaborative study and development of medical research regarding the treatment of extremity nerve disease. Membership includes MDs, DOs, DPMs, PhDs, and students interested in furthering the dissemination of current knowledge and development of basic medical research in peripheral nerve disease.

With statistical and clinical research into nerve treatment and diagnosis, advancements can be made in treating chronic pain, neuropathy, and other symptoms that may be corrected by nerve treatment. AENS has developed several peripheral nerve courses to expand the knowledge base in this area. Nerve treatment can be a great area for specialization in a foot and ankle practice. There are literally hundreds of thousands of patients who suffer from peripheral nerve problems but go untreated.

For more information, visit www.aens.us or call 888-708-9575.
In order to have an impact on federal legislation, all podiatric physicians need to participate in the political process. If you choose not to participate, then you allow others to make political decisions for you. APMA has been increasingly successful in influencing political decisions that impact its members and needs you to help continue that success.

APMAPAC* plays a key role in the success of APMA’s legislative initiatives by supporting programs like the annual Podiatric Medical Legislative Conference, and by underwriting the APMA’s e-Advocacy website, which connects members directly with their federal representatives and senators. But APMAPAC assists most by supporting candidates for election to federal office who know, understand, and champion the podiatric profession in the U.S. Congress.

So step up for your chosen profession. Contact your members of Congress on issues important to the future of podiatric medicine by going to www.apma.org/EAdvocacy. Sign on using your APMA ID and password, found on your APMA Web access card, and contribute to APMAPAC!

Contributions to APMAPAC can be made 1) over the phone by calling 800-ASK-APMA, 2) online by going to www.APMA.org/PACDonate (you will need your APMA ID number and password), or 3) through the mail by sending your check to APMA’s headquarters at 9312 Old Georgetown Road, Bethesda, MD 20814.

APMA’s legislative success depends on, and benefits, all podiatric physicians. Support APMAPAC by making a personal contribution today!

*The American Podiatric Medical Association Political Action Committee’s (APMAPAC) purpose is to raise and disburse funds to candidates for federal office who support the legislative priorities and goals of the podiatric medical profession. You may contribute or not contribute without concern of being favored or disadvantaged. Political contributions are not deductible for income tax purposes.

The APMA State Reference Manual is a collection of state statutes pertinent to the practice of podiatric medicine and surgery and is intended to assist members in navigating the complex landscape of state laws. The State Reference Manual includes compilations on scope of practice, anti-fee discrimination, balance billing, prompt payment, hospital privileging, and state fraud and abuse laws. Additionally, under the scope of practice section, members can examine a comprehensive chart on podiatric medical licensure laws and regulations.


The Physicians’ Recovery Network (PRN) has been developed to identify and assist impaired (whether by substance abuse, physical, and/or mental conditions) podiatric physicians and/or members of the podiatric medical family (including but not limited to podiatric medical students, family members, and office staff of the podiatric physician) so that they can be restored to a full life and effective professional practice.

The singular goal is to provide assistance in the form of supplying information about outside support services to podiatric physicians and/or members of the podiatric medical family who may be impaired. The program utilizes a colleague-to-colleague approach to encourage self-recognition of the problem(s) followed by pursuit of individual assistance available from trained professionals.

To reach the PRN, call the toll-free helpline at (800) 488-4767.

All communications with PRN will be kept in strict confidence.

For further information go to: www.apma.org/PRNNetwork