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Dear ACFAS Pacific Region Members,

I am pleased to submit my application for the position of ACFAS Pacific Region Vice President. My experience in statewide advocacy, academic leadership, research, professional education, and service has prepared me to represent the Pacific Region with purpose and a strong commitment to its members and the podiatric community.

As an established leader in our field, I have learned that we can shape policy in positive ways. I saw this firsthand while serving on the California Podiatric Medical Association board. During my term as CPMA President, from 2016-2017, our team was active in passing AB1153. This bill allows California Podiatric Physicians and Surgeons to treat ulcers to the tibial tuberosity, expanding our scope to include what we have been trained to treat. That experience reinforced my belief that effective professional leadership requires collaboration, persistence, and the ability to translate shared priorities into meaningful action.

Giving back has also been important to me throughout my life and career. Whether it be serving as a Fit Feet Director with Special Olympics of Southern California, welcoming shadowing pre-med students to my clinic or mentoring Western University College of Podiatric Medicine students, all deserve my time and attention. These experiences have strengthened my conviction that professional leadership requires accessibility and investment in the next generation of podiatric physicians and surgeons.

Along with leadership and mentoring, I also bring experience in research and educational programming to the Pacific Region. I am comfortable with manuscript and poster support from serving on the annual Riverside University Health System Research Symposium panel. I also serve as the WUCPM Research Dean, guiding students and residents with IRB applications, publication submissions, poster presentations, and of course, my own research projects. Additionally, I am comfortable assisting with CME and non-CME

educational opportunities within the region, having developed several lecture series and workshops for WUCPM students as well as serving as the Western Foot & Ankle Conference's Podiatric Medical Assistant co-chair for several years.

If elected, one of my priorities would be to expand research mentorship and scholarly collaboration. I would like to increase visibility and mentoring opportunities to students, residents and fellows who would like to be involved in research, a 2026 ACFAS Pacific region's goal, by creating a Research Mentoring Committee. Such an initiative could provide support for project development, IRB navigation, and participation in regional and national ACFAS programs.

I am confident that my professional experience, through these and other avenues, has positioned me to represent the Pacific Region well and I thank you for your time and consideration.

Respectfully,



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Fellow, American College of Foot & Ankle Surgery
Fellow, American Academy of Podiatric Sports Medicine
Diplomate, American Board of Podiatric Medicine

Employment

Western University of Health Sciences, College of Podiatric Medicine

Assistant Dean, Clinical Education and Faculty Affairs

2022-current

Associate Professor of Podiatric Medicine, Surgery and Biomechanics

Assistant Director of Pre-Clinical Curriculum and Faculty Affairs

2020-2022

Assistant Professor of Podiatric Medicine, Surgery and Biomechanics

2012-2021

Clinical and pre-clinical education provided to Podiatric medical students, curriculum development for Podiatric Medical School, research, participation in college level and university committees and scheduled on-call coverage.
Pomona, CA

Family Foot Center

2006-2012

Doctor of Podiatric Medicine

Patient care involving treatment of dermatologic conditions to management of foot/ankle trauma, pediatric flat foot, diabetic limb salvage and wound care and biomechanical/ sports medicine evaluation.
Ontario, CA

Education & Training

Podiatric Rear Foot and Ankle Surgical Residency

2010-2011

Rancho Specialty Hospital, RCM, CA

Podiatric Sports Medicine Fellowship

2005-2006

Irvine Multi-Specialty Surgical Care, Irvine, CA

Podiatric Surgical Residency

2004-2005

Coast Plaza Doctor's Hospital, Norwalk, CA

Primary Podiatric Medical Residency

2003-2004

Community Hospital of Gardena, Gardena, CA

Doctor of Podiatric Medicine (D.P.M.)

1999-2003

New York College of Podiatric Medicine, New York, NY

B.S., Zoology

1993-1998

University of Washington, Seattle, WA

Certification & Licensure

American Board of Podiatric Medicine, Certification

2017-current

American Board of Foot & Ankle Surgery (Foot), Diplomate

2008-current

DEA License

2007-current

Radiography & Fluoroscopy, Supervisor & Operator

2006-current

California State Doctor of Podiatric Medicine Ankle Surgery License

2003-current

BLS certified

2003-current

Professional Affiliations

American College of Foot & Ankle Surgery, Fellow	2008-current
Inland Podiatric Medical Society, Member	2006-current
American Academy of Podiatric Sports Medicine, Fellow	2006-current
American Podiatric Medical Association, Member	2003-current
California Podiatric Medical Association, Member	2003-current

Leadership Activities

Attending, RUHS PM&S-36 Residency, Moreno Valley, CA	2026-current
WesternU CPM Research Chair/University Research Committee Member	2023-current
WesternU CPM Council of Faculty Representative	2020-current
Attending, DVA-Loma Linda PM&S-36 Residency, Loma Linda, CA	2019-current
Attending, Chino Valley Medical Center PM&S-36 Residency, Chino, CA	2010-current
Podiatric Support at OC, LA Marathons & Special Olympics Clinical Director	2005-current
WesternU Grievance Committee Member	2020-2023
WesternU Student Performance Committee, Chair	2019-2023
APMA Affiliate Review Committee, Member	2018-2023
WesternU Title IX Committee Member	2020-2022
ABPM Bracing and Orthoses Nomenclature Committee	2020-2022
California Delegate at the APMA House of Delegates	2013-2018
California Podiatric Medical Association, President	2016-2017
Journal Peer Reviewer for JAPMA	2016-2017
CPMA Board of Directors	2009-2017
CPMA's Governmental Affairs Committee, Member	2007-2017
CPMA's Legislative Leadership Conference, Chair	2015-2016
CPMA's Residency Genesis Committee, Chair	2015-2016
APMA's Membership & Student Liaison Committee, Member	2014-2016
CPMA's Members Services & Student Recruitment, Chair	2009-2014
AAPSM Research Review Committee, Member	2008-2014

Invited Talks

WFAC Co-Chairperson and presenter	2023-current
WFAC Podiatric Medical Assistant's Workshop organizer and presenter	2018-current
WFAC Podiatric Medical Doctor's presenter	2019
Presents Podiatric Medical Assistant's Workshop presenter	2019
AAWP Annual Conference Doctor's lecturer	2014

Awards

Distinguished Faculty Award	2024-2025
Distinguished Faculty Award	2020-2021
Faculty of the Year, CVMC Resident Award	2019

Research & Publications

Pending JAPMA Publication: "Evaluating Injectable Therapies for Achilles Tendinopathy: A scoping Review of Efficacy"	
Pending JAPMA Publication: "Comparative Efficacy of SkinIntegra and Urea-40 for the Management of Pedal Fissures."	
Healing Pedal Fissures: SkinIntegra vs. Urea-40 Cream Poster Presentation	
August 2024, Washington DC, APMA National Meeting. Earned first place/Outstanding Poster Abstract (Single Case or Small Case Study/Series)	

- Littig JPB, Moellmer R, Agrawal DK, Rai V. Future applications of exosomes delivering resolvins and cytokines in facilitating diabetic foot ulcer healing. *World J Diabetes* 2023; 14(1): 35-47 [DOI: [10.4239/wjd.v14.i1.35](https://doi.org/10.4239/wjd.v14.i1.35)]
- Ramnani, A., Landeros, J., Moellmer, R., and Wedel, M.J. In press. Supernumerary muscles in the leg and foot: A review of their types, frequency, And clinical implication. *Journal of the American Podiatric Medical Association*.
- First Metatarsal Head Shape on Radiograph: Structural or Positional? Poster Presentation July 2022, Las Angeles, CA, ACFAS Meeting.
- Rai, V., Moellmer, R. & Agrawal, D.K. Role of fibroblast plasticity and heterogeneity in modulating angiogenesis and healing in the diabetic foot ulcer. *Mol Biol Rep* (2022). <https://doi.org/10.1007/s11033-022-08107-4>
- Littig JPB, Moellmer R, Estes AM, Agrawal DK, Rai V. Increased Population of CD40+ Fibroblasts Is Associated with Impaired Wound Healing and Chronic Inflammation in Diabetic Foot Ulcers. *Journal of Clinical Medicine*. 2022; 11(21):6335. <https://doi.org/10.3390/jcm11216335>
- Rai V, Moellmer R, Agrawal DK. Stem Cells and Angiogenesis: Implications and Limitations in Enhancing Chronic Diabetic Foot Ulcer Healing. *Cells*. 2022 Jul 25;11(15):2287. doi: 10.3390/cells11152287. PMID: 35892584; PMCID: PMC9330772.
- Rai V, Moellmer R, Agrawal DK. Clinically relevant experimental rodent models of diabetic foot ulcer. *Mol Cell Biochem*. 2022 Apr;477(4):1239-1247. doi: 10.1007/s11010-022-04372-w. Epub 2022 Jan 28. PMID: 35089527.
- Rai V, Moellmer R, Agrawal DK. The role of CXCL8 in chronic nonhealing diabetic foot ulcers and phenotypic changes in fibroblasts: a molecular perspective. *Mol Biol Rep*. 2022 Feb;49(2):1565-1572. doi: 10.1007/s11033-022-07144-3. Epub 2022 Jan 19. PMID: 35044539.
- Labovitz JM, Moellmer R. The impact of opioid and other drug abuse on acute care costs and utilization in diabetic peripheral neuropathy. ACFAS poster 2016 annual conference, Las Vegas, NV. *Poster Presentation*.
- Shapiro, J., Koshimune, D., Moellmer, R. (2013). *Type 2 Diabetes, Diabetic Foot Ulcers: Prevention and Treatment*. Online: InTech.