

Kent State University College of Podiatric Medicine
2026 Southeast National Conference
November 19-22, 2026
Walt Disney World Swan Resort - Orlando, Florida

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DRAFT PROGRAM — Speaker assignments and times are tentative and subject to change pending final confirmations.

Thursday, November 19, 2026

AM Sign in: 7:00 a.m. 4.5 CECH

PM Sign in: 1:00 p.m. 3.5 CECH

Total day: 8.0 CECH

6:45 – 8:15 am CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST

Wound Care Session/Track

7:00 - 8:00 am	“Wound Care: An Infectious Disease Specialist’s Perspective”	Casey Smiley, MD
8:00 - 8:30 am	Duration of Systemic Antibiotics for Orthopedic Infections Treated with Local Antibiotic Carriers DPM	Bryan Caldwell, MD,
8:30 – 9:00	Managing documentation risk in the age of AI: The clinical “How To” and the Legal “Watch Out”	Eric Lullove, DPM
9:00 - 9:30 am	BREAK WITH EXHIBITORS	
9:30 – 10:00 CWS	Goal Based Dressing Decisions	Dot Weir, RN, CWON,
10-11:30 am	It’s Not Healing, Now What?	Eric Lullove & Dot Weir
11:30 – 12:00 pm CWS	The Non-compliant/Non-Adherent Patient: Bad Patient/Bad Treatment Plan or both?	Dot Weir, RN, CWON,
12:00 – 1:00 pm	Lunch (AM Sign in removed at start of lunch)	
PM- Wound care continued		
1:00 - 2:00 pm	Wound Scene Investigation	Eric Lullove & Dot Weir
2:00 - 2:30 pm	Wound management tech for 2027 and beyond	Eric Lullove, DPM
2:30 – 3:00 pm	BREAK WITH EXHIBITORS (PM Sign in removed following PM Break)	

Hallux Valgus/Hallux Limitus Surgery Session

3:00- 5:30 pm
team

Mark Hardy, DPM &

Friday November 20, 2026

AM Sign in: 7:00 a.m. 4.5 CECH

PM Sign in: 1:00 p.m. 3.5 CECH

Total day: 8.5 CECH

6:45 – 8:15

CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST

Rheumatology Program

7:00- 7:30 am	Radiography of CPPD – when to suspect this may be the culprit	Larry Osher, DPM
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7:30- 8:30 am	Hyperuricemia and Gout	Brian Mandell, MD, PhD
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8:30-9:00 am	Treatment of acute crystal disease flares	Brian Mandell, MD, PhD
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9:00-9:15 am	Individual cases – bring your own	Brian Mandell, MD, PhD
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9:15- 10:00 am

BREAK WITH EXHIBITORS

Infectious Disease Session

10:00-10:30 am Starting Smart: Initial Antibiotic Therapy for Diabetic Foot Infection” – Cody Chastain, MD, MEHP

10:30-11:00 am “What’s New in Antibiotics for Diabetic Foot Infection: Agents and Delivery” – Casey Smiley, MD

11:00-11:30 am “From Culture to Clinic: Diagnostics for Diabetic Foot Infection” – Casey Smiley, MD

11:30-12:00 pm	“Ask Us Anything: Common Curbsides for Infectious Disease Specialists” Casey Smiley, MD	Cody Chastain, MD, MEHP,
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12:00- 1:00 pm

Lunch and Learn

Limb Salvage & High Risk Foot

Clinic Faculty

Lee Kirksey, MD & Cleveland

1:00 – 3:00 pm

3:00- 3:30 pm

BREAK WITH EXHIBITORS

Limb Salvage/High Risk Foot (continued)

Lee Kirksey, MD & Cleveland

Clinic Faculty

3:30 – 4:00pm

4:00- 4:45 pm

4:45- 5:30 pm

Imaging update – Infection in High-Risk Scenarios

Larry Osher DPM

Saturday November 21, 2026

All Attendees: Non-Florida Licensed: 4.0 CECH

AM Sign in: (7-11am) **4.0 CECH**

ALL DPM CECH DAY TOTAL: **4.0 CECH**

Included in total: (2) CECH Medical Errors; (1) CECH Risk Management; (1) CECH HIV Update

Florida Licensed Attendees: 5.0 CECH

AM Sign in: (7-11am) **4.0 CECH**

AM Sign in (2): (11:15 – 12:15 pm) **1 CECH Florida Legislative Update Sign In 11am – 11:15am**

Included in Total: (2) CECH Medical Errors ; (1) CECH Risk Management ; (1) CECH HIV Update ;
(1) CECH Florida State Rules and Regulations

6:30 – 8:00 am

LIGHT CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST

Current Principles & Errors in the Management of Infection

7:00- 7:30 am

“Opinion to Dogma to Evidence: Antibiotic Therapy
for Diabetic Foot Osteomyelitis”

MD, MEHP (30 minutes)

Cody Chastain,

7:30-9:00 am

“Risk, Error, and Opportunity: Improving Care for Diabetic Foot Infections
through Interdisciplinary Care and Collaboration”

MD, MEHP;

Cody Chastain,

Bryan Caldwell,
DPM, MD; Casey
Smiley, MD

Risk Management – 1 CECH Requirement

9:00 – 10:00 am Dear Prudence...Look Around: Risk Management Tips
for the Busy Podiatrist”

Cunningham, Esq

Norris

10:00

AM Sign in removed

HIV Update – 1 CECH Requirement

10:00 – 11:00	“HIV/AIDS and Viral Hepatitis in 2026: A Primer and Update for Podiatric Medicine”	Cody Chastain, MD, MEHP
11:00	END OF DAY FOR NON-FLORIDA LICENSED ATTENDEES	
11:00 – 11:15	2nd SIGN-IN FOR FLORIDA LICENSED ATTENDEES ONLY	
11:15	Sign in for Florida Legislative update removed	

Florida State Rules and Regulations – 1 CECH Requirement (*Florida Licensed DPM's Only*)

11:15 – 12:15	Florida legislative update	Norris Cunningham, Esq.
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Sunday November 22, 2026

Sign in: 7:00 a.m.

Total Day: 4.5 CECH

6:30 – 8:00 Light Continental Breakfast

Residency Symposium

Organized and Moderated by:

Larry Osher, DPM, James Connors, DPM, Mark Hardy, DPM, FACFAS

Participating Residency Programs

Orlando VA Medical Center, Orlando, F

Bay Pines VA Hospital, St. Petersburg, FL

7:00 – 7:30 am	MRI – Pulse sequences; What you need to know	Larry Osher, DPM
7:30 - 8:00 am	Modified Lodwick classification for bone tumors	Larry Osher, DPM
8:00 - 8:30 am	Pre-op considerations	Mark Hardy, DPM, FACFAS
8:30 - 9:00 am	Post-op complications	James Connors, DPM
9:00 – 9:30 am	Case presentations with Panel	James Connors, DPM , Mark Hardy DPM

9:30 - 11:30 am Residency Symposium:

11:30 am

Program Conclusion