Hallux valgus has been extensively studied; however, the literature’s variability in study methodology and overall weak level of evidence do not allow us to make sound recommendations for optimal surgical management. Proposed general guidelines for operative correction continue to be based on inconsistent clinical findings and absolute radiographic measurement. To my knowledge there is no consensus in hallux valgus surgery, and a treatment algorithm is not uniformly accepted in 2010.

I have invited an international panel of experts in hallux valgus surgery to provide us with an exercise in Level V evidence. Each of these panelists has a vast experience in managing hallux valgus and has experienced a personal evolution in developing their individual treatment algorithm. I anticipate that we will all benefit from their willingness to share their viewpoints with us.

The individual lectures are intentionally short to encourage our panelists to (1) provide us the essence of their treatment preferences for hallux valgus, (2) allow time for this sessions’ interactive discussion, and (3) permit you to ask our panelists several questions.

In keeping with our case-based format, I ask you and our panelists:

What is your preferred surgical management of this hallux valgus deformity?