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Faculty Bios & Disclosures

Temi Adabayo, DPM
Disclosures: None

Dr. Adabayo is currently completing their third year of residency training at Legacy Health.

Susan Blank, MD
Disclosures: None

Dr. Blank has over 20 years of experience in addiction medicine and currently serves as Medical Director of the Georgia Professionals Health Program. She is board-certified in Psychiatry, Addiction Medicine, and Anti-Aging and Regenerative Medicine, with specialized training in forensic psychiatry and addiction treatment. A nationally and internationally recognized speaker, she has delivered over 200 lectures and previously served as an Associate Professor of Psychiatry at Penn State. Dr. Blank is Immediate Past President of the Georgia Society of Addiction Medicine, serves on the Board of Trustees for the Georgia Psychiatric Physicians Association, and has contributed to national clinical guidelines on opioid prescribing, tobacco cessation, and addiction treatment.

Michael Brody, DPM
Disclosures: Stock Shareholder (Self) – TLD Systems

Dr Brody is the CEO of TLD Systems which has been assisting health care providers to be in compliance with the HIPAA, OSHA and other federal regulations for the past 20 years. He maintains a private practice where he also must be in compliance with these rules so he comes from the perspective of a Podiatrist who understands the rules and understands how to comply with them from the perspective of a doctor in active practice

Thomas Chang, DPM
Disclosures: None

Dr. Chang received his B.S. in Electrical Engineering at Washington University in St. Louis and earned his podiatric medical degree from Temple University School of Podiatric Medicine. He completed a 3-year Surgical Residency program in Reconstructive Surgery of the Foot and ankle at Emory/Northlake regional Medical Center in Atlanta, GA. Dr. Chang spent 8 years in academic medicine from 1993-2001, and is a Clinical Professor and Past Chairman in the Department of Podiatric Surgery at the California College of Podiatric Medicine. Currently he is now returning back to the same college at Samuel Merritt University, and is a Professor and Co-chair in the Department of Podiatric Surgery. His textbook, "Master Techniques in Podiatric Surgery: The Foot and Ankle" has sold over 10,000 copies worldwide and 25% of the sales goes toward medical mission funds. He has served on the editorial board of both the Journal of Foot and Ankle Surgery, and the Journal of the American Podiatric Medical Association.

Windy Cole, DPM
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Dr. Windy Cole is a double board-certified podiatric physician and internationally recognized wound care expert with more than 24 years of clinical experience in limb preservation and advanced wound management. She serves as Adjunct Professor and Director of Wound Care Research at Kent State University College of Podiatric Medicine and is Chief Research Officer for Capsicure Clinical Research Organization.

As the founder of Cole Collaborative Consulting, Dr. Cole partners with biotech and medical device companies to develop evidence-generation strategies, strengthen market access pathways, and deliver high-quality scientific and medical communications.

A leader in the integration of emerging technologies into wound care, Dr. Cole has directed numerous clinical trials and contributes her expertise to advisory boards across the biotech and device sectors, providing insight on FDA strategy, clinical trial oversight, medical monitoring and protocol development with real-world implementation.

A sought-after speaker at national and international symposia, she is dedicated to advancing patient outcomes through evidence-based practice, interdisciplinary collaboration, and innovation in the management of complex, hard-to-heal wounds.

Alex Dabrowiecki, MD
Disclosures: Consultant (Self) – Terumo

Dr. Alexander Dabrowiecki is a board-certified vascular and interventional radiologist at Advanced Vascular Centers in Eugene, Oregon. He specializes in minimally invasive, image-guided procedures, with a particular focus on peripheral arterial disease and advanced embolization techniques. He completed his residency at Emory University and fellowship training at Oregon Health & Science University. Dr. Dabrowiecki is dedicated to advancing patient care through innovative, nonsurgical treatment options.

Steven Douthett, DPM
Disclosures: Arthrex (Consultant – Self)

Dr. Steve Douthett is a fellowship-trained foot and ankle surgeon practicing at Orthopaedics Northeast in Fort Wayne, Indiana. Prior to practicing in Indiana, Dr. Douthett practiced in Eugene, OR from 2018-2023. Dr. Douthett specializes in foot and ankle reconstructive surgery. He completed residency training in foot and ankle reconstructive surgery at Beaumont Health in Detroit and fellowship training at the Florida Orthopedic Foot & Ankle Center in Sarasota. Dr. Douthett has published numerous research articles on foot and ankle surgery and regularly lectures both regionally and nationally.

Cyaandi Dove, DPM
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Dr. Cyaandi Dove is an experienced podiatric physician and researcher with over 20 years of expertise in diabetic foot care, wound healing, and limb preservation. She serves as Director of the Diabetes Foot Program at Oregon Health & Science University and has previously held the position of Director of Clinical Research at UT Health San Antonio. Dr. Dove earned her podiatric medical degree from the California College of Podiatric Medicine and completed her residency at the University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio. She has served as a principal investigator in more than 50 clinical trials and has authored numerous peer-reviewed publications.

Louise Fricker, DPM
Disclosures: None

Dr. Fricker is currently in their first year of residency training at Legacy Health.

William Galbraith, MD
Disclosures: None

Dr. William Galbraith is a board-certified Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation physician specializing in interventional spine and interventional pain. He graduated summa cum laude from Southern Virginia University before earning his medical degree from Western University of Health Sciences. Following medical school, he completed a one-year teaching fellowship in neuromusculoskeletal medicine before completing his medical training at Vanderbilt University Medical Center. He has 18 peer-reviewed publications and abstracts and was awarded Vanderbilt University Medical Center's Research of the Year Award in 2024.

Tina Javanbakht, DPM
Disclosures: None

Dr. Javanbakht is currently in their second year of residency training at Legacy Health.

MaryKate Kordash, DPM
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Dr. Kordash is currently in their second year of residency training at Legacy Health.

Lawrence Lavery, DPM
Disclosures: None

Dr. Lawrence Lavery is a tenured professor and Vice Chair of Research in the Department of Orthopaedic Surgery at UT Health San Antonio. He specializes in diabetic foot complications, wound healing, infection management, and limb preservation. A founding member of the International Working Group on the Diabetic Foot, Dr. Lavery has made significant contributions to diabetic foot care through clinical research and education. His research team

has published more than 420 peer-reviewed papers and textbook chapters, advancing the prevention and treatment of diabetic foot complications.

Jeffrey Lehrman, DPM
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Dr. Lehrman is a board-certified podiatrist and a Certified Professional Coder, Certified Professional Medical Auditor, and Certified Evaluation and Management Coder. He operates Lehrman Consulting, LLC which provides guidance regarding coding, compliance, health policy, and documentation. Dr. Lehrman serves as a staff liaison at the AMA CPT® Editorial Panel meetings where CPT codes are created, edited, and deleted. He collaborates with the AMA on the writing and editing of CPT Assistant articles and also has collaborated with the World Health Organization on ICD-10 coding. Dr. Lehrman regularly attends and participates in the CMS Healthcare Common Procedural Coding System Panel Meetings. He has delivered over 900 coding-related invited lectures and authored or co-authored over 100 papers, articles, blogs, book chapters, and posters.

Clifford Mah, DPM
Disclosures: None

Dr. Clifford Mah is a board-certified podiatric surgeon at Northwest Extremity Specialists in Portland, Oregon. He serves as Chief of Podiatric Medicine and Surgery at Providence St. Vincent Medical Center and Scientific Chairman of the Oregon Podiatric Medical Association. Dr. Mah specializes in the medical and surgical treatment of foot and ankle disorders, particularly flatfoot deformities, ankle reconstruction, and arthritis. He is also an attending instructor for the Legacy/Kaiser Podiatric Surgical Residency Program and a faculty member of the Podiatry Institute, with a strong commitment to resident education and continuing medical education.

Nitin Nanda, DPM
Disclosures: None

Dr. Nanda is currently in their second year of residency training at Legacy Health.

Adrianne Ross, DPM
Disclosures: None

Dr. Adrianne Ross is a graduate of the New York College of Podiatric Medicine and attended the Western Pennsylvania Hospital for surgical residency. She then completed a one-year fellowship in trauma and reconstructive surgery at Jewish/University of Louisville Medical Center. She is originally from Ohio by way of Great Britain. Currently, she practices in Atlanta, Georgia and serves as faculty for Emory Dekalb Podiatric Surgical Residency. She is a Past-President and Board Member of the Georgia Podiatric Medical Association and serves as Vice Chair of Department of Podiatry at Emory Decatur Hospital. Dr. Ross publishes, lectures, and enjoys a surgical emphasis on lower extremity skin and muscle flaps for complex wound closures as well as peripheral nerve reconstruction techniques.

Alap Shah, DPM
Disclosures: None

For more than 19 years, Dr. Alap Shah practiced podiatry. Following graduation from the University of Texas at Austin with a BA in Biology, he attended the New York College of Podiatric Medicine, graduating as class president in 2000. Following a two-year surgical residency in Jamaica, Queens, he joined Foot and Ankle of West Georgia in Columbus, GA and currently resides there with his wife and two children. In the aftermath of overcoming a life-changing circumstance, he combined what he loved most about medicine and education and is now using it for the benefit of others. By sharing his experiences, he hopes to prevent others from making the same mistakes and taking the wrong path.

Amber Shane, DPM
Disclosures: BESPA Global LLC (Consultant – Self), Paragon28 (Consultant – Self), Treace Medical Concepts, Inc. (Consultant – Self), Bonesupport (Consultant – Self)

Dr. Amber Shane is a board-certified foot and ankle surgeon with nearly 20 years of experience in Central Florida. She specializes in complex reconstruction, lower extremity trauma, sports injuries, and total ankle replacement. She serves as Chair of the Department of Podiatric Surgery for AdventHealth's Central Florida Division and is actively involved in surgical education, research, and medical device innovation. An internationally recognized lecturer and published author, Dr. Shane is dedicated to advancing foot and ankle surgery through education and innovation.

Matthew Shook, DPM
Disclosures: None

Dr. Matt Shook is a podiatry fellow working underneath Dr. Cassie Tomczak and Dr. Steve Laxson in the Legacy and Kaiser Health systems in Portland Oregon. He also served as the Chief Resident for the Podiatry Residency Program at Legacy Health and is currently a member of the scientific committee for the OPMA. During his training he developed a passion for evidence based medicine and management of foot infections.

Alex St. Louis
Disclosures: None

Alex St. Louis serves as Vice President of Evergreen Prosthetics & Orthotics, where he is dedicated to supporting and empowering the amputee community. Following a traumatic accident that resulted in a below-knee amputation at age 29, Alex became a passionate advocate and mentor for individuals navigating limb loss. Through Evergreen's Peer Support Program, he provides guidance on rehabilitation, goal setting, and emotional support, helping fellow amputees regain confidence and improve their quality of life.

Cassie Tomczak, DPM
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Dr. Tomczak is a two-year fellowship-trained, ABFAS board-certified foot and ankle surgeon practicing at Legacy Health in Portland, Oregon, where she specializes in complex foot and

ankle trauma, total ankle arthroplasty, deformity correction, and revision surgery. With over a decade of experience at a Level I trauma center, she is dedicated to advancing foot and ankle surgery through research, education, and professional leadership. She has published research, authored textbook chapters, and actively participates in educating residents, fellows, and practicing surgeons. Dr. Tomczak currently serves as Legacy Health's Foot & Ankle Fellowship Director, AO faculty member, ABFAS case reviewer and CBPS committee member, and is serving her second term as President of the OPMA.

Summer Tran, DPM
Disclosures: None

Dr. Tran is currently in their second year of residency training at Legacy Health.

Tracey Vlahovic, DPM
Disclosures: Sagis Diagnostics (Consultant–Self), Ortho Dermatologics (Consultant–Self)

Dr Tracey Vlahovic completed the first fellowship in podiatric dermatology in the US and continues to educate students and colleagues as well as manage patients. She has written three textbooks and over 90 peer-reviewed journal articles.

Taylor Wyatt, CPO
Disclosures: None

Taylor Wyatt is a Certified Orthotist and Prosthetist (CPO) with Summit O&P in Oregon; where he manages their Tualatin location as well as the newly acquired Eastside O&P Portland office. His clinical interests include custom orthotic and prosthetic care, diabetic and Charcot foot protection, and improving patient mobility and function. He incorporates technologies such as 3D printing into clinical practice and collaborates with physicians, physical therapists, and other healthcare professionals to support individualized care

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