

# Timothy Miller, DPM, FACFAS, DABPM



Dr. Miller grew up in a household surrounded by family members who dedicated their lives to helping others. His father was a police officer, and his mother was a registered nurse working in the emergency room. After hearing stories from the daily encounters that his mother experienced, Dr. Miller knew that he wanted to dedicate his life to medicine. He attended the Johns Hopkins University for his undergraduate studies and played football for the varsity team. While there, he suffered an injury to his ankle. He sought help from an expert and was cared for by a podiatrist. After seeing the positive impact that the field of podiatry had on its patients, Dr. Miller knew that podiatry was his field of choice.

He attended the New York College of Podiatric Medicine, where he graduated in the top 10% of his class and was inducted into the Pi Delta National Honor Society. Upon graduation, he completed residency at Atlantic Health Morristown Medical Center in Morristown, NJ. This is the official healthcare partner of the New York Jets. He served as chief resident in his final year. This residency was dedicated to all facets of podiatric medicine, allowing its residents to gain a vast amount of skill and knowledge. During his training, he performed over 1200 surgical procedures dedicated to foot and ankle ailments, including complex reconstruction of the lower extremity. After residency, he completed his fellowship at the Foot and Ankle Specialists of Ohio, located in Mentor, Ohio. This fellowship was focused on gaining advanced surgical training including limb reconstruction, treatment of trauma and deformity correction, along with Charcot and diabetic limb salvage.

Dr. Miller continued to practice in Ohio for two years after fellowship, adding to his clinical and surgical skills. Dr. Miller is board certified in foot surgery and reconstructive rearfoot and ankle surgery by the American Board of Foot and Ankle Surgeons. Furthermore, he is board certified by the American Board of Podiatric Medicine. He holds certifications in arthroscopic surgery of the foot and ankle along with total ankle joint replacement. He is happy to continue his medical career closer to his family in Florida. Dr. Miller is excited to be a part of the Avalon Park and greater Orlando community and wants to help patients get back to the lifestyle they desire.

# Stephen Badylak, DVM, Ph.D., MD

Professor

Department of Surgery (School of Medicine)

Deputy Director- McGowan Institute for Regenerative Medicine

University of Pittsburgh

Pittsburgh, PA

Medical school:

Indiana University

PhD and DVM:

Purdue University

Dr. Badylak is a Professor in the Departments of Surgery and BioEngineering at the University of Pittsburgh and deputy director of the McGowan Institute of Regenerative Medicine.

He holds more than 75 U.S. patents, 400 patents worldwide, has authored more than 425 scientific publications and 60 book chapters, and has recently edited two textbooks entitled "Host Response to Biomaterials" and "Immunomodulatory Biomaterials". He currently serves on the Immunology Advisory Board to the Medical Device Section of the FDA. More than fifteen million patients have been treated with bioscaffolds developed in Dr. Badylak's laboratory.



# Daniel Metcalf, PhD



Daniel Metcalf PhD is a biochemist and PhD microbiologist specialising in biofilm therapy, originally in the dental field.

He has worked in the wound care industry for 19 years, starting out working on antimicrobial dressings at Johnson & Johnson Wound Management.

During 17 years at Convatec, he has developed and supported infection and biofilm management technologies such as FlexiSeal<sup>®</sup>, AQUACEL<sup>®</sup> Ag, and AQUACEL<sup>®</sup> Ag Advantage.

Holding a number of patents, he has received 5 international awards of recognition, and has published more than 25 peer reviewed papers on wound biofilm science and advanced wound care technologies.

Daniel currently leads Convatec's Research and Innovation team in the Advanced Wound Care R&D division, based in Deeside, Wales, UK.

## Paul Nordness, MD



As a general surgeon in Alabama, Dr. Nordness performs a range of surgeries and operations, usually focusing on areas and organs of the abdomen and their related organs. Dr. Nordness may utilize invasive or minimally-invasive surgical techniques, with the latter reducing recovery time and stress on the patient's body. Dr. Paul Nordness graduated from Vanderbilt University School of Medicine in 1995.

# Jerry Obed, DO



Jerome R. Obed, DO, is a native Floridian who has been living in South Florida for the past fifteen years. After graduating from the University of Florida with Honors in both Zoology and Human Nutrition, he attended the Kirskville College of Osteopathic Medicine in Missouri. Dr. Obed then returned to Florida, where he completed two residencies at Broward Health Medical Center; the first in Family Medicine, the second in Dermatology. He became board certified and worked in both urgent care and critical care medicine before transitioning into his true passion of Dermatology.

In his position as an Associate Professor, Dr. Obed plays an integral role in the education of medical students and residents. He continues to publish scientific papers and give lectures to his peers in his dermatologic college. In his free time, Dr. Obed enjoys working as a Ringside Physician, where he is entrusted to care for elite athletes both inside and outside of the ring. He has made numerous appearances on ESPN and other television networks for professional boxing and mixed martial arts events.

Dr. Obed's unique path and training translate into unparalleled care for his patients. This preparation, paired with the use of the latest technologies, helps his patients to achieve healthy and beautiful skin that will last a lifetime.

# Andrew Rader, DPM, FACFAOM, FAPWCA, FAENS, FAAWM, FASPPS, FAPWH, FACCCWS



- **Education:**
  - B.S from Indiana University and Valparaiso University
  - D.P.M from Illinois College of Podiatric Medicine
- **Residency:**
  - University of South Florida, Shriners Children's Hospital
  - Tampa V.A. Tampa, FL
- **Additional Practices:**
  - Curtis National Hand Center – Advanced Microsurgery
  - Institute for Peripheral Nerve Surgery, Ilizarov Institute – Complex foot and ankle reconstruction
- **Practice Information:**
  - Indiana Foot & Ankle (Jasper) – Founder/Owner
  - Dr. Rader is in his 33rd year of practice
  - Medical Director – Memorial Hospital's Wound Care Center, Huntingburg, IN
  - Memorial Hospital, Jasper, IN
  - St. Mary's Hospital, Evansville, IN
  - Riverview Surgical Center, Rockport, IN
- **Specialties:**
  - Complex Foot and Ankle Reconstruction
  - Flaps and Grafts and Peripheral Nerve Surgery

# James Cottom, CPM, FACFAS



Dr. Cottom received his bachelor's degree with honors from Michigan State University. In 2002 he graduated Magna Cum Laude from Scholl College / Finch University, in Chicago, Illinois. Subsequently, he completed a three-year surgical residency in reconstructive and trauma surgery of the foot and ankle at the Detroit Medical Center/Wayne State University, in Detroit, Michigan focusing in all areas of Foot, Ankle, and Leg Surgery. Dr. Cottom is also extensively trained in the conservative and surgical treatment of diabetic conditions affecting the lower extremity including limb salvage.

Dr. Cottom is honored to be one of only a few podiatric surgeons in the United States and the only in the state of Florida that has completed a 12-month surgical fellowship at the prestigious Orthopedic Foot and Ankle Center in Columbus, Ohio. This is a unique fellowship that trains both Podiatric and Orthopedic Surgeons. This advanced surgical training focused on foot and ankle trauma, reconstruction as well as total ankle replacement. This was completed in Columbus, Ohio under the direction of Gregory Berlet MD, Thomas Lee MD and Terrence Philbin DO and was affiliated with The Ohio State University. In 2005 he completed an AO International Trauma and Reconstructive Foot and Leg Fellowship under the direction of Dr. Sigvard Hansen MD in Seattle, Washington. Dr. Cottom also completed a Fellowship in Kurgan, Russia focusing on the Ilizarov technique for correction of acute trauma and complex deformities of the lower extremity in both adult and pediatric patients.

Dr. Cottom is currently the only Fellowship Trained Foot and Ankle Surgeon in the region who is trained on 10 FDA approved Total Ankle Replacements. Dr. Cottom has authored numerous publications in the area of Foot, Ankle, and Leg surgery and has won research awards both at the state and national levels for his work. He is very active in lecturing as well as in teaching the latest surgical procedures to other surgeons. He is a devoted patient advocate who strongly believes that the quality of education and training make a difference in treatment outcomes. Dr. Cottom is a member of the American College of Foot & Ankle Surgeons which helps deliver superior continuing medical education to foot and ankle surgeons in the United States. He also serves as the Fellowship Director of the Florida Orthopedic Foot & Ankle Center 12-month Foot and Ankle Fellowship. A native of Michigan, Cottom now lives in Sarasota, Florida with his wife Devin and daughter Rowan.

# Anthony Iorio, DPM, MPH, FACFAS, FACWCA



Dr. Iorio graduated from NYCPM in 1981, completed his residencies at two VA hospitals in 1983 and went into private practice in Connecticut, becoming a partner in 1985 and until 2017 and served as Chief of Podiatric Services at St. Vincent's Medical Center in Bridgeport CT from 1997-2017.

He earned his MPH degree from New York Medical College in Valhalla, NY in 2003 and joined the faculty of New York College of Podiatric Medicine in July of 2004. At the College, Dr. Iorio became Chair of the Department of Medical Sciences in 2004 and remained chair until 2007, when he was named Assistant Dean for Continuing Education and was named Chair of the Department of Community Health and Medicine in 2009, the same year he became Chief of Lincoln Medical Center's Department of Podiatry. In addition to the above, he is now the Dean of Continuing Education at the New York College of Podiatric Medicine.

Dr. Iorio has long been involved in community health and he's had long-term involvement with the APHA's podiatry division, to provide services to promote health in East Harlem. His mission work has brought him to areas of underserved and noninsured populations in Central America, Asia, and India. His area of specialization is diabetes, because there is such a high incidence here and "to decrease the number of complications that a diabetic can have and thus saving a life." He feels that community health is "the most underappreciated kind of (medical) work," and sees that internationally as well as locally. He feels that it's "important to give of ourselves." He teaches Medical Ethics and the Art of Doctoring.

Currently he is involved in setting up Comprehensive Models of delivering health care to his diabetic patients and believes prevention and early detection need to be implemented early in avoiding complications diabetic patients are exposed to. The importance of teamwork has been particularly emphasized for the treatment of Diabetic Foot ulcerations. This interdisciplinary Team collaboration improves patient outcomes.

Furthermore, his mission work is close to his heart. He works through the College and with NYCPM students and residents developing wellness programs to areas in most need.

# Vincent Sollecito, DPM, CWS, FACFAS



Born and raised in New York, Dr Sollecito has been a podiatrist in private practice since 1981. He is a graduate of Villanova University in Pennsylvania, as well as the New York College of Podiatric Medicine in 1979. He spent two years in residency at Lindell Hospital in St. Louis and has since called Missouri home.

Dr. Sollecito is board certified in wound care, as well as foot and ankle surgery, and currently practices both privately at Missouri Foot & Ankle and is currently the Chair of Podiatry at Mercy South Hospital. His practice interests include sports medicine and diabetic foot and wound care. He is also an Attending Physician in the SSM DePaul Hospital Podiatric Surgery Residency Program.

Dr. Sollecito is the physician liaison to the skilled wound and ostomy team at Mercy South and has published and presented extensively on wound care topics. He is also an active member of various professional organizations, including the American Board of Foot and Ankle Surgery, American College of Foot & Ankle Surgery, the American College of Certified Wound Specialists, the Wound Healing Society, the American Podiatric Medical Association, the American Professional Wound Care, and the American Diabetes Association.

# Kiana Karbasi, DPM, AACFAS, DABPM



Dr. Karbasi completed her undergraduate studies at Ryerson University in Toronto, where she earned her degree in Civil Engineering. She decided to pursue medicine after gaining two years of engineering experience. She completed her second bachelor degree in biology at Boston University. Dr. Karbasi attended the New York College of Podiatric Medicine, where she was able to rotate through and treat patients in some of the top healthcare facilities in New York City. While attending school, Dr. Karbasi was inducted into the prestigious Pi Mu Delta National Service Society. Upon graduation, she completed residency at Atlantic Health Morristown Medical Center in Morristown, NJ. This is the official healthcare partner of the New York Jets. She served as chief resident in her final year. This residency was dedicated to all facets of podiatric medicine, allowing its residents to gain a vast amount of skill and knowledge. During her training, she performed surgical procedures dedicated to foot and ankle ailments, including complex reconstruction of the lower extremity.

Dr. Karbasi is board certified by the American Board of Podiatric Medicine. She is board qualified in foot surgery and reconstructive rearfoot and ankle surgery by the American Board of Foot and Ankle Surgery. She specializes in trauma, reconstruction with use of external fixations and arthroscopic procedures.

# Richard Kaufman, DPM, FACFAS, CWSP



Dr. Richard Kaufman is a Foot and Ankle Surgeon and Wound Care Specialist Physician who proudly serves the metro Atlanta area. He is a Fellow of the American College of Foot and Ankle Surgeons, a Diplomate of the American Board of Wound Management, and a Diplomate of the American Board of Podiatric Medicine.

Dr. Kaufman subspecializes in management and treatment of complex lower extremity wounds, foot and ankle reconstruction, Charcot foot and ankle deformity and bunion surgery (utilizing the latest three dimensional and minimally invasive techniques). He practices Podiatry in Roswell, GA and at Piedmont Atlanta's Wound Care and Hyperbaric Center.

In his spare time, Dr. Kaufman enjoys spending time with his wife and two sons, along with his extended family in the metro-Atlanta area. He is a passionate alpine skier and loves technology.

# Lee Thornton, MD, FACS



Lee Thornton, MD, FACS, is a board-certified plastic surgeon who specializes in oculoplastic and hand surgery. A highly skilled surgeon, Dr. Thornton brings more than 30 years of experience to Meridian Plastic Surgery, the skin care clinic, and the surgery center, all in Meridian, Mississippi. His areas of expertise include eyelid surgery, tear duct surgery, and facial reconstructive surgery.

Born and raised in Meridian, Dr. Thornton grew up in a medical family. After graduating with honors from the University of Mississippi in Oxford, Mississippi, Dr. Thornton worked as a laboratory instructor at Millsaps College Department of Biology in Jackson, Mississippi, before enrolling in medical school at Tulane University in New Orleans, Louisiana.

During his time at Tulane, Dr. Thornton earned his Doctor of Medicine as well as his Master of Science in Public Health and Tropical Medicine, graduating at the top of his class. He then moved to Denver, Colorado, to start a community medicine internship at the University of Colorado Hospital in Aurora. Following his internship, Dr. Thornton gained acceptance into a highly competitive general surgery residency at the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center in Dallas, Texas.

Dr. Thornton completed five years of surgical training before earning a coveted plastic surgery training position at Emory University in Atlanta, Georgia. Finally, he pursued an additional cosmetic and oculoplastic surgery fellowship at Paces Plastic Surgery Center in Atlanta.

Since finishing his training and earning his board certification from the American Board of Plastic Surgery, Dr. Thornton has served on the International Committee for the American Society for Aesthetic Plastic Surgery (ASAPS), become a fellow of the American College of Surgeons (ACS), and was even selected to be one of the Medical Advisory Board Members for the Plastic Surgery Channel.

Dr. Thornton and his wife, Michelle, returned to Meridian in 1998 to launch Meridian Plastic Surgery. When he isn't working, he enjoys spending time with Michelle and their four children, collecting guitars, and golfing.

# Christopher Michaelis, DO



Dr. Christopher Michaelis is a board-certified emergency physician that has focused on Wound Care since 2016. He attended medical school at Pikeville College School of Osteopathic Medicine. He then did his internship at St. Luke's Hospital in Allentown Pennsylvania followed by a three-year emergency medicine residency in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania. He practiced emergency medicine for eight years before focusing on the specialty of Wound Care. Dr. Michaelis has been a great advocate for educating physicians and the medical community about innovations in Wound Care and advancing the practice of wound healing and prevention.

Dr. Michaelis owns one of the largest private office room care centers in the Southeast with offices in Charleston and Nexton, South Carolina.

# Kathleen Schaum, MS



Kathleen Schaum recently celebrated her 54th year of working in the medical reimbursement arena. As the founder and president of her own consulting company, Kathleen D. Schaum & Associates, Inc. she shares her 50+ years of knowledge and experience with wound/ulcer management stakeholders. For the past 24 years, Kathleen has educated and consulted with wound/ulcer management providers and manufacturers. In addition, Ms. Schaum has guided manufacturers' reimbursement strategies for nearly 500 wound/ulcer management products and procedures and has provided reimbursement education to 6,000+ executives and sales representatives.

Ms. Schaum consults with numerous new and established hospital owned outpatient wound/ulcer management departments and wound/ulcer management professionals regarding the "business side of wound/ulcer management." Her reimbursement teleconsultation services, Charge Description Master reviews, and coding/billing guidance provides a "lifeline" for many wound/ulcer management professionals and revenue cycle teams.

Ms. Schaum continuously monitors reimbursement legislation and regulations and attends many reimbursement meetings and seminars to maintain her own knowledge regarding this ever-changing topic. Then she willingly shares that knowledge with wound/ulcer management stakeholders at national and regional symposiums and via her monthly reimbursement columns: Payment Strategies in Advances in Skin & Wound Care and Business Briefs in Today's Wound Clinic, as well as her new column, entitled Consultation Corner, which appears quarterly in Today's Wound Clinic. Based on her published articles, Kathleen was recently recognized as a world expert of reimbursement health insurance – she is in the top 0.089% and ranks number 26 out of 30,441 published worldwide authors.