



PEDORTHIC FOOTCARE ASSOCIATION
58TH ANNUAL
Symposium & Exhibition
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Pedorthic Footcare Association's
2017 Call for Speakers

58th Annual Symposium and Exhibition

Thursday, November 2nd through Sunday, November 5th, 2017
Sawgrass Marriott Golf Resort and Spa, Ponte Vedra Beach, FL

Deadline: February 28, 2017. Help PFA celebrate its 58th year of high-quality pedorthic health care education. Share your knowledge and expertise with pedorthic professionals attending the PFA Symposium & Exhibition in Ponte Vedra Beach, Florida.

What is the PFA Annual Symposium?

PFA's Annual Symposium features educational sessions that focus on strengthening critical pedorthic, allied health, and patient/consumer relationships. In addition, the Annual Symposium is about building knowledge and skills and developing expertise to meet the challenges of long-term pedorthic footwear care. Annual Symposium sessions help attendees to:

- Position themselves for success;
- Become informed and aware practitioners in the rapidly changing world of health care;
- Develop new strategies to stay competitive in the market and prepared for future challenges; and
- Introduce innovative and practical solutions to daily pedorthic operations.

Who Attends the Annual Symposium?

Our attendees include a diverse group of individuals that comprise the pedorthic industry. The Annual Symposium brings together presidents, owners, administrators, directors of pedorthics, educators, and pedorthic practitioners providing quality services in:

- Pedorthic footwear facilities
- Pedorthic clinics
- Hospitals
- O&P facilities
- Sports training facilities
- Comfort footwear stores
- Shoe repair
- Retail shoe stores



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- Podiatric physicians, surgeons and assistants

Presentation Categories

PFA's Council on Pedorthic Education (COPE) is seeking presentations for its 58th Annual Symposium that address topics in:

- Diabetes
- Sports Medicine
- General Pedorthics
- Geriatrics
- Retail
- Practice Management
- Biomechanics
- Medical Pathologies/Pedorthic Treatments

PFA Continuing Professional Education

Presentations at the Annual Symposium are an integral component of PFA's Continuing Education Program. The Annual Symposium is designed to enhance and expand the knowledge, skill, and ability of certified pedorthists and allied health professionals. These learning experiences keep pedorthic professionals current, enabling them to render top-notch professional service to clients, the profession, and the public. The PFA/COPE Continuing Professional Education Program objectives for the Annual Symposium are:

1. To provide regular, systematic continuing professional education for credentialed pedorthists;
2. To advance the profession by enabling individual credentialed pedorthists to achieve personal and professional development objectives; and
3. To fulfill PFA's role as a continuing education provider.

PFA's Annual Symposium is a gathering of pedorthic footwear professionals and credentialed pedorthists at various stages of their careers. In addition, many attendees are experienced allied health practitioners seeking opportunities for professional dialogue. COPE gives priority to presentations that encourage and support substantial interaction between participants.

Evaluation Criteria

All proposals are reviewed by PFA's Council on Pedorthic Education on the following criteria:

- Overall quality, originality, timeliness, and pertinence to pedorthics.
- Relevance to pedorthic footwear and pedorthic foot health care.
- Well-defined focus that can be presented within a 50-minute timeframe (**excluding 5-Minute Mini-Session Proposals**).
- Practical application of ideas presented.
- Organization and usefulness of session materials.
- Abstracts should exemplify and articulate a specific skill, innovation or approach. Presenters must refrain from marketing particular products or services.

All abstracts are reviewed by COPE. Accepted abstracts may be combined with related ones to form panels. PFA membership is not a pre-requisite for submissions.



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Incomplete proposals and/or proposals that do not follow the guidelines will be declined. One individual or group of presenters (limit two presenters per group) may submit a maximum of *three* different presentations.

Deadline for Submissions: Tuesday, February 28, 2017.

Notification of Results

You will be notified by April 30, 2017 if your presentation has been accepted.

Presentations

PFA will copy and make available the presentations to session attendees. PFA will also post presentations on its Web site for attendee download after the Annual Symposium. Presenters are required to provide an electronic copy (limited to a maximum of 10 pages) of their handout materials no later than July 31, 2017.

Submission Checklist

1. Completed Submission Form for each presentation, returned electronically to Jeremy Long at j.long@pedorthics.org.
2. Three learning objectives that will be met through the course of your presentation.
3. Detailed presentation abstract that explains in 75–100 words what the attendees will learn or “take away” from your presentation.
4. 50-75 word biography or summary about each presenter that explains qualifications for presenting this program.
5. Speaking references with telephone numbers.

Expanded Article Option

As a Symposium speaker, your session may be selected to be used in PFA’s international publication *Current Pedorthics Magazine*, and/or PFA Online. The goal of an article would be to provide additional exposure for the presentation and you as a speaker and provide high-value content for readers. Please note that, because of limited space, your confirmation on the abstract submission form does not guarantee publication in the magazine.

Benefits of Presenting

- Share specific and/or unique knowledge to the pedorthic community;
- Interact with other top-notch educators in the pedorthic field;
- Give “back” to the profession; and
- Network and expand your horizons.

Recommend a Speaker

PFA is always looking for quality presentations. If you have attended one, or you know someone whose expertise you feel is exceptional, please send us whatever contact information you can. With your help, other pedorthists can benefit from their knowledge at a future symposium.

Name _____



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Contact Information _____

Abstract # _____ (PFA Office Use Only)

All submissions must be typed and submitted either electronically to j.long@pedorthics.org or mailed to Pedorthic Footcare Association, PO Box 71284, Albany, GA 31708.

2017 Symposium Call for Speakers Abstracts Form

Name: _____

(Please check all that apply):

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| <input type="checkbox"/> C. Ped. | <input type="checkbox"/> C. Ped. (C) | <input type="checkbox"/> C. Ped. (Au) | <input type="checkbox"/> CP | <input type="checkbox"/> CPO | <input type="checkbox"/> CO |
| <input type="checkbox"/> BOC Pedorthist | <input type="checkbox"/> BOC | <input type="checkbox"/> BOCPO | <input type="checkbox"/> BOCO | <input type="checkbox"/> DPM | <input type="checkbox"/> MD/DO |
| <input type="checkbox"/> PT | <input type="checkbox"/> RN | <input type="checkbox"/> ATC | | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ | | | | | |

Company: _____

Address: _____

City, State, ZIP, Country: _____

Phone: _____ **Fax** _____

E-mail: _____

Abstract Category:
(Check all that apply)

- Diabetes
- Sports Medicine
- General Pedorthics
- Geriatrics
- Retail
- Other _____

Abstract Focus:
(Check one)

- Patient Care
- Practice Management
- Research
- Business Development
- Technology
- Government/Legislation
- Other _____



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Presentation Format:

- Lecture Hands-On Demonstration Panel Discussion 5-Minute Mini-Session

Presentation Content Level:

- Entry Level (audience with less than two years experience)
 All Levels (multiple levels)
 Advanced/CEO/Practice Owner Level

Expanded Article Option:

- Yes, I will participate and will write my own article based on my session topic, which is due by June 30, 2017.
- Yes, I will participate but would like editorial assistance from PFA Staff or PFA's Publications Subcommittee to produce an article about my session topic, which is due by June 30, 2017.





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Presentation Title: _____

List Three Learning Objectives:

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

Detailed Session Description, 100-150 words (this description will be printed if selected)

Lead Presenter Short Biography, 75-100 words

Co-Presenter, if applicable

Name, Company/Facility, Address:



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PLEASE NOTE: Presentations are scheduled in 60 minute increments: 50 minutes for the presentation, and 10 minutes for a question-and-answer session.

- o I have read and understand the requirements and benefits to become a Presenter at the *2017 PFA Symposium*, and I agree to follow the guidelines set by PFA, the Council on Pedorthic Education, and the Annual Symposium Events Planning Team.

Name (please print):

Signature:

Date:

Return completed submission forms no later than February 28, 2017 to:

PFA Executive Committee
e-mail: abstracts@pedorthics.org

Or mail to:

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