



# Strides

*Keeping you informed of issues, developments and activities in your profession*

**Happy New Year!**

## **25th Anniversary OSC Annual Conference**

The time for our annual conference is fast approaching! Keep April 30- May 1 reserved. We have an exciting roster of accomplished and interesting speakers lined up. In this and coming issues, we will be featuring bios of some of the speakers. Stay tuned!

### **Dr. Gary Dockery D.P.M.**

Dr. G. "Dock" Dockery graduated as valedictorian of his class with top honors from the Ohio College of Podiatric Medicine in Cleveland, Ohio, in 1976. He did a surgical residency in foot and ankle surgery at the Waldo Podiatric Surgical Residency Program in Seattle and graduated in 1977. He began private practice in Seattle, WA, and maintained an active practice until 2002. He is the founder of the Northwest Podiatric Foundation for Education and Research, USA, and is currently the Chairman of the Board of Trustees and Director of Scientific Affairs of this organization. Dr. Dockery is a Fellow and Past member of the Board of Directors of the American College of Foot & Ankle Surgeons. He is also a Fellow of the American College of Foot & Ankle Pediatrics, the American Society of Podiatric Dermatology and the American College of Foot and Ankle Orthopedics and Primary Podiatric Medicine. He is Board Certified in Foot and Ankle Surgery by the American Board of Podiatric Surgery and is Board Certified in Podiatric Orthopedics by the American Board of Podiatric Orthopedics and Primary Podiatric Medicine. Dr. Dockery was the Director of Medical Education and Residency Training of the Waldo Podiatric Surgical Residency Program for many years and still maintains a close relationship with the current Northwest Podiatric Surgical Residency Program at Swedish Medical Center, Providence Hospital Campus, in Seattle. He has authored several textbooks including: Color Atlas and Text of Forefoot Surgery (Mosby 1992); Cutaneous Disorders of the Lower Extremity (WB Saunders 1997); Color Atlas of Foot & Ankle Dermatology (Lippincott 1999); and, Lower Extremity Soft Tissue & Cutaneous Plastic Surgery (Elsevier 2006). He has also authored numerous scientific articles in peer-reviewed medical journals and other publications.

Dr. Dockery is a nationally and internationally known lecturer and continues to travel extensively throughout the world to scientific seminars to present his diagnostic and surgical techniques and to speak on medical topics regarding the lower extremities.

## **Dr. Ali Sadrieh D.P.M.**

Thank you for inviting me to participate in your educational seminar and your interest in Aesthetic Foot Surgery. Podiatric Surgery is a rapidly evolving field but innovations usually take a back seat to the traditional orthopedic ideology. When I started my first practice... Beverly Hills Aesthetic Foot Surgery, I decided to take a new direction, I set out to create a practice where we provided the highest quality of care in the most technologically advanced, environmentally friendly setting available. I began to develop innovative new procedures that took the most important part of surgical decision making into consideration... what was attached to the feet, the patient.

That is why since the inception of my practice I have been treating my patients with innovative and modern cosmetic surgical procedures for the foot. The procedures that I perform allow patients to enjoy shorter recovery periods with no pain and an aesthetically pleasing result. My philosophy has always been to correct the structural problem in a beautiful way. The appearance of the patient's foot matters just as much as the correction of the problem.

Procedures like The Cinderella Procedure™ (Aesthetic Bunionectomy with minimally invasive, pain-free surgical recovery), The Perfect 10 Aesthetic Toe Shortening™ (Hammertoe Correction procedure with advanced fixation technique and hidden side incisions), and The Foot Tuck™ (Fat Pad Augmentation for comfortable wear of high heel shoe) have changed peoples lives. Every day I hear from my patients that they have been to numerous doctors who wouldn't provide them with the fresh new way of thinking about surgery that our practice offers them. I hope with my lectures, I can provide some insight into why Aesthetic Foot Surgery is the not only the future of Podiatric Surgery, but the new standard for a quality surgical practice.

Don't miss these fantastic speakers!

## **Podiatric Success**

Interested in discovering strategies that have been successfully incorporated into other private practices? Vincent Ku, a 3rd year Chiropractic student, forwarded the "Podiatric Success" website, where you can "Meet the Master". You can participate in podcasts, or hear prior podcasts. Check it out at <http://www.podiatricsuccess.com> . Thanks Vince!

## **Sexual Abuse and the RHPA**

Recently the OSC supported a letter to Deb Matthews, Minister of Health and Long-Term Care, regarding the provisions in the Regulated Health Professions Act related to sexual abuse. RHPA provisions are appropriately based on the principle of "zero tolerance" for sexual abuse. The strict zero tolerance provisions are intended to protect patients from predatory behaviour and sexual abuse by regulated health professionals.

Since the enactment of these provisions in 1993, because the legislation does not contemplate a number of important scenarios, the zero tolerance policy combined with the mandatory revocation provisions have resulted in inconsistent application of the principles, differing advice to practitioners by their colleges, and perverse decisions.

Specifically, the legislation does not contemplate:

- Emergency treatment
- The treatment of a spouse incidental to a spousal or sexual relationship.
- Circumstances where the sexual relationship preceded the practitioner/patient relationship.
- In some decisions involving these issues, because colleges have no latitude with respect to penalty, health professionals have been found to have committed "sexual abuse" and had their registrations revoked in circumstances that common sense suggests should not attract such a penalty, or perhaps even any penalty. We hope that changes will be made to allow for situations that are not truly sexual abuse.

Until next time...

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