

AOFAS CME PROGRAM MISSION

CME Purpose: The American Orthopaedic Foot & Ankle Society (AOFAS) is a non-profit professional organization committed to improving the medical and surgical care of disorders of the foot and ankle. The overall goal of the AOFAS CME program is to provide orthopaedic foot and ankle surgeons with the highest quality learning opportunities that are designed to advance physician competence, enhance practice performance, promote patient safety, and improve patient outcomes in the population served. The AOFAS CME programs are designed to respond to, and be reflective of, continuous assessment of needs as derived from scientific advances in the field of orthopaedic foot and ankle surgery and the needs and desires of AOFAS members. The AOFAS further seeks to provide orthopaedic foot and ankle surgeons as well as allied healthcare providers with educational programs and materials of the highest quality, to constantly improve the content and value of these educational activities and to promote research in all aspects of orthopaedic foot and ankle surgery and related sciences in the promotion of quality healthcare.

Content areas: AOFAS CME content identifies and addresses the treatment of all clinical issues related to foot and ankle congenital and acquired disorders, and is designed to meet the educational needs of AOFAS members, orthopaedic surgeons, fellows and residents, and healthcare providers engaged in the practice of treating disorders of the foot and ankle. Additionally, the AOFAS CME program provides content for topics such as effective management of an orthopaedic foot and ankle practice and other areas deemed relevant by the needs of the membership.

Target audience: The goal of the AOFAS CME program is to provide educational activities that support orthopaedic foot and ankle surgeons, general orthopaedic surgeons, physicians in related specialties, orthopaedic surgery fellows and residents in training, and allied healthcare professionals having an interest in the treatment of foot and ankle disorders.

Types of activities provided: The types of activities that comprise the AOFAS CME program include comprehensive annual scientific meetings containing seminars, symposia, papers, courses, clinical and practice management workshops, technology tips, and electronic posters ; journal CME; internet activity enduring materials; regional courses and national webinars on clinical topics.

Expected results of the program: The expected results of the AOFAS CME program are to provide orthopaedic foot and ankle surgeons and other healthcare professionals with educational programs that address gaps in professional practice, enhance the participant's competence and practice performance, improve patient outcomes, as well as contribute to lifelong learning among practicing orthopaedic foot and ankle surgeons. Specific expected results include:

- Increase member and non-member competence in treating disorders of the foot and ankle
- Promote the highest possible standards in clinical orthopaedic foot and ankle surgery practice
- Provide the target audience with a forum for the exchange of ideas and methodologies in the field of orthopaedic foot and ankle surgery and related medical and basic sciences
- Increase the body of knowledge existing in the field of orthopaedic foot and ankle surgery
- Provide educational opportunities to members in all aspects of orthopaedic foot and ankle surgery
- Provide an ongoing assessment of the impact of the AOFAS CME program and make modifications to existing activities and develop new activities as appropriate