



**VPMA 2026 Summer Conference**  
**Thursday, August 20 – Saturday, August 22, 2026**  
**Marriott Virginia Beach Oceanfront - Virginia Beach, Virginia**

**Thursday, August 20, 2026**

<b>7:00 am</b>	<b>Registration Opens   Seaside Prefunction</b>	
<b>7:00 am – 9:00 am</b>	<b>Breakfast with Exhibitors   Ballroom DE</b>	
<b>7:30 am – 10:30 am</b>	<b>Session #1</b>	<b>Ballrooms ABC</b>
<b>7:30 am - 8:00 am</b>	<b>TBD</b> <i>Brandon Blanken, DPM   Precision Orthopedics and Sports Medicine</i>	
<b>8:00 am - 8:30 am</b>	<b>TBD</b> <i>Brandon Blanken, DPM   Precision Orthopedics and Sports Medicine</i>	
<b>8:30 am - 9:00 am</b>	<b>Custom 3D Printed Implants</b> <i>Andrew Puckett, DPM   Chief of Podiatry/Fellowship Director VA Western New York Healthcare System</i>	
<b>9:00 am – 9:30 am</b>	<b>Surgical Repair of Neglected Achilles Tendon Rupture</b> <i>Andrew Puckett, DPM Chief of Podiatry/Fellowship Director VA Western New York Healthcare System</i>	
<b>9:30 am - 10:30 am</b>	<b>Wound Care with Ph and zinc Macrophage Control</b> <i>Mark Dollard, DPM</i>	
<b>10:00 am – 10:30 am</b>	<b>Long Covid, The New Peripheral Neuropathy Monster</b> <i>Mark Dollard, DPM</i>	
<b>10:30 am - 11:00 am</b>	<b>Refreshment Break</b>	
<b>11:00 am – 12:30 pm</b>	<b>Session #2</b>	<b>Ballrooms ABC</b>
<b>11:00 am -11:30 am</b>	<b>The High-Risk Patient: Mitigating Complications</b> <i>Anthony Cavallo, DPM   Podiatric Surgeon at Sentara Foot and Ankle Specialists, Assistant Professor - Department of Podiatry ODU/EVMS Podiatric Surgery Residency Program</i>	
<b>11:30 am – 12:00 pm</b>	<b>Orthobiologics in Foot and Ankle Surgery – Is It All voodoo?</b> <i>Anthony Cavallo, DPM   Podiatric Surgeon at Sentara Foot and Ankle Specialists, Assistant Professor - Department of Podiatry ODU/EVMS Podiatric Surgery Residency Program</i>	
<b>12:00 – 12:30 pm</b>	<b>Operative versus Non-operative Treatment of Ankle Fractures</b> <i>Bryan Barbato, DPM   Atlantic Foot &amp; Ankle</i>	
<b>12:30 – 1:30 pm</b>	<b>Buffet Lunch</b>	

<b>1:30 pm – 3:30 pm</b>	<b>Session #3</b>	<b>Ballrooms ABC</b>
<b>1:30 pm - 2:00 pm</b>	<b>MIS Bunion Surgery: Innovation or Illness?</b> <i>Jeremy Walters, DPM   Physician President Sports Medicine Orthopedic Center, Associate Professor Old Dominion University</i>	
<b>2:00 pm – 2:30 pm</b>	<b>AI in Podiatry: Hype, Threat or Tool?</b> <i>Jeremy Walters, DPM   Physician President Sports Medicine Orthopedic Center, Associate Professor Old Dominion University</i>	
<b>2:30 pm - 3:00 pm</b>	<b>The Evolution of Road Running Shoe Design, Technology, &amp; Function</b> <i>George Lane, DPM   SynergyHealth Foot and Ankle</i>	
<b>3:00 pm – 3:30 pm</b>	<b>Super Shoes: What We Understand and What We Don't</b> <i>George Lane, DPM   SynergyHealth Foot and Ankle</i>	
<b>3:30 pm - 4:00 pm</b>	<b>Refreshment Break</b>	
<b>4:00 pm – 6:00 pm</b>	<b>Session #4</b>	<b>Ballrooms ABC</b>
<b>4:00 pm – 4:30 pm</b>	<b>MIS Tailors Bunion</b> <i>Michael Chung, DPM   Department Lead, Sentara Foot and Ankle Specialists</i>	
<b>4:30 pm – 5:00 pm</b>	<b>My Worst Case Ever: Hallux IP Fusion</b> <i>Michael Chung, DPM   Department Lead, Sentara Foot and Ankle Specialists</i>	
<b>5:00 pm – 6:00 pm</b>	<b>Resident Presentations (ODU/EVMS)</b>	

**Evening on your own**

## Friday, August 21, 2026

6:00 am	<b>Registration Opens   Seaside Prefunction</b>	
6:30 am – 8:30 am	<b>Breakfast with Vendors   Ballroom DE</b>	
7:00 am – 10:00 am	<b>Session #5</b>	<b>Ballrooms ABC</b>
7:00 am – 8:00 am	<b>The Clinical Blueprint: Simplifying Lower Extremity Skin Disorders with Algorithms</b> <i>Tracey Vlahovic, DPM   Professor, Podiatric Physician</i> <i>Bay Area Foot Care</i>	
	<b>The Clinical Blueprint: Simplifying Lower Extremity Nail Disorders with Algorithms</b> <i>Tracey Vlahovic, DPM   Professor, Podiatric Physician</i> <i>Bay Area Foot Care</i>	
8:00 am – 9:00 am	<b>Choosing Evaluation and Management Levels the Right Way</b> <i>Jeffrey Lehrman, DPM, CPC   Principal, Lehrman Consulting LLC</i>	
9:00 am - 10:00 am	<b>Coding, Compliance, and Documentation for Foot Care in Palmetto World</b> <i>Jeffrey Lehrman, DPM, CPC   Principal, Lehrman Consulting LLC</i>	
10:00 am - 10:30 am	<b>Refreshment Break</b>	
10:30 am - Noon	<b>Session #6</b>	<b>Ballrooms ABC</b>
10:30 am -11:00 am	<b>Transverse Tibial Bone Transport: What is it?</b> <i>Bradley Levitt, DPM   Director, Old Dominion University Podiatric Residency</i> <i>Bayview Physicians</i>	
11:00 am - 11:30 am	<b>Foot Wounds: What are my Options?</b> <i>Bradley Levitt, DPM   Director, Old Dominion University Podiatric Residency</i> <i>Bayview Physicians</i>	
11:30 am – 12:00 pm	<b>3D implants for Charcot</b> <i>Bradley Levitt, DPM   Director, Old Dominion University Podiatric Residency</i> <i>Bayview Physicians</i>	
12:00 pm - 1:00 pm	<b>Buffet Lunch</b>	
1:00 pm – 3:00 pm	<b>Session #7</b>	<b>Ballrooms ABC</b>
1:00 pm – 1:30 pm	<b>Where We Are as A Profession in 2026</b> <i>Andrew J. Meyr, DPM   Professor, Department of Surgery, Temple University School of Podiatric Medicine</i>	
1:30 pm – 2:00 pm	<b>Perioperative Radiographic Assessment of the Hallux Valgus Deformity</b> <i>Andrew J. Meyr, DPM   Professor, Department of Surgery, Temple University School of Podiatric Medicine</i>	
2:00 pm - 2:30 pm	<b>TBD</b> <i>Jason Miller, DPM</i>	
2:30 pm - 3:00 pm	<b>TBD</b> <i>Jason Miller, DPM</i>	
3:00 pm - 3:30 pm	<b>Refreshment Break</b>	

3:30 pm – 5:00 pm	Session #8	Ballrooms ABC
3:30 pm - 4:00 pm	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>TBD</b> <i>Jacob Wynes, DPM</i></p>	
4:00 pm - 4:30 pm	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>TBD</b> <i>Jacob Wynes, DPM</i></p>	
4:30 pm - 5:00 pm	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>What's New in Foot and Ankle</b> <i>Collin Messerly, DPM   Town Center Orthopaedics</i></p>	
5:00 pm – 5:30 pm	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Lateral Ankle Instability</b> <i>Collin Messerly, DPM   Town Center Orthopaedics</i></p>	

**Evening on your own**

## Saturday, August 22, 2026

6:00 am	<b>Registration Opens   Seaside Prefunction</b>	
6:30 am – 8:00 am	<b>Breakfast with Vendors   Ballrooms DE</b>	
7:00 am – 10:00 am	<b>Session #9</b>	<b>Ballrooms ABC</b>
7:00 am - 8:00 am	<b>Resident Session (Inova)</b>	
8:00 am - 8:30 am	<b>Managing GLP-1 Medications in the Perioperative Setting</b> <i>Rhonda Cornell, DPM   Podiatric Surgeon</i> <i>Integrated Foot and Ankle Specialists</i>	
8:30 am - 9:00 am	<b>Sunlight to Surgery: Vitamin D Levels in your Surgical Patients</b> <i>Rhonda Cornell, DPM   Podiatric Surgeon</i> <i>Integrated Foot and Ankle Specialists</i>	
9:00 am – 9:30 am	<b>MIS Approach to the Midfoot</b> <i>Corine Creech, DPM   Section Chief Inova Fairfax Medical Campus</i>	
9:30 am – 10:00 am	<b>Fine Tuning Fluoroscopy in MIS surgery</b> <i>Corine Creech, DPM   Section Chief Inova Fairfax Medical Campus</i>	
10:00 am - 10:30 am	<b>Refreshment Break with Vendors</b>	
10:30 am – 12:00 pm	<b>Session #10</b>	<b>Ballrooms ABC</b>
10:30 am -11:30 am	<b>Current Treatment Protocols for Diabetic Peripheral Neuropathy</b> <i>Mark Mendezoon, DPM</i>	
11:30 am – 12:00 pm	<b>APMA Update</b> <i>Dyane E. Tower, DPM, MPH, MS, CAE</i> <i>Vice President, Clinical Affairs &amp; Medical Director   American Podiatric Medical Association</i>	
12:00 pm - 1:00 pm	<b>Lunch</b> <b>Annual Meeting of the Membership (Ballrooms ABC)</b> <b>Non-Member Seating (Ballrooms DE)</b>	
1:00 pm – 3:30 pm	<b>Session #11</b>	<b>Ballrooms ABC</b>
1:30 pm - 2:00 pm	<b>Osteochondral Defects of the Talus</b> <i>John Cancian, MD</i>	
2:00 pm – 2:30 pm	<b>TBD</b> <i>John Cancian, MD</i>	
2:30 pm – 3:00 pm	<b>Transitioning to Minimally Invasive First MTPJ Arthrodesis: Technique, Rationale, and Outcomes</b> <i>Jeffery Zimmerman, DPM   Berks Foot &amp; Ankle Surgical Associates; Reading Hospital Tower Health</i>	
3:00 pm – 3:30 pm	<b>Modern Minimally Invasive Strategies for Retrocalcaneal Pain</b> <i>Jeffery Zimmerman, DPM   Berks Foot &amp; Ankle Surgical Associates; Reading Hospital Tower Health</i>	
3:30 pm - 3:45 pm	<b>Refreshment Break   Seaside Prefunction</b>	
3:45 pm – 5:00 pm	<b>Session #12</b>	<b>Ballrooms ABC</b>
3:45 pm - 4:15 pm	<b>TBD</b>	

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**4:45 pm - 5:00 pm**

**Q&A Session | Final Remarks | Adjourn**

**Evening on Own / Free Day Sunday**

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