

Statement of Interest – Secretary/Treasurer Position, Tri-State Region

Dear ACFAS Tri-State Region Membership,

I am writing to formally express my interest in the position of Secretary/Treasurer for the ACFAS Tri-State Region. As a dedicated member of ACFAS and a podiatric surgeon with extensive experience in both leadership and financial oversight, I believe I can contribute meaningfully to the region's mission of supporting foot and ankle surgeons through education, research, and the promotion of the highest professional standards.

Over the years, I have had the privilege of being involved in various leadership roles, including my current position as the residency director and chief of podiatry at CarePoint Health. This experience has strengthened my ability to manage complex tasks, oversee budgets for both the residency program and department, and provide strategic direction in both clinical and administrative settings. My leadership style is collaborative, and I have worked closely with a variety of teams to ensure the success of both individual and organizational goals. I am particularly passionate about improving the professional development and well-being of our colleagues in podiatric surgery, and I see this opportunity as a way to further those efforts on a larger scale within the ACFAS community.

In addition to my leadership experience, I have been involved in financial oversight of my practice and clinic, where I manage operations and oversee financial decisions. I am confident that these skills, a recent MBA/MS in Healthcare from Cornell University, along with my passion for supporting my peers in the podiatric field, will allow me to serve effectively as Secretary/Treasurer. I am eager to take on the responsibility of keeping the region's books, providing financial oversight, and compiling financial reports to support the Tri-State Region's leadership.

I would be honored to bring my skills and dedication to this role and contribute to advancing ACFAS's mission at the state and local levels. I truly believe in the power of collaboration and look forward to working with other regional leaders to help our colleagues continue to provide the highest level of care for our patients.

Thank you for considering my candidacy. I have attached my CV for your review and am happy to provide any additional information if needed. I am excited about the opportunity to serve the Tri-State Region in this capacity and look forward to the possibility of working together.

Warm regards,

Shital Sharma, DPM, MBA, FACFAS



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Podiatric Foot & Ankle Surgeon

A passionate and accomplished surgical professional at the intersection of artificial intelligence, technology, and business, I am dedicated to delivering exceptional patient care and advancing innovation in healthcare. With over a decade of experience diagnosing and treating a wide range of foot and ankle conditions, I currently serve as the Program Director for the CarePoint Health Podiatric Medicine and Surgery Residency and Department Chair. In these roles, I am committed to mentoring and shaping the next generation of medical professionals.

Driven by a vision to integrate cutting-edge technology and AI into healthcare, my focus is on creating innovative solutions that enhance clinical outcomes, improve operational efficiencies, and empower physicians to deliver patient-centered care.

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Education

2024-25

Chief Strategy Officer

Wharton Business School Executive Education

2024

MBA/ MS in Health Care

Leadership

Cornell University

2013

Surgical Residency PMSR + RRA

CarePoint Health- Hoboken UMC

2010

Doctor of Podiatric Medicine

Temple University School of Podiatric Medicine

2005

M.S, Microbiology

Thomas Jefferson University

2004

B.A, Biology

Minor, Psychology

Temple University

Language

English

Spanish

Hindi

Gujarati

Experience

2022- Current

CarePoint Health Podiatric Medicine & Surgical Residency Program Director & Department Chief

As Program Director of a renowned podiatric residency program with a 40-year history, I oversee the surgical and medical training of 13 residents, ensuring a comprehensive educational experience that prepares them for advanced practice. I manage and credential a faculty of 23 podiatric foot and ankle surgeons, fostering a collaborative learning environment and maintaining the program's excellence.

In my role as Chief of Podiatry, I provide strategic leadership for the department, aligning clinical operations, educational initiatives, and patient care standards across the institution. I also develop and implement protocols for quality improvement, support faculty development, and lead multidisciplinary initiatives to enhance patient outcomes.

Additionally, I serve as a voting member of the institution's Graduate Medical Education Committee, contributing to the governance and oversight of training programs. As a member of the Institutional Review Board, I help ensure ethical standards in research are upheld.

2024- Current

New York Sports and Joints Podiatric Foot and Ankle Surgeon

At New York Sports and Joints, a private equity-backed practice, I am spearheading the strategic expansion into New Jersey and Upstate New York. My responsibilities include market analysis, site selection, and operational integration to ensure a seamless entry into new markets. Collaborating with leadership, I develop growth strategies, foster referral networks, and strengthen partnerships while aligning expansion efforts with the practice's overall strategic vision.

In addition to my role in practice development, I serve as a foot and ankle surgeon, providing comprehensive care that includes minimally invasive procedures, advanced reconstructions, and trauma care for the forefoot, hindfoot, and ankle. I also focus on optimizing clinical workflows and patient experience within the expansion efforts, ensuring consistency in high-quality care across all locations.

2024- Current

Temple University School of Podiatric Medicine President, Alumni Board

As President of the Alumni Board at Temple University School of Podiatric Medicine, I lead initiatives to strengthen alumni engagement, support student success, and advance the institution's mission. My focus includes increasing donations and creating scholarships to support aspiring podiatric physicians, enhancing membership participation, and developing a robust benefits structure for alumni. Through strategic collaboration with alumni, faculty, and administration, I work to foster a strong network that promotes professional growth and elevates the school's reputation within the podiatric community.

2019 - 2023

Hudson Pro Orthopaedics and Sports Medicine Podiatric Foot and Ankle Surgeon

As one of two foot and ankle podiatric surgeons in a leading orthopedic/multi-specialty group, I established and expanded the foot and ankle division across New Jersey and New York. I collaborated on business development initiatives, built the brand in the personal injury market, and served as an expert witness in legal proceedings. Additionally, I contributed to strategic planning and mentored colleagues to support the division's growth.

Experience

○ **2013-2019**

One Podiatry, PLLC & Chelsea Village Podiatry, PLLC
CEO & Founder

After graduation, I decided to open my own podiatric foot and ankle practice spanning both NJ & NY providing both non-surgical and surgical care along with in-office procedures. I also provided regenerative and cosmetic medicine options including platelet rich plasma injection, Botox injections for hyperhidrosis, laser treatment for skin lesions, and ESWT for soft tissue disorders. Over the 5 years, the business averaged 700-850K in annual revenue as a two provider in-network practice.

○ **2018- Current**

Arthrex, Inc.
Medical Consultant & Speaker

Provide lectures and training to podiatric surgeons and residents relating to various surgical products for soft tissue and osseous trauma and reconstructive procedures. I also collaborated with Arthrex, Inc to create one of the largest attended all female podiatric and orthopedic surgeon conference in Naples, FL, which just finished its second year this past March. They have approved the conference for an additional 3 years pending attendance.

○ **2023- Current**

Converse Health, Inc.
Medical Consultant for AI

Advisor for a start up focused on optimizing patient experience and administrative aspects of practice operations. My role is to review prompts in the training of ChatGPT (artificial intelligence) on priority of tasks and medical complaint.

○ **2020- Current**

BoardsBlast, Inc.
Co-Founder & Chief Technology Officer

Co-founded a board preparatory course to help residents and fellows pass the American Board of Foot and Ankle Surgery Board. Eventual expansion into other education markets in the foot and ankle industry and app development is being planned.

○ **2024-2025**

American College of Foot and Ankle Surgeons
Chris Mahaffey Leadership Development Program

Participant in the second cohort of this prestigious leadership development program, which offered exposure to volunteer and networking opportunities within the American College of Foot and Ankle Surgeons. Engaged in monthly modules and meetings with past and current executive leadership of the College. The program included one-on-one mentorship with Dr. John Steinberg.

Capstone Project: Evaluating factors contributing to burnout in podiatry residents and identifying solutions to mitigate it.

○ **2018- Current**

Am. Board of Podiatric Medicine/Am. Board Foot & Ankle Surgery
Residency Program Evaluator

Participate with the respective boards as part of a team of evaluators of various podiatric surgical residency programs to ensure compliance with the Council for Podiatric Medical Education standards.

2024

ACFAS- Scientific Conference
Poster Judge

Volunteer poster judge for the ACFAS Scientific Conference in February 2024

○ **2016- 2020**

American Board of Podiatric Medicine
Exam Writer

Wrote case simulation cases and questions for CAQ sub-specialty board in wound care

Certifications & Membership

- American Board of Foot and Ankle Surgery
Rearfoot and Ankle Certification
- American Board of Podiatric Medicine, CAQ- Wound Care
- Academy of Physicians in Wound Healing
- Fellow, American College of Foot and Ankle Surgeons
- Member, American Podiatric Medical Association
- Designing and Implementing AI Solutions for Health Care
Certification, Harvard Medical School 2023
- AI Strategy
Certification, Cornell University 2023
- Healthcare Peer Coaching Practitioner- Fundamentals
Physician Coaching Institute 2024
- Other Certifications
Hyperbaric Oxygen Therapy- Undersea & Hyperbaric Medical Society
Wright Medical Infinity/Prophecy Total Ankle System
Zimmer Trabecular Metal Total Ankle
Basic and Advanced Life Support

Hospital Affiliations

- CarePoint Health System
Hoboken University Medical Center
Christ Hospital
Bayonne Medical Center
- Surgicore Surgical Centers
Saddle Brook Surgical Center
Jersey City
Bergen & Rockland
- CareWell Health Medical Center

Awards & Recognition

- Podiatry Today 2022- Women Changemakers in Podiatry (BoardsBlast, Inc.)
- Student Engagement Award, 2022-24 Cohort Cornell University MBA/MS in Healthcare
- Podiatric Merit Scholarship
- Temple Podiatric Scholarship
- William Goldfarb Foundation Education Award
- American Professional Wound Care Association Award
- Treasurer, Stirling-Harford-Diprimio Honorary Anatomical Society
- President, American Professional Wound Care Association- TUSPM Chapter
- Founder & President, Sigma Phi Iota Multicultural Sorority

Lectures & Publications

DeLauro, NM, Sharma, S. Incidental pedal manifestation of primary bone lymphoma. Journal of Am. Podiatric Medical Association, May 2014.

February 2024 ASC Podcast- "Podiatric Residency Education in Current Environment" and "Women Surgeons- Defining the Future of Surgery"

February 2023 ASC Pre-Conference- "MIS Technology and Patient Selection"

February 2023 ASC Podcast: "Posterior Malleolar Fractures"

Poster- ACFAS Annual Scientific Conference 2021- "Surgical Technique for Repair of Isolated Traumatic Posterior Tibial Tendon Dislocation"

April 2023- ACFAS Women's Lecture Symposium- Lecture Topics "MIPO" and "Imposter Syndrome"

March 2023- Second Annual National Women in Foot and Ankle Surgery- Naples, FL (Arthrex)

February 2023- American College of Foot & Ankle Surgeons- ASC 2023-Minimally Invasive Bunionectomy

April 2022- First Annual National Women in Foot and Ankle Surgery- Naples, FL (Arthrex, Inc)

May, 2021 – First Annual Women in Foot and Ankle Surgery Symposium – Southern NJ Chapter (Arthrex/SeaPearl, Inc.)

November 17, 2020 – First Annual Women in Foot and Ankle Surgery Symposium – Northern NJ Chapter (Arthrex/SeaPearl, Inc.)

March 24, 2020 - Advancements in Foot and Ankle Procedures with Laboratory Instruction- Part 1 (Arthrex/Seapearl, Inc.)

June 23, 2020 - Advancements in Foot and Ankle Procedures with Laboratory Instruction- Part 2 (Arthrex/Seapearl, Inc.)

October 5, 2019 – 3rd Annual ACFAS Tri-State Region Complications Seminar- Calcaneal Fractures- Sinus Tarsi Approach

September 19, 2019 – Arthroscopy Course for Residents with Laboratory Instruction (Arthrex/SeaPearl Inc.)

June 21, 2019 - InternalBrace - The Multitude of Applications for the InternalBrace in Foot and Ankle Surgery (Arthrex/Seapearl, Inc.)

January 22, 2019 - Hardware Solutions for Foot and Ankle Surgery (Arthrex/Seapearl, Inc.)

December 5, 2018 - Hoboken UMC Ankle Fracture Symposium

August 15, 2015 - Hoboken UMC Rearfoot and Ankle Surgery Seminar- Organizer and Lecturer

Reference

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Other References Upon Request

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