

Dear ACFAS Pacific Region Members,

My name is Jake Loitz, and I am interested in serving as an officer for the ACFAS Pacific Region.

I recently completed residency at Kaiser Northbay Consortium in Vallejo and am currently completing a reconstructive foot and ankle fellowship at Palo Alto Medical Foundation in Mountain View. Throughout my training, I have made research, education, and resident mentorship a priority through poster presentations, manuscript development, and teaching junior residents and students. As an early-career surgeon, I would bring the perspective of current residents and fellows while helping expand research support and educational opportunities throughout the Region.

I would appreciate the opportunity to contribute to the Pacific Region and become more involved with ACFAS leadership. Thank you for your consideration. My CV is attached.

Sincerely,
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Berkeley, California

PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

Hospital-based podiatric surgical resident at Kaiser Permanente Northbay Consortium with an incoming foot and ankle surgery fellowship at Palo Alto Medical Foundation beginning in July 2026. Training and scholarship emphasize diabetic limb salvage, Charcot arthropathy, foot and ankle trauma, deformity correction, total ankle arthroplasty, and perioperative quality improvement within integrated health systems. Recognized for leadership, teaching, research productivity, and national podium and poster presentations.

CLINICAL STRENGTHS

- Diabetic limb salvage and hospital-based forefoot amputation care
- Charcot arthropathy, ankle arthrodesis strategies, and external fixation concepts
- Foot and ankle trauma, deformity correction, and reconstructive surgery
- Total ankle arthroplasty research and varus ankle deformity correction scholarship
- Multidisciplinary care involving infection management, vascular disease, wound care, and rehabilitation
- Quality improvement, teaching, and academic writing

TRAINING

Palo Alto Medical Foundation, Palo Alto, California

Fellow, Foot and Ankle Surgery July 2026- Present

Kaiser Permanente, Vallejo, California

Podiatric Surgical Resident | 2023-2026

EDUCATION

Samuel Merritt University, Oakland, California

Doctor of Podiatric Medicine | May 2023 | GPA: 3.8

Brigham Young University, Provo, Utah

Bachelor of Science, Neuroscience | April 2018

SELECTED SCHOLARSHIP

- Kim J, Ko C, Loitz J, Svidler F, Tam M, Choung D. Deltoid release in varus ankle deformity: radiographic and clinical outcomes following total ankle arthroplasty.
- Loitz J, Kim J, Willson K. Ankle arthrodesis with external fixation for septic ankle joint secondary to tuberculosis. Published in *FASTRAC*.
- Loitz J, Sibal J, Byrd A, Williams G. A comparison of hospital-based complications following partial ray amputation vs initial transmetatarsal amputation in diabetics. Pending acceptance to *FASTRAC*.
- Loitz J, Byrd A, Tam M, Choung D. Medial malleolus resection with lateral gutter osteotomy for correction of varus in total ankle arthroplasty.
- Loitz J. Operative vs nonoperative management of unstable medial malleolus fractures: a randomized clinical trial. ACFAS Scientific Literature Review. July 2024.

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

- ACFAS 2026: Medial malleolus resection with lateral gutter osteotomy for correction of varus in total ankle arthroplasty.
- American Podiatric Medical Association: Rare incidence of Eckert and Davis type 3 fracture without peroneal subluxation.
- ACFAS 2025 submission: Evaluating improvements in perioperative pain management in foot and ankle surgery with the use of liposomal bupivacaine blocks.
- ACFAS 2023: Structures at risk with arthroscopic Brostrom compared to open Brostrom: a cadaveric study. First place student poster.
- Kaiser Permanente Northbay Consortium SCOPE, April 25, 2024: Modified technique for Charcot arthropathy using a staged, minimally invasive approach and automated struts.

LEADERSHIP

- American College of Foot and Ankle Surgeons, President Elect and Club President | March 2020-May 2022
Organized guest speaker events and skill sessions and served as a student liaison with national ACFAS leadership.
- Samuel Merritt University, Education Committee Chair | April 2020-May 2021
Represented students to faculty, supported online lecture delivery, and advocated for board-preparation resources.

- Alameda Contra Costa Podiatric Medical Association, Student Liaison | Fall 2021-Fall 2022
Created and facilitated semiannual interviews for incoming fourth-year students.

HONORS AND AWARDS

- Pierce B. Nelson Award Recipient, Class of 2023
- First Place, ACFAS 2023 Student Poster Competition
- CSPM Student of the Year 2023
- APMA Student of the Year, Semifinalist
- ACFAS Future Leader Scholarship, Finalist
- APMA Quiz Bowl, Semifinalist | July 2022
- APHA Foot and Ankle Health Section Student Award | September 2020

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

- ABFAS Board Qualified in Forefoot and Rearfoot Surgery | July 2026
- ACFAS Arthroscopy Course Certification | December 2025
- AO Trauma Advanced Course Participant | December 6-7, 2024
- National Board of Podiatric Medical Examiners: Part I (July 2021), Part II (January 2023), Part III (May 2023)