

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 Imaging of Diabetic Foot Update Larry Osher, DPM

8:00- 8:30 am Not all wounds are wounds Alton Johnson, DPM, CWSP

8:30- 9:00 am Interval debridement: Does it work? Dot Weir, RN, CWON, CWS

9:00 - 9:30 am BREAK WITH EXHIBITORS

9:30- 10:30 am Wound Scene Investigation- Case presentations Dot Weir, RN, CWON, CWS
Alton Johnson, DPM

10:30- 11:00 am Wound Cleansing Dot Weir, RN, CWON, CWS

11:00- 11:30 am Wound care documentation

11:30- 12:00 pm Wound care considerations in a multicultural society Alton Johnson, DPM, CWSP

12:00 – 1:00 pm Lunch and Learn (Non-CECH)

PM- Wound care continued

1:00 - 1:30 pm Negative wound pressure Dot Weir, RN, CWON, CWS

1:30 – 2:00 pm Modern wound care Alton Johnson, DPM, CWSP

2:00 - 2:30 pm What cellular tissue products can I use

2:30 – 3:30 pm BREAK WITH EXHIBITORS

Surgical Errors and Complications – 2 CECH Requirement

3:30- 5:30 pm Introduction to AI: The Problem and the Promise Mark Hardy & team

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- 8:00 am	Radiologic case presentations in Pedal arthritis	Larry Osher, DPM
8:00- 9:00 am	Hyperuricemia and Gout	Brian Mandell, MD, PhD
9:00-9:30 am	Treatment of acute crystal disease flares	Brian Mandell, MD, PhD
9:30-9:45 am	Individual cases – bring your own	Brian Mandell, MD, PhD

9:30- 10:15 am**BREAK WITH EXHIBITORS****Dermatology**

10:15- 10:45 am	BEFORE the First Cut Part 1: Soft tissue and Nail Unit Biopsy Principles You Must Know	Bryan Markinson, DPM
10:45– 11:30 am	BEFORE the First Cut Part 2	Bryan Markinson, DPM

Limb Salvage/Vascular

11:30- 12:00 pm	Cleveland Clinic
12:00- 1:00 pm	Lunch and Learn (Non-CECH)
1:00- 2:00 pm	Cleveland Clinic cont.

Infectious Disease Program – Afternoon Session

2:00- 2:30 pm	Orientation to program, faculty, and interactivity model	Cody Chastain, MD James Connors, DPM
2:30- 3:00 pm	Antibiotic overview for DFI, including empiric therapy	Cody Chastain, MD
3:00- 3:30 pm	BREAK WITH EXHIBITORS	
3:30 – 4:00pm	New kids on the Block: Novel Antibiotic Therapy and Delivery	Casey Smiley, MD
4:00- 4:45 pm	Which Drug for What Bug: An ID Doctor’s Primer to Diagnostics and Molecular Testing for Diabetic Foot Infections	Cody Chastain, MD Casey Smiley, MD
4:45- 5:30 pm	Volatile Organic Compounds as Biomarkers: Advancing Infection Diagnostics	

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	Antibiotics for Osteomyelitis: Dogma Vs. Data	Cody Chastain, MD
7:30- 8:00 am	Wound Care: An ID Doctor's Perspective	Casey Smiley, MD
8:00- 8:30 am	Cautionary Tales: Case Discussions and Interdisciplinary Care for Diabetic Foot Infections	Cody Chastain, MD
8:30- 9:00 am	Ask me anything- Facilitated Q&A sessions	Cody Chastain, MD

Risk Management – 1 CECH Requirement

9:00 – 10:00 am	Dear Prudence...Look Around: Risk Management Tips for the Busy Podiatrist"	Norris Cunningham, Esq
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10:00 AM Sign in removed**HIV Update – 1 CECH Requirement**

10:00 – 11:00	HIV/AIDS and Viral Hepatitis in 2025	Cody Chastain, MD
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	Mark Hardy, DPM, FACFAS James Connors, DPM
9:30 - 11:30 am	Residency Symposium	
11:30 am	Program Conclusion	