

## Personal Statement – December 2024

Bryan J Hall DPM FACFAS – Podiatric Medicine and Surgery

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I have always wanted to become more active within the ACFAS Community both regionally and nationally. When I heard of the opening for Secretary/treasurer, I thought this would be a good place to start. I have spent 15 years at the University of Cincinnati and in summer of 2023, I relocated to the Tucson Area- The University of Arizona Medical Center in the Big West region. I'd love to get involved and help the Big West Region in this role. Please let me know if you have any questions. Appreciate the opportunity.

### I. Accomplishments

#### a. Clinical Services

- i. Podiatric Services at University of Cincinnati Medical Center (2010-2023)
  1. Established a dynamic team of Limb Salvage Surgeons between Podiatric Surgery and Vascular Surgery to prevent pre-mature amputations and we have established inpatient and outpatient services to follow these patients closely between our two services and prevent potential amputations.
  2. Drs George Meier, Cary Copeland and I started the first year of the University of Cincinnati Medical Center, College of Medicine Podiatric Medicine and Surgery Residency Training Program in July 2010. This began the system wide education of our roles in the Health System and in Limb Salvage.
  3. Drs Masadeh, Crisologo, and I were successful in getting approval and starting our own Advanced Diabetic Limb Salvage Fellowship Program at The University of Cincinnati Medical Center and the Cincinnati VA in July 2021
  4. Podiatric Medicine and Surgery Residency- 2010-2023
    - a. Increased from 1 resident a year to 2 residents a year so we now have the complement of 2/2/2
    - b. Increased capacity of our national clerkship program from Podiatric Medical Schools across the country to include every Podiatric Medical College in the country and increased our monthly clerks/students to accept 3 students every month. In 2021, I gave up my Clerkship Director role to focus more on the Residency Director role. Dr Andrew Crisologo was my choice for this role. Every January, Drs Masadeh, Crisologo, and I would go to the annual residency interviews to find our residents for our program.
    - c. We have matched our top picks for residents every year except for a few in the past 13 years, making our residency program one of the most sought after Podiatric Surgery Residencies in the country.
    - d. The residency program passed all aspects of its CPME site review in 2020 with no citations.
    - e. The Podiatric Medicine and Surgery Residency Program continues to meet the requirements for the added credential of "Reconstructive Rearfoot and Ankle Surgery" This is the highest credential in our profession with regards to residency training and keeps us aligned for the same board certification addition in same name that allows health systems to distinguish and define scope for DPM's when credentialing with a hospital
    - f. I was in the role of Program Director for the residency program and when we joined up with the VA, I served as the UCMC on site Program Director and Suhail Masadeh was the VA on site Program Director. I was in this role until 2023, when I accepted a position at Banner University of Arizona Medical Center in Tucson.

- ii. Podiatric Services at West Chester Hospital (2013-2023)
  - 1. In 2013, we expanded our coverage for UC Podiatry at UC Health West Chester Hospital. In 2015, we added faculty to cover call and Podiatric services 100% of the time, no longer depending on non-UC Physicians taking call there. We put in place a day rounding schedule that includes attendings and a resident for teaching rounds.
  - 2. Have developed a strong relationship with ED and IP Hospitalist service to help expand our limb salvage program in partnership with Vascular Surgery
- iii. University of Cincinnati Physicians Podiatry Section (2010-2023)
  - 1. Expanded to 5 full time UC Podiatric Faculty, 1 NP, 6 Residents, 1 Fellow
  - 2. The above-mentioned faculty have expanded to both Main and West Chester clinics with satellite off in Midtown, Anderson, and Florence Kentucky
- iv. Banner University of Arizona Medical Center Tucson (2023-2025)
  - 1. When I arrived in 2023, I was asked to be the section chief of Podiatry and help to start a Residency Program.
  - 2. I was also asked to help build up the Podiatric services and help with some complicated situations with a few current attendings.
  - 3. The end result was the termination of one attending and the transferring of one attending to a different role that could accommodate her medical leave when needed without such a detrimental effect on patient care and staff workload. This also included taking her off of the call schedule which helped our current physician faculty have a more predictable call schedule and clinic schedule.
  - 4. The relationship between Orthopedic Surgery and Podiatry was not what it needed to be when I started. During my interview for this position, I met with Dr Bob Evani and after our discussion of Orthopedic Surgery and Podiatry at University of Cincinnati, he asked me to reach out to the chair of Orthopedic Surgery; Dr John Elfar and to make sure I met with him before the end of my interview day. We made that happen and Dr Elfar and I had a great discussion about the relationship between Orthopedics and Podiatry and what needed to happen to improve this relationship.
  - 5. Since I started, Dr Elfar and I have met often and set in place a co-didactic schedule that includes a mandatory monthly M&M/Quality Improvement Conference. Drs Gurtner, Tang, Zhou, Elfar, and I approved this mandatory conference and we have had great success and attendance ever since putting this in place. We have had our own cases presented multiple times and the relationship between Orthopedic faculty and Podiatry faculty is now in a great place. Dr Rottman and myself have been invited to speak at the Orthopedic Grand Rounds and Dr Elfar invited me to join him on the credentialing approval process for all Podiatrists who apply for privileges here at Banner University of Arizona Medical Center.
  - 6. We now have 5 full time faculty surgeons, 2 Nurse Practitioners, 1 Physician Assistant, 2 wound care nurses working on our team. We have increased Podiatric clinics and services at every location; including North Clinic, South Clinic, Green Valley, and Sierra Vista. I put together a new clinic and call schedule that increased clinic sessions at all 4 locations that went into effect in October of 2024. This master clinic schedule included the planned future hiring of 2 new providers so that the transition would be much easier when we did hire the additional faculty.

7. Since I began, we have added Dr MJ Ramirez DPM to our team and Dr Pirooska Schlesinger DPM should be starting in March of 2025. We are also approved and interviewing for a 3<sup>rd</sup> additional attending also. We also added Allen Prettyman NP to our team and he has helped increase our presence in Green Valley and South Campus.
  8. With my experience of starting and running a Residency Program at University of Cincinnati, it was the plan to start a Podiatric Surgery residency training program here as soon as possible. Dr Zhou and myself met and discussed this and set in place multiple meetings to start this process. I reached out to the chairs and directors of all the mandatory rotations needed and got their approval for having our residents rotate on their services. Within 6 months, Banner approved the program and we put together the application and submitted to CPME for approval. In November of 2024, we received provisional approval pending a site visit from CPME.
- v. Board Certification
1. I am currently Board Certified as a Fellow of the American College of Foot and Ankle Surgeons (ACFAS).
  2. I have Board Certifications in both “Foot Surgery” and “Reconstructive Rearfoot and Ankle Surgery” from ACFAS/ABFAS
    - a. The Reconstructive Rearfoot and Ankle Surgery Certification is less than 5% of Podiatrists in the country, Used in major hospital systems to delineate privileges for reconstructive and trauma procedures that are in par with Orthopedic colleagues.

**b. Education**

- i. Medical students (University of Cincinnati)
  1. Expanded Podiatric medical student involvement in the Podiatric Medicine and Surgery/Reconstructive Rearfoot and Ankle Surgery Residency Program with the start of the Clerkship program.
  2. Initiated recruitment of students from the majority of the Podiatric Medical Schools in the US with our residents and faculty recruiting in person at various residency fairs across the US
  3. Have matched our top residents every year for past 13 years (see above)
- ii. Medical Students (University of Arizona)
  1. I took over as the Clerkship Director for our rotating medical students
  2. We expanded to include all of the Podiatric Medical Schools in our Clerkship Program.
- iii. Residents (University of Cincinnati)
  1. Served as Podiatric Surgery Associate Program Director
  2. 5 year approval with no citations in our 2020 site review with CPME
  3. Expanded Podiatric Surgery to include an integrated Fellowship Program
- iv. Residents (University of Arizona)
  1. Should be starting the new Residency training Program in July of 2025, Just received provisional approval from CPME.
  2. As of now, we have been working with TMC Residency and taking their 3<sup>rd</sup> years when needed for cases and rotations. Dr MJ Ramirez was the most recent and we just hired him after his graduation from the TMC residency
  3. I have also actively participated in didactic meetings with the TMC residency program. Have presented and had case discussions with them.
- v. Post-graduate

1. I continue to attend approximately 3 of the most prestigious CME Educational seminars and Scientific Conferences each year.

**c. Research**

- i. I have Successfully had Manuscripts and Posters accepted to our most prestigious Scientific every year from 2014-2023. ACFAS Annual Scientific Meeting.
- ii. Completed a few chapters in the “Clinics in Podiatric Medicine and Surgery” This publication is the most current trends based in evidence based medicine that is released every month in both Podiatry and Orthopedics. The latest chapter was on “The Masquelet Technique” for treatment of bone defects. Combining the growth of a membrane over the bone void along with the use of cancellous autografts. Over time lengthening and bridging the void with a protective membrane and the patient’s bone with added cancellous autograft. My cases were used in the chapter as well.
- iii. I am currently working daily with Dr Gurtner’s research team in my clinics, collecting data for Diabetic wounds. 3 research studies are in the works currently, including one of the largest collaborating study from academic medical center across the country gathering and analyzing diabetic wound data.

**II. Plans for the Future (Near Term)**

- a. We have begun combined Orthopedic and Podiatry didactics monthly, but Drs Latt, Attia, and myself have discussed combining for a “Foot and Ankle” didactic meeting or journal club as well. This would be important to help us maintain a great working relationship together as well as escalating our residency training program to level of one of the most desired and most successful residency programs in the country. This worked well for us in Cincinnati and kept us all on the same page with surgical and clinical protocols.
- b. I would like to get that 6<sup>th</sup> full time attending hired within the next 6 months before our residency program starts, so that we can get our protocols and schedules in line for being able to provide the best availability and education to our future resident physicians.
- c. Ive met with Dr Zhou and the faculty in our division about starting a combined Limb Salvage didactic meeting monthly to improve our collaborative work in saving limbs here in Southern Arizona. We have areas of improvement to be done in regards to a joint protocol on inpatient care, rounding, dressing changes, and communication between vascular and us. We hope to start this the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of January 2025.
- d. Within the next 3 years, we would like to add a Medical Podiatrist who will do mostly clinic, wound care, and non-surgical care to help work alongside our 2 Nurse Practioners and our PA to help with the large population of DM and Vascular Disease patients in Southern Arizona region. We currently do not have enough faculty to serve this underserved population to our max ability.
- e. The Residency Training Program has been mentioned a few times and is in process, but the biggest goal of 2025 for me, is to have the resident program begin in July 2025. This will expediate the growth and knowledge of Podiatric Surgery and its role in the healthcare system. I have seen this firsthand in the past 15 years. As the residents are rotating and working alongside all of the surgical and medical services every month, staff and colleagues start to see and learn more about our service and its important role in healthcare.

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Clinical Assistant Professor of Surgery  
Tucson, AZ

### **CHRONOLOGY OF EDUCATION**

#### ***Undergraduate and Graduate Education***

08/2001 – 06/2006 Arizona State University  
Bachelor of Science- Psychology

07/2006 – 05/2010 Des Moines University College of Podiatric Medicine and Surgery  
Doctor of Podiatric Medicine

#### ***Postgraduate Training***

07/2010 – 06/2012 University of Cincinnati Medical Center,  
College of Medicine, Podiatric Medicine Surgery/Reconstructive  
Rearfoot and Ankle Residency Program

#### ***Board Certification***

08/2015 Fellow of the American College of Foot and Ankle Surgeons  
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#### ***Licensure***

03/2013 – 10/2024 State Medical Board of Ohio  
03/2023 - Arizona State Board of Podiatry Examiners License

### **CHRONOLOGY OF EMPLOYMENT**

07/2013 – 08/2023 Department of Surgery, Orthopedics & Sports Medicine  
University of Cincinnati  
Assistant Professor

2013 – 2023 University of Cincinnati Podiatric Medicine and Surgery Reconstructive  
Rearfoot and Ankle Surgery  
Clerkship Director

2015 – 2018 Program Director  
University of Cincinnati Podiatric Medicine and Surgery Residency  
Program with Reconstructive Rearfoot and Ankle Surgery

2018 – 2023 University of Cincinnati Podiatric Medicine and Surgery Residency  
Program with Reconstructive Rearfoot and Ankle Surgery  
Associate Residency Director

2021 – 2023 University of Cincinnati  
Advanced Diabetic Limb Salvage Fellowship Program  
Associate Fellowship Director

08/2023 - Department of Surgery, Section of Podiatry in the  
Division of Vascular and Endovascular Surgery  
Banner University Medical Center – Tucson  
College of Medicine, University of Arizona  
Clinical Assistant Professor of Surgery

10/2023 - Department of Surgery, Section of Podiatry in the  
Division of Vascular and Endovascular Surgery  
Banner University Medical Center – Tucson  
College of Medicine, University of Arizona  
Section Chief and Clinical Assistant Professor of Surgery

### **SERVICE AND OUTREACH**

#### *Local/State Outreach*

07/2010 – 08/2023  
2010 – 2023

Member, Ohio Foot and Ankle Medical Association  
Former President of The Southern Ohio Academy of Podiatrists  
Adjunct Faculty for many of the Podiatric Medicine and Surgery  
Schools in United States Chief resident for 3 years at the University of  
Cincinnati Podiatric Medicine and Surgery Residency program. I was  
Chief all 3 years due to me being the first resident at this newly  
established 3-year foot and ankle residency program

#### *National/International Outreach*

July 2010 - Member, American Podiatric Medical Association  
July 2010 - Member, American College of Foot and Ankle Surgeons

#### *Departmental Committees*

UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA, DEPARTMENT OF SURGERY, TUCSON, AZ  
2025 – 2027 Member, Departmental Peer Review Committee

#### *College Committees*

#### *Volunteer Service*

2002 – 2005 Trauma Center at Maricopa Medical Center, Phoenix, AZ  
2002 – 2005 Banner Mesa Hospital, Mesa, AZ  
2002 – 2006 RTA Hospice/Hospice Inspiris of AZ, Casa Grande, AZ  
2007 – 2009 Medical Care Team Volunteer, Juvenile Diabetes Walk, Des Moines, IA  
2007 – 2009 Volunteer, Free Podiatry clinic, Des Moines, IA  
2007 – 2009 DMU Senior Health Fair, Des Moines, IA  
2007 – 2010 Diabetic Foot Education Center Volunteer, Des Moines, IA  
2007 – 2010 Feed the Homeless, Toys for Tots, Bowling for the Blind, YMCA,  
Special Olympics, Senior Health Fair, Podiatry Clinic Winter Boots Drive,  
Des Moines Marathon

#### **Committees -**

- Member of the UC Health/UCMC Diversity Inclusion Committee
- Member of the UCMC/WCH Surgical Peer Review Committee

- UCMC/UC Health GME Residency Program Director Committee

## **PUBLICATIONS**

Ryan Pereira DPM, William C. Perry DPM, Peter A. Crisologo DPM, Michael D. Liette DPM, Bryan Hall DPM, Shawkat Ghazal Hafez Hassn MD and Suhail Masadeh DPM, "*Membrane-Induced Technique for the Management of Combined Soft Tissue and Osseous Defects.*" *Clinics in Podiatric Medicine and Surgery*, 2021-01-01, Volume 38, Issue 1, Pages 99-110, Copyright © 2020

Henning, Jordan, Zachary Rasor, Andrew Brown, Anthony Blanchard, and **Bryan Hall**. "Primary Invasive Squamous Cell Carcinoma of the Foot: A Case Report". *Journal of the American Podiatric Medical Association* 110.4 (2020), 13. <<https://doi.org/10.7547/18-053>>.

M. Liette, A. Hamad, **B. Hall**, A. Schaeffer, and S. Masadeh, "Induced membrane technique for restoration of the first ray following a failed total joint implant: A case study", *J Int Foot Ankle*, vol. 1, no. 4, Apr. 2022

Published Chapters in Clinics in Clinics of Podiatric Medicine and Surgery Orthoplastic Techniques for Lower Extremity Reconstruction Parts 1 and 2, October 2020 and January 2021

Multiple Manuscripts and Posters- Accepted and presented at our professions largest Annual Scientific Meeting (ACFAS) – Have had multiple accepted every year from 2014-2021

Manuscripts and Posters also accepted at the annual Ohio Scientific Conference each year in June.

## **Work in Progress**

Currently writing a new technique for Correction of Hallux Abducto Valgus Deformity. Focused on a new technique and construct for Lapidus Procedure Fusion of the 1<sup>st</sup> Tarso-Metatarsal Joint to prevent reoccurrence of HAV.

## **CONFRENCES AND SCHOLARLY PRESENTATIONS**

1. *Biomechaincs and Level of Amputations*. Vascular Surgery Didactic Meeting, University of Arizona/Banner University Medical Center, Tucson, AZ. April 2024
2. *Lower Extremity Amputations from a Podiatric Viewpoint*. Department of Surgery Grand Rounds, University of Arizona/Banner University Medical Center, Tucson, AZ. June 26, 2024
3. *Flatfoot Reconstruction*. Orthopaedic Surgery Grand Rounds, University of Arizona/Banner University Medical Center, Tucson, AZ. October 2024