

## The Happiest Place on Earth for Your Sole

This year, the California Podiatric Medical Association (CPMA) invited hundreds of podiatric enthusiasts to the heart of Anaheim, CA for the annual Western Foot and Ankle Conference. Attendees came from near and far and included doctors, residents, professors, medical students, prospective students, professionals, pharmacy representatives, and many more. The mission statement of this event, as it always has been, is to, "Ensure the commitment of developing educational opportunities to benefit all those in the medical profession who extend their care into the foot, ankle and lower leg structures arena."

CPMA worked hard this year to set up lectures of utmost interest with topics ranging from Medicare to surgery. The latest in biomechanics and wound care were thoroughly covered. Physicians had the opportunity to refresh their knowledge on the latest discussions and focused goals of the podiatric profession. Doctors in attendance were credited with a gracious 15% PICA premium renewal discount.

As if lectures hosted by renowned speakers were not enough, the Western Foot and Ankle Conference made sure to go above and beyond by organizing hands-on workshops for professionals to gain additional training in casting, radiology, fluoroscopy, ultrasound, and arthroscopy.

If an attendee was not learning about the latest in medical and surgical advancements, then he/she was able to redirect themselves to the main hall to find the multiple vendor booths set up. There, providers were able to shop for new products in an effort to improve their practice and patient care. In-between the educational opportunities offered, the event served as a prime location to reconnect with peers and engage in meaningful dialogue of topics related to podiatry today.

After a productive day in the lectures, workshops, and exhibit hall, attendees had the chance to wind down comfortably in the 4-Diamond location strewn with dining options all in walking distance. That is the luxury of hosting the Western Foot and Ankle Conference at the Disneyland® Hotel & Convention Center in Anaheim, California. With so much to gain from what was offered, there is little to question as to why the Western Foot and Ankle Conference is known as one of the best events of the year.



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