

MedStar Georgetown University Hospital's

Functional **Diabetic Limb Salvage: A Team Approach**

In Collaboration with the Wound Healing Foundation



April 10 to 12, 2025

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INTERDISCIPLINARY LINE-UP

Benefit from a multidisciplinary approach that empowers every healthcare team member with essential education and resources.

EXPERT INSIGHTS

Gain knowledge from a distinguished international faculty dedicated to improving wound care and functional limb salvage.

INNOVATIVE TECHNIQUES

Discover evidence-based practices and actionable insights that will transform your patient outcomes.

PARTNERSHIP WITH WOUND HEALING FOUNDATION

We are thrilled to collaborate once again with the Wound Healing Foundation, reinforcing our commitment to excellence in wound care.

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Continuing Education Credit Information

Course Description

Join us in April 2025 to experience an inclusive and interactive agenda with interdisciplinary line-up of key opinion leaders, and the latest innovations. DLS is highly regarded as one of the world's finest limb salvage events and brings together the most eminent lower limb specialists for an unforgettable meeting.

In 2025 DLS is partnering with the Wound Healing Foundation for unparalleled learning experience. The Wound Healing Foundation was founded on the commitment to wound care and to provide patients, researchers, and health professionals the resources to make significant contributions in wound healing. This annual conference focuses on a multidisciplinary team approach that provides each member of the healthcare team with the education and resources needed to heal wounds and prevent amputations. It features a prominent international faculty that promotes the importance of a multispecialty approach in limb salvage. The course is designed for healthcare practitioners of all specialties and promotes an evidence-based approach with emphasis on take-home points, techniques, and functional outcomes.

Learning Objectives

- Analyze the public health crisis of diabetic limb loss.
- Discuss the pain of sensory loss and non-compliance to care.
- Examine the options in vascular interventional technology and techniques, both surgical and endovascular.
- Promote the practice of functional limb salvage so that patients maximize their active ambulatory status.
- Navigate the complexities of biomechanics, limb salvage, problem wounds, and wound based infection.
- Cite the financial and social impact of diabetic limb salvage and amputation.
- Identify the roles and responsibilities of members of the healthcare team involved in the collaborative care for prevention of diabetic limb loss.
- Integrate a team-based approach in the care of patients to prevent diabetic limb loss.

Target Audience

This conference is intended for diabetes and wound care specialists, vascular surgeons, orthopaedic surgeons, podiatric surgeons, plastic surgeons, dermatologists, endocrinologists, family practice physicians, infectious disease specialists, cardiovascular and endovascular specialists, nurse practitioners, physician assistants, physical therapists, occupational therapists, nurses, peripheral nerve specialists, certified diabetes educators, and other members of the healthcare team involved in diabetic foot and limb salvage.



For updated program information, please visit [DLSConference.com](https://www.dlsconference.com)

Accreditation



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In support of improving patient care, MedStar Health is jointly accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME), the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE) and the American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC) to provide continuing education for the healthcare team.

Credit Designation



IPCE CREDIT™

This activity was planned by and for the healthcare team, and learners will receive 20.75 Interprofessional Continuing Education (IPCE) credits for learning and change.

Physicians: MedStar Health designates this live activity for a maximum of 20.75 *AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™*. Physicians should claim only the credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.



American Board of Internal Medicine MOC Credit: Successful completion of this CME activity, which includes participation in the evaluation component, enables the participant to earn up to 20.75 MOC points in the American Board of Internal Medicine's (ABIM) Maintenance of Certification (MOC) program. It is the

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Additional Course Information

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Agenda

THURSDAY, APRIL 10

6:30 a.m. Registration Opens and Breakfast

SESSION I: Diabetes and Neuropathy: The Elephant in the Room

Moderators: Christopher E. Attinger, MD;
John S. Steinberg, DPM

8:00 a.m. **Welcome Remarks**
Christopher E. Attinger, MD;
John S. Steinberg, DPM

8:10 a.m. **Why Is It My Job to Care About
Glycemic Control?**
Ketan Dhatariya, MBBS, MSc, MD, MS, PhD

8:25 a.m. **Diabetic Foot Ulcers (DFU) by the
Numbers: Is There Any Hope?**
David J. Margolis, MD, PhD

8:40 a.m. **Steps in the Right Direction:
Gait Lab Findings in Our Limb
Salvage Patient Population**
Jayson N. Atves, DPM

8:55 a.m. **It's Not the Foot...It's the Host**
Paul J. Kim, DPM, MS

9:10 a.m. **Panel Discussion**
Moderators: Christopher E. Attinger, MD;
John S. Steinberg, DPM
Panelists: J. Atves, K. Dhatariya, P. Kim,
D. Margolis

SESSION II: Wound Healing Foundation - The Science of Wound Healing

9:30 a.m. **WHF KEYNOTE ADDRESS:
T.K. Hunt Lecture: Effects of
Controlled Sub-atmospheric
Pressure on Tissues**
Michael J. Morykwas, PhD
Introduction by Kris Kieswetter, PhD, MBA

10:10 a.m. Transition to Specialty Tracks

2025 MedStar Georgetown Distinguished Achievement Award in Diabetic Limb Salvage



MedStar Georgetown University Hospital is honored to present Professor Frances Game with the 2025 MedStar Georgetown Distinguished Achievement Award in Diabetic Limb Salvage.

Professor Frances Game has been a consultant Diabetologist at the University Hospitals of Derby and Burton NHS Foundation Trust since 2011. She is the Clinical Director of R&D and the Derby Clinical Trials Support Unit, and Honorary Professor at the University of Nottingham. Her main clinical and research interest is the Diabetic Foot, leading a number of multicentre/multinational trials in this field. She chaired both the Classification and Wound Healing subgroups of the International Working Group of the Diabetic Foot for the 2023 guidelines, has been a member of the Editorial Board of this organization for the last 4 years, and Chair from January 2024.

She is the current Clinical Lead for the National Diabetes Foot Audit of England and Wales and has been one of the NHS England Co-Clinical Regional Directors for Diabetes (Midlands), since May 2018. She was awarded the Edward James Olmos Award for Amputation Prevention by the American Limb Preservation Society in 2021 and the Roger W. Pecoraro award by the American Diabetes Association 2024.

Please joins us in honoring Dr. Game on Friday, April 11 at the end of Session VIII.

Previous honorees for the Distinguished Achievement Award include:

2024: Roberto Ferraresi, MD

2023: J.P. Hong, MD, PhD

2022: Dane K. Wukich, MD

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2010: Gary W. Gibbons, MD

2009: Peter Sheehan, MD

2008: Lawrence B. Harkless, DPM

2007: David G. Armstrong, DPM, MD, PhD

SESSION III: Specialty Tracks

Reconstructive Cases and Complications: The Orthoplastic Approach

Moderators: Karen Kim Evans, MD; Jayson N. Atves, DPM

- 10:20 a.m. **Opening Remarks**
Karen Kim Evans, MD;
Jayson N. Atves, DPM
- 10:25 a.m. **Cases and Complications in Plastic Surgery**
Karen Kim Evans, MD
- 10:45 a.m. **Cases and Complications in Podiatric Surgery**
Jayson N. Atves, DPM
- 11:00 a.m. **What I've Learned from My Patients**
Ketan M. Patel, MD
- 11:15 a.m. **Extreme Limb Salvage Cases**
Pedro Cavadas, MD, PhD
- 11:30 a.m. **Questions and Discussion**
Moderators: Karen Kim Evans, MD;
Jayson N. Atves, DPM
Panelist: P. Cavadas, K. Patel

Regulatory and Reimbursement Challenges in Wound Healing

Moderators: John S. Steinberg, DPM;
Kara Couch MS, CRNP, CWCN-AP

- 10:20 a.m. **Opening Remarks**
John S. Steinberg, DPM;
Kara Couch MS, CRNP, CWCN-AP
- 10:25 a.m. **The Right Mix of Providers and Resources. It's All About the Team**
Christopher E. Attinger, MD
- 10:40 a.m. **The Hospital Point of View: It's a Win / Win**
Mary Chris Ponder
- 11:00 a.m. **Correct Coding for Wound/Ulcer Management**
Kathleen D. Schaum, MS
- 11:20 a.m. **Compliance and Regulatory Readiness**
Kara Couch MS, CRNP, CWCN-AP
- 11:40 a.m. **Questions and Discussion**
Moderators: John S. Steinberg, DPM;
Kara Couch MS, CRNP, CWCN-AP
Panelists: C. Attinger, M. Ponder,
K. Schaum

Vascular Surgery in Limb Salvage: Latest Techniques in Critical Limb Ischemia (CLI)

Moderator: Cameron M. Akbari, MD

- 10:20 a.m. **Opening Remarks**
Cameron M. Akbari, MD
- 10:40 a.m. **System Based Approach to Vascular Surgery and CLI**
Steven D. Abramowitz, MD
- 10:55 a.m. **Deep Vein Arterialization: The Positives**
Michael Siah, MD
- 11:10 a.m. **Deep Vein Arterialization: The Drawbacks**
Steven D. Abramowitz, MD
- 11:25 a.m. **Venous Disease in 2024: It's Not Just Compression!**
Kyle Reynolds, MD
- 11:40 a.m. **Panel Discussion and Complex Case Presentations**
Moderator: Cameron M. Akbari, MD
Panelists: S. Abramowitz, K. Reynolds,
M. Siah

WHF: Emerging Research in Wound Science

Moderators: Paul Y. Liu, MD; Laura K.S. Parnell, BS, MSc

- 10:20 a.m. **Opening Remarks**
Paul Y. Liu, MD; Laura K.S. Parnell, BS, MSc
- 10:25 a.m. **Clinical Application and Care**
Ernest S. Chiu, MD
- 10:35 a.m. **Patient and Family Perspective**
Sissi Miao, PhD, MBA
- 10:45 a.m. **Reimbursement**
Kathleen D. Schaum, MS
- 10:55 a.m. **Minced Skin Grafting vs CTP**
Debora C. Sanches-Pinto, MD
- 11:05 a.m. **Abstract Oral Presentations**
TBD

11:50 a.m. **Break and Visit the Abstract Poster Presentations**

12:20 p.m. **Lunch Symposiums I-VI**

1:10 p.m. **Coffee Break with the Abstract Authors**

We invite you to visit the Abstract Hall, located just outside the General Session, to engage with authors and explore the abstracts on display.

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THURSDAY, APRIL 10

SESSION IV: Limb Salvage 'Basic Training'

Moderators: Christopher E. Attinger, MD;
John S. Steinberg, DPM

- 1:40 p.m. **Renal Failure Changes Everything**
Frances Game, MD
- 1:55 p.m. **Diagnosing Osteomyelitis: Bone Biopsy is NOT the Gold Standard**
Andrew J. Meyr, DPM
- 2:10 p.m. **Oral vs IV Antibiotics: The Data Has Finally Conquered the Dogma**
J.P. Hong, MD, PhD
- 2:25 p.m. **Using Data to Guide Your Approach to Offloading Neuropathic Wounds**
Lawrence A. Lavery, DPM, MPH
- 2:40 p.m. **Local Flaps and Split-Thickness Skin Graft (STSG): Sometimes the Simple Things Are Best**
Richard C. Youn, MD
- 2:55 p.m. **Panel Discussion**
Moderators: Christopher E. Attinger, MD;
John S. Steinberg, DPM
Panelists: F. Game, J.P. Hong, L. Lavery,
A. Meyr, R. Youn

SESSION V: Taking Action for Limb Salvage

Moderators: Christopher E. Attinger, MD;
John S. Steinberg, DPM

- 3:15 p.m. **Stem Cell Therapy in the Treatment of DFU**
Rica Tanaka, MD, PhD
- 3:30 p.m. **Lasers and Light Assisted Devices for Lower Extremity Form and Function**
Thomas M. Beachkofsky, MD
- 3:45 p.m. **Finding Clarity and Best Practice in Biologics for Wounds**
Ernest S. Chiu, MD

- 4:00 p.m. **Micrografting for Wound Healing**
Debora C. Sanches-Pinto, MD
- 4:15 p.m. **Target Muscle Reinnervation (TMR) as a Game Changer in Functional Limb Loss**
Grant M. Kleiber, MD
- 4:30 p.m. **Panel Discussion**
Moderators: Christopher E. Attinger, MD;
John S. Steinberg, DPM
Panelists: T. Beachkofsky, E. Chiu,
G. Kleiber, D. Sanches-Pinto, R. Tanaka

SESSION VI: Caught on Video...DLS Case Presentations

Moderators: Christopher E. Attinger, MD;
John S. Steinberg, DPM

- 5:00 p.m. **Angioplasty for Limb Salvage**
Michael Siah, MD
- 5:05 p.m. **Below Knee Amputation (BKA): Technique Equals Function**
Christopher E. Attinger, MD
- 5:10 p.m. **Skin Grafting for Wound Closure**
Richard C. Youn, MD
- 5:15 p.m. **Tendo Achilles Lengthening**
John S. Steinberg, DPM
- 5:20 p.m. **Local Flaps in the Foot and Ankle**
Karen Kim Evans, MD
- 5:25 p.m. **Ex Fix for Limb Salvage**
Ali Rahnama, DPM
- 5:30 p.m. **Day One Closing Remarks**
Christopher E. Attinger, MD;
John S. Steinberg, DPM
- 5:35 p.m. **Welcome Reception and Exhibit Hall Grand Opening**



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FRIDAY, APRIL 11

7:00 a.m. **Registration, Breakfast, Visit the Exhibitors**

SESSION VII: Charcot Arthropathy. A Chance to Cut is a Chance to Cure?

Christopher E. Attinger, MD; John S. Steinberg, DPM

8:00 a.m. **Day Two Welcome**
Christopher E. Attinger, MD;
John S. Steinberg, DPM

8:10 a.m. **Internal Fixation vs External Fixation: Preference Based or Evidence Based?**
Venu M. Kavarthapu, MD

8:25 a.m. **Deciphering the Outcomes Data in Charcot**
Ali Rahnama, DPM

8:40 a.m. **Lessons Learned from a Lifetime of Charcot Reconstruction**
Dane K. Wukich, MD

8:55 a.m. **Amputation vs Salvage: Extreme Charcot Cases**
Byron L. Hutchinson, DPM

9:10 a.m. **Panel Discussion with Complex Case Presentations**
Moderator: Dane K. Wukich, MD
Panelists: B. Hutchinson, V. Kavarthapu, A. Rahnama

9:45 a.m. **Break, Visit the Exhibitors, and View Abstract Poster Presentations**

SESSION VIII: Vascular Best Practice in Limb Salvage

10:15 a.m. **Evolution of Endovascular Therapy in Limb Salvage**
Cameron M. Akbari, MD

10:30 a.m. **Navigating The Future for No-Option CLTI Patients: Strategies and Possibilities**
Alessandro Ucci, MD, PhD

10:45 a.m. **Is the Distal Byass Dead?**
Richard F. Neville, MD

11:00 a.m. **Microvascular Disease in Limb Salvage: We Can't Keep Ignoring This!**
Michael Siah, MD

11:15 a.m. **Panel Discussion**
Moderators: Christopher E. Attinger, MD;
John S. Steinberg, DPM
Panelist: C. Akbari, R. Neville, M. Siah, A. Ucci

11:45 a.m. **2025 MedStar Georgetown Distinguished Achievement Award in Diabetic Limb Salvage**
Frances Game, MD

12:00 p.m. **Lunch, Visit the Exhibitors, and View Abstract Poster Presentations**

SESSION IX: Wound Healing Foundation - The Science of Wound Healing
Moderators: Sissi Miao, PhD, MBA, Laura K.S. Parnell, BS, MSc; Georgios Theodoridis, PhD

1:30 p.m. **H. PAUL EHRlich RISING STAR LECTURE: Discarded Wound Dressings: A Treasure Trove of Untapped Biomarkers!**
Ivan Jozic, PhD

1:50 p.m. **SOLVENTUM FELLOWSHIP LECTURE: Unraveling Pyoderma Gangrenosum: A Comprehensive Approach to Understanding Its Complex Pathophysiology and Molecular Signatures**
Nathan Balukoff, MD, PhD

2:10 p.m. **DLS KEYNOTE LECTURE: The Future of Healthcare in the US**
Stephen R. T. Evans, MD

2:35 p.m. **Break, Visit the Exhibitors, and View Abstract Poster Presentations**

SESSION X: Reconstructive Plastic Surgery in Limb Salvage
Moderators: Christopher E. Attinger, MD;
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3:05 p.m. **Diabetic Neuropathy: Lessons from Paul Brand and Leprosy**
Andrew J. M. Boulton, MD, DSc

3:20 p.m. **Free Tissue Transfer in DLS: Lessons Learned and Best Practice**
Karen Kim Evans, MD

3:35 p.m. **Pushing the Limits of Microsurgery in the Foot and Ankle**
J. P. Hong, MD, PhD

3:50 p.m. **An Evidence-Based Algorithm for Flap Reconstruction in the Diabetic Limb**
John M. Felder, MD

4:05 p.m. **Extreme Limb Salvage and Replantation**
Pedro Cavadas, MD, PhD

4:20 p.m. **Refinements in Microsurgical Reconstruction of the Lower Extremity**
Ketan M. Patel, MD

4:35 p.m. **Targeted Muscle Reinnervation, Neuromas, and Phantom Pain in Major Limb Amputees**
Ian L. Valerio, MD, MS, MBA

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FRIDAY, APRIL 11

4:50 p.m. **Osseointegration, Prosthetics and Amputation Rehabilitation**
Jason M. Souza, MD

5:05 p.m. **Panel Discussion**
Moderators: Christopher E. Attinger, MD;
John S. Steinberg, DPM
Panelists: A. Boulton, P. Cavadas, K. Evans,
J. Felder, J.P. Hong, K. Patel, J. Souza
I. Valerio

5:35 p.m. **Day Two Closing Remarks**
Moderators: Christopher E. Attinger, MD;
John S. Steinberg, DPM

5:40 p.m. **Adjourn**

5:45 p.m. **Exhibit Hall Closes**

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SATURDAY, APRIL 12

7:00 a.m. **Registration, Breakfast, Visit the Exhibitors**

SESSION XI: Wound Care is More Than Gauze and Saline

Moderators: Christopher E. Attinger, MD;
John S. Steinberg, DPM

8:00 a.m. **Day Three Welcome**
Christopher E. Attinger, MD;
John S. Steinberg, DPM

8:10 a.m. **Abstract Oral Presentations and Awards**
In honor of Gregory Schultz, PhD

8:40 a.m. **The Patient's Perspective: Thoughts from the Ones Who Know this Way Better Than We Do!**
John S. Steinberg, DPM

9:00 a.m. **The Mental Health and Psychiatry of Limb Loss / Limb Salvage**
Daniel Powell, MD; Ted Liao, MD

9:15 a.m. **Endocrinology: The Latest in Technology and Pharmaceuticals**
Ketan Dhatariya, MBBS, MSc, MD, MS, PhD

9:30 a.m. **With or Without Contrast? Updates for Renal Insufficiency**
Amma Maurer, MD

9:45 a.m. **Global View and Impact of the Diabetic Foot**
Andrew J. M. Boulton, MD, DSc

10:00 a.m. **Multidisciplinary Treatment of Atypical Foot and Leg Wounds**
Kara Couch, MS, CRNP, CWCN-AP

10:15 a.m. **Best Practice for Pressure Wounds - The Wound, Ostomy, and Continence Nurses Society Inpatient Team**
Christina M. Koehler, BSN, RN, CWON

10:30 a.m. **Panel Discussion**
Moderators: Christopher E. Attinger, MD;
John S. Steinberg, DPM
Panelists: A. Boulton, K. Couch,
K. Dhatariya, C. Koehler, A. Maurer,
D. Powell

SESSION XII: Case Based Learning in Limb Salvage

Moderators: Christopher E. Attinger, MD;
John S. Steinberg, DPM

11:00 a.m. **Toe vs Ray vs Transmetatarsal Amputation (TMA): Forefoot Amputation Decision Making**
John S. Steinberg, DPM

11:15 a.m. **Midfoot Amputation: Role for Lisfrancs and Choparts?**
Jayson N. Atves, DPM

11:30 a.m. **We Should Have Done the BKA Sooner...**
Richard C. Youn, MD

11:45 p.m. **Navigating the Hospital Rodeo and Setting Your Patient Up for Successful Rehabilitation**
Thalia A. Attinger, MSN, FNP-BC

12:00 p.m. **Panel Discussion**
Moderators: Christopher E. Attinger, MD;
John S. Steinberg, DPM
Panelists: T. Attinger, J. Atves, R. Youn

12:25 p.m. **Closing Remarks**
Christopher E. Attinger, MD;
John S. Steinberg, DPM

12:30 p.m. **Adjourn**



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Submit your abstract at dlsconference.com by February 21, 2025.

Wound Healing Foundation Keynote Address T.K. Hunt Lecture: Michael J. Morykwas, PhD



Michael Morykwas, Ph.D. is Professor Emeritus of Surgery - Plastic and Reconstructive at the Wake Forest University School of Medicine. He also has cross appointments in Radiology - Biomedical Engineering, The School for Biomedical Engineering and Sciences (joint with Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University), the Wake Forest Institute of Regenerative Medicine, and the Center for Biomolecular Imaging. He is also co-founder, President and Chief Science Officer of Renovo Concepts, Inc.

Dr. Morykwas attended Michigan Technological University and the University of Detroit. He then earned his Ph.D. in Bioengineering from the University of Michigan. His research experience began in the laboratory of Robert Bartlett, M.D. investigating dermal replacements for burn patients and assisting in testing in the early-stage development of ECMO. He completed a post-doctoral fellowship investigating electro-rheologic fluids at the University of Michigan under Frank Filisko, Ph.D. In 1988, he was invited by Louis Argenta, M.D. to join the faculty of the Department of Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery at Wake Forest University, where he served as the Director of Research for 35 years. Soon after arriving at Wake Forest, he and Louis Argenta began studying the effects of controlled vacuum application to open wounds. This led to the development of The V.A.C.® (Vacuum Assisted Closure) which became the field of negative pressure wound therapy (NPWT). Along with microsurgery and organ transplantation, NPWT was recently voted one of the most significant advances in plastic surgery in the last 100 years.

Dr. Morykwas served as a reviewer of manuscripts for numerous journals and abstracts for numerous societies. He has been a member of several boards, including the National Board of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society. He was a consultant and panel member for the General and Plastic Surgery Devices Advisory Panel, US FDA for 23 years. Dr. Morykwas is a named inventor on 21 issued US patents and over 100 international patents. He and Dr. Argenta were awarded the Medallion of Merit by Wake Forest University for exemplary service to the university in 2015. He continues to study the effects of applied vacuum to damaged, terminally differentiated organs, including the brain, spinal cord, and heart.

Registration Information

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