10:35 – 11:45 am

SYMPOSIUM 3:

The Painful Fusion: What Do I Do?

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◆ 10:35 – 10:45 am - Non Union of the Ankle and Hindfoot

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Non union of the ankle and hindfoot can develop for a number of reason. Inadequate joint preparation, poor bone quality, and equate internal fixation. Patient compliance issues such as early ambulation and inadequate periods of immobilization can lead to delayed or non-unions as well. Likewise, the difficulty in patient assessment, can delay the diagnosis. Plain radiography can be an inadequate means of determining successful fusion. CT imaging is a much more reliable means of determining successful fusion. The amount of bony bridging required to achieve a successful fusion remains to be determined, but likely approaches 50% of the surface area.

Techniques of achieving and determining success are discussed in this presentation.

◆ 10:45-10:55 am - Fused Ankle with Persistent Pain

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◆ 10:55-11:05 am - Fused Hindfoot with Persistent Pain

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