

# MedStar Georgetown University Hospital's **Functional Diabetic Limb Salvage: A Team Approach**

In Collaboration with the Wound Healing Foundation



**April 8 to 11, 2026**  
JW Marriott | Washington, D.C.

## Unlock the Future of Limb Salvage!

### TRAILBLAZERS IN WOUND CARE EXCELLENCE

Experience the power of collaboration as world-renowned faculty come together to share cutting-edge education and practical tools designed to elevate your entire care team.

### COLLABORATE. INNOVATE. TRANSFORM.

Connect with peers across specialties to exchange ideas, explore emerging technologies, and build strategies that advance the art and science of wound healing.

### INNOVATIVE TECHNIQUES

Explore a forward-thinking program packed with evidence-based sessions, interactive workshops, and practical strategies designed to elevate patient care and outcomes.

### IN COLLABORATION WITH THE WOUND HEALING FOUNDATION

We're proud to once again join forces with the Wound Healing Foundation reinforcing our shared mission to push the boundaries of excellence in wound healing.

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# 2026 MedStar Georgetown Distinguished Achievement Award in Diabetic Limb Salvage



**MedStar Georgetown University Hospital is honored to present Dr. Richard F. Neville with the 2026 MedStar Georgetown Distinguished Achievement Award in Diabetic Limb Salvage.**

Richard F. Neville, MD, FACS, DFSVS is Associate Director of INOVA Schar Heart and Vascular, as well as Chief of Vascular Surgery/Wound Care/Hyperbaric Medicine. Dr. Neville has an academic appointment as Professor of Medical Education at the University of Virginia, and Professor of Surgery at George Washington University where he previously held the position of Ludwig Chief of Vascular Surgery. He also served as Chief of Vascular Surgery at Georgetown University in the past. Dr. Neville completed medical school at the University of Maryland and then a general surgery residency at Georgetown University before moving on to a fellowship at the National Institutes of Health in endovascular device development. Dr. Neville completed a vascular surgery fellowship under the direction of Dr. Robert Hobson.

Dr. Neville is a Distinguished Fellow of the Society for Vascular Surgery, and a Fellow of the American College of Surgeons and a member of other national and international vascular societies. He is the Vice-President (President elect) of the Critical Limb Ischemia Society. Dr. Neville is an international lecturer who has also published over 200 manuscripts, 300 abstracts, 35 book chapters, and 250 invited lectures while remaining actively involved in research and the education of students, residents, fellows, and other physicians. He has consistently been named to the Best Doctors in America, Washingtonian Top Docs, and Who's Who in the World. His clinical interests include lower extremity revascularization, wound healing, and amputation prevention.

*Please joins us in honoring Dr. Neville on Friday, April 10.*

## Previous honorees for the Distinguished Achievement Award include:

**2025:** Frances Game, MD

**2024:** Roberto Ferraresi, MD

**2023:** J.P. Hong, MD, PhD

**2022:** Dane K. Wukich, MD

**2021:** Benjamin A. Lipsky, MD

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**2018:** Lawrence A. Lavery, DPM, MPH

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**2009:** Peter Sheehan, MD

**2008:** Lawrence B. Harkless, DPM

**2007:** David G. Armstrong, DPM, MD, PhD



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# Continuing Education Credit Information

## Course Description

Join us for an extraordinary agenda designed to deliver high-caliber learning from a distinguished multidisciplinary faculty. In collaboration with the Wound Healing Foundation, we are delivering an unparalleled educational experience rooted in advancing wound care, improving patient outcomes, and preventing amputations. This annual conference focuses on a interprofessional team approach that provides each member of the healthcare team with the education and resources needed to heal wounds and prevent amputations. It features a prominent international faculty that promotes the importance of a multispecialty approach in limb salvage. Featuring prominent international faculty whose talks will promote the importance of a multispecialty approach in limb salvage with emphasis on take-home points, techniques, and functional outcomes.

## Learning Objectives

- Analyze the public health crisis of diabetic limb loss.
- Discuss the pain of sensory loss and non-compliance to care.
- Examine the options in vascular interventional technology and techniques, both surgical and endovascular.
- Promote the practice of functional limb salvage so that patients maximize their active ambulatory status.
- Navigate the complexities of biomechanics, limb salvage, problem wounds, and wound based infection.
- Cite the financial and social impact of diabetic limb salvage and amputation.
- Identify the roles and responsibilities of members of the healthcare team involved in the collaborative care for prevention of diabetic limb loss.
- Integrate a team-based approach in the care of patients to prevent diabetic limb loss.

## Target Audience

This conference is intended for diabetes and wound care specialists, vascular surgeons, orthopaedic surgeons, podiatric surgeons, podiatrists, plastic surgeons, dermatologists, endocrinologists, family practice physicians, infectious disease specialists, cardiovascular and endovascular specialists, nurse practitioners, physician assistants, physical therapists, occupational therapists, dietitians, nutritionists, nurses, peripheral nerve specialists, certified diabetes educators, and other members of the healthcare team involved in diabetic foot and limb salvage.



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# Accreditation



In support of improving patient care, this activity has been planned and implemented by MedStar Health and Wound Healing Foundation. MedStar Health is jointly accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME), the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE), and the American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC), to provide continuing education for the healthcare team.

## Credit Designation



IPCE CREDIT™

This activity was planned by and for the healthcare team, and learners will receive 23.00 Interprofessional Continuing Education (IPCE) credits for learning and change.

**Physicians:** MedStar Health designates this live activity for a maximum of 23.00 *AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™*. Physicians should claim only the credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.



**American Board of Internal Medicine MOC Credit:** Successful completion of this CME activity, which includes participation in the evaluation component, enables the participant to earn up to 23.00 MOC points in the American Board of Internal Medicine's (ABIM) Maintenance of Certification (MOC) program. It is the CME activity provider's responsibility to submit participant completion information to ACCME for the purpose of granting ABIM MOC credit.



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**MOC Participation Threshold:** Learner participates by writing a reflective statement and makes a commitment to change or maintain an element of practice.

**Nurses:** This activity is approved for 23.00 ANCC contact hours. Nurses should claim only the credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.

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**Podiatrists:** An application will be submitted to the Council on Podiatric Medical Education (CPME) for continuing education credits. Once submitted, approval by the Board will be pending, however not guaranteed.



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**Registered Dietitians (RDs) and Dietetic Technicians, Registered (DTRs):**

Completion of this IPCE activity awards 23.00 CPEUs. RDs and DTRs are to select activity type 102 on Professional Development Portfolio (PDP) activity logs.



# Agenda

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 8

9:00 a.m. Registration Opens and Continental Breakfast

## SESSION I: Workshops

Preregistration will be required to reserve your seat in a workshop. Seating is limited!

10:00 a.m. Workshop 1a

10:00 a.m. Workshop 2a

10:00 a.m. Workshop 3a

10:00 a.m. **Workshop 4a: WHF Nutrition and Wound Healing Interactive Panel**  
Panelists: Sejal G. Dave; Veronica A. Haywood-Ragland, DPT, PT, PhD; Laura K.S. Parnell, BS, MSc; Rica Tanaka, MD, PhD

11:00 a.m. Coffee Break

Transition to next workshop.

11:30 a.m. Workshop 1b

11:30 a.m. Workshop 2b

11:30 a.m. Workshop 3b

11:30 a.m. **Workshop 4b: WHF Nutrition and Wound Healing Interactive Panel**  
Panelists: Sejal G. Dave; Veronica A. Haywood-Ragland, DPT, PT, PhD; Laura K.S. Parnell, BS, MSc; Rica Tanaka, MD, PhD

12:30 p.m. Lunch Break and Networking



**"What aspect of the agenda do you find most valuable? The collaboration of all interdisciplinary team to ensure the best outcome for EACH patient."**

- 2025 attendee



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SESSION II: Specialty Small Group Tracks

Preregistration will be required to reserve your seat in the Special Tracks. Seating is limited!

Administrative and Reimbursement Excellence in Wound Healing

Moderators: Kathleen D. Schaum, MS; John S. Steinberg, DPM

- 2:00 p.m.    **The Right Mix of Providers and Resources. It's All About the Team.**  
Christopher E. Attinger, MD
- 2:30 p.m.    **The Hospital Point of View: It's a Win / Win**  
Brinder Singh
- 3:00 p.m.    **Wound Care Coding, Coverage, and Payment: 2026 Updates**  
Kathleen D. Schaum, MS
- 3:30 p.m.    **Coffee Break**
- 4:00 p.m.    **Synergy with Industry: Can we be on the same Team?**  
Dennis P. Orgill, MD, PhD
- 4:20 p.m.    **Footloose and Team-Bound: An Interactive Session on Who's Playing What Role in Diabetic Foot Care?**  
Edgar JG Peters, MD, PhD
- 4:40 p.m.    **Advocacy and Regulatory Affairs in Limb Salvage / Wound Healing**  
Marcia Nusgart, R.Ph.; Karen S. Ravitz, JD

Complications in Surgical Limb Salvage: How Far to Push?

Moderators: Karen Kim Evans, MD; Jayson N. Atves, DPM

- 2:00 p.m.    **Free Tissue Transfer Complications in Limb Salvage**  
Karen Kim Evans, MD
- 2:30 p.m.    **Cases and Complications in Plastic Surgery**  
Rajiv P. Parikh, MD
- 3:00 p.m.    **Cases and Complications in Podiatric Surgery**  
Jayson N. Atves, DPM
- 3:30 p.m.    **Coffee Break**
- 4:00 p.m.    **Targeted Muscle Reinnervation in Limb Salvage and Neuroma Management**  
Grant M. Kleiber, MD
- 4:30 p.m.    **Extreme Limb Salvage Cases**  
John M. Felder, MD

Extreme Vascular Surgery in Limb Salvage: Yes We Can

Moderators: Cameron M. Akbari, MD; Richard F. Neville, MD

- 2:00 p.m.    **Vascular Disease Classification and Latest CLI Data**  
Richard F. Neville, MD
- 2:30 p.m.    **Deep Vein Arterialization: The Positives**  
Kyle Reynolds, MD
- 3:00 p.m.    **Deep Vein Arterialization: The Drawbacks**  
Michael Siah, MD
- 3:30 p.m.    **Coffee Break**
- 4:00 p.m.    **Venous Disease in 2026: It's Not Just Compression!**  
Misaki M. Kiguchi, MD, MBA
- 4:30 p.m.    **Panel Discussion and Complex Case Presentations**  
Moderators: Cameron M. Akbari, MD; Richard F. Neville, MD  
Panelists: K. Reynolds, M. Kiguchi, M. Siah

Wound Healing Foundation: Emerging Research in Wound Science

Moderators: Laura K. S. Parnell, BS, MSc; Joshua Tam, PhD

- 2:00 p.m.    **WHF-Diabetic Consensus Panel Introduction, Highlights, Knowledge Gaps, and Future Direction**  
Christopher E. Attinger, MD; David G. Armstrong, DPM, MD, PhD, Henry C. Hsia, MD; David J. Margolis, MD, PhD
- 3:00 p.m.    **WHF-Diabetic Consensus Panel Q&A**  
Christopher E. Attinger, MD; David G. Armstrong, DPM, MD, PhD, Henry C. Hsia, MD; David J. Margolis, MD, PhD
- 3:30 p.m.    **Coffee Break**
- 4:00 p.m.    **Abstract Oral Presentations and Awards**  
*In honor of Gregory Schultz, PhD*
- 5:00 p.m.    **Specialty Tracks Conclude and Adjourn to Welcome Reception**



# Agenda

THURSDAY, APRIL 9

7:00 a.m. Registration Opens and Continental Breakfast

## SESSION III: Diabetes and Neuropathy: Direct Threats to Healing and Function

Moderators: Christopher E. Attinger, MD;  
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8:00 a.m. Day Two Welcome Remarks  
Christopher E. Attinger, MD;  
John S. Steinberg, DPM

8:10 a.m. Glycemic Control Directly Impacts DLS Outcomes  
Ketan Dhatriya, MBBS, MSc, MD, MS, PhD

8:25 a.m. Evidence-Based Wound Care: Does It Exist?  
David J. Margolis, MD, PhD

8:40 a.m. Discussion and LIVE Case Check-In: MedStar Georgetown University Hospital Operating Room  
Jayson N. Atves, DPM;  
Karen Kim Evans, MD;  
Richard C. Youn, MD

9:05 a.m. Sensory Neuropathy: The Base of the Pyramid  
Andrew J.M. Boulton, MD

9:20 a.m. Renal Failure Changes Everything  
Frances Game, MD

9:35 a.m. Why Functional Below Knee Amputations (BKA) have Altered the Limb Salvage Algorithm  
Christopher E. Attinger, MD

9:50 a.m. Discussion and LIVE Case Check-In: MedStar Georgetown University Hospital Operating Room  
Jayson N. Atves, DPM;  
Karen Kim Evans, MD;  
Richard C. Youn, MD

## SESSION IV: Wound Healing Foundation - The Science of Wound Healing

10:30 a.m. WHF KEYNOTE ADDRESS  
T.K. Hunt Lecture: GLP-1: From a Putative Peptide to Effective Medicines for Diabetes and Obesity  
Svetlana Mojssov, PhD

## SESSION V: Caught on Video...DLS Case Presentations

Moderators: Christopher E. Attinger, MD;  
John S. Steinberg, DPM

11:15 a.m. Vertical Contour Calcanectomy  
John S. Steinberg, DPM

11:25 a.m. Ankle Disarticulation Amputation  
Paul J. Carroll, DPM

11:35 a.m. Multimodal Doppler Exam at the Ankle  
Christopher E. Attinger, MD

11:45 a.m. Distal Vein Patch for Better Arterial Bypass Outcomes  
Richard F. Neville, MD

11:55 a.m. Discussion and LIVE Case Check-In: MedStar Georgetown University Hospital Operating Room  
Panelists: Jayson N. Atves, DPM;  
Karen Kim Evans, MD;  
Richard C. Youn, MD

12:15 p.m. Lunch, Visit the Exhibitors, and View Abstract Poster Presentations

12:30 p.m. Lunch Symposia I-IV  
*Preregistration will be required to reserve your seat in the symposium. Seating is limited!*

1:30 p.m. Coffee Break with Abstract Poster Presentation Authors  
*Take a moment to recharge with coffee while taking time to review and discuss submitted abstracts with the authors at their posters.*

## SESSION VI: Tendons and Bones are Getting in the Way

Moderators: Christopher E. Attinger, MD;  
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2:00 p.m. How to Perform a Meaningful Biomechanical Exam  
Caitlin S. Zarick, DPM

2:15 p.m. Management of Complications and Recidivism  
Dane K. Wukich, MD

2:30 p.m. Bone Deformity Causing the Wound: Work Around It or Fix It?  
Peter A. Blume, DPM

2:45 p.m. High Tech Devices for Offloading and Compliance  
David G. Armstrong, DPM, MD, PhD

3:00 p.m. Tendon Balancing for Limb Salvage  
Jayson N. Atves, DPM

3:15 p.m. Discussion and LIVE Case Check In: MedStar Georgetown University Hospital Operating Room  
Panelists: Jayson N. Atves, DPM;  
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THURSDAY, APRIL 9

## SESSION VII: Managing Infection and the Hostile Wound Environment

Moderators: Christopher E. Attinger, MD;  
John S. Steinberg, DPM

- 3:45 p.m. **Antibiotics for Limb Salvage: What the Evidence Tells Us**  
Edgar JG Peters, MD, PhD
- 4:00 p.m. **The Science of the Wound Micro-Environment**  
Ernest S. Chiu, MD
- 4:15 p.m. **Surgical Treatment of Bone Infection**  
Venu M. Kavarthapu, MD
- 4:30 p.m. **The Science and Practicality of Cultures in DLS: Are We Practicing in 1860?**  
Princy N. Kumar, MD

4:45 p.m.

## OrthoPlastic Limb Salvage for Infection

Stephen J. Kovach III, MD

5:05 p.m.



## Discussion and LIVE Case Check-In: MedStar Georgetown University Hospital Operating Room

Jayson N. Atves, DPM;  
Karen Kim Evans, MD;  
Richard C. Youn, MD

5:30 p.m.

## Closing Remarks and Adjourn

Christopher E. Attinger, MD;  
John S. Steinberg, DPM

5:35 p.m.

## Welcome Reception with Exhibit Hall Grand Opening

*Enjoy refreshments and light fare as you connect with industry partners and explore cutting-edge products and technologies on display.*

FRIDAY, APRIL 10

- 7:00 a.m. **Registration Opens, Breakfast, Visit the Exhibits and View Abstract Poster Presentations**

## SESSION IX: Charcot Arthropathy and Major Reconstruction of the Diabetic Limb

Moderators: Christopher E. Attinger, MD;  
John S. Steinberg, DPM

- 8:00 a.m. **Day Three Welcome Remarks**  
Christopher E. Attinger, MD;  
John S. Steinberg, DPM
- 8:10 a.m. **Evidence Based Approach to Charcot Reconstruction**  
Venu M. Kavarthapu, MD
- 8:25 a.m. **If I Knew Then What I Know Now...**  
Peter A. Blume, DPM
- 8:40 a.m. **Extreme Charcot Limb Salvage**  
Jack Schuberth, DPM
- 8:55 a.m. **Surgical Management of Diabetic Ankle Trauma**  
George T. Liu, DPM, MPH
- 9:10 a.m. **Being More Than a Surgeon: Lessons Learned**  
Dane K. Wukich, MD
- 9:25 a.m. **Panel Discussion**  
Moderators: Christopher E. Attinger, MD;  
John S. Steinberg, DPM  
Panelists: P. Blume, V. Kavarthapu, G. Liu, J. Schuberth, D. Wukich
- 9:45 a.m. **Coffee Break, Visit the Exhibits, and View Abstract Poster Presentations**

## SESSION X: Vascular Best Practice in Limb Salvage

Moderators: Christopher E. Attinger, MD;  
John S. Steinberg, DPM

- 10:15 a.m. **Evolution of Endovascular Therapy in Limb Salvage**  
Cameron M. Akbari, MD
- 10:30 a.m. **Angiosomes and Beyond: Identifying the True Targets for Revascularization in CLTI (Chronic Limb-Threatening Ischemia) Patients**  
Alessandro Ucci, MD, PhD
- 10:45 a.m. **Some Patients NEED a Bypass**  
Richard F. Neville, MD
- 11:00 a.m. **Venous Disease Management Best Practices**  
Misaki M. Kiguchi, MD, MBA
- 11:15 a.m. **Why I Avoid Stenting Below the Knee**  
Nelson L. Bernardo, MD
- 11:30 a.m. **Panel Discussion**  
Moderators: Christopher E. Attinger, MD;  
John S. Steinberg, DPM  
Panelists: C. Akbari, N. Bernardo, M. Kiguchi, R. Neville, A. Ucci
- 11:45 a.m. **2025 MedStar Georgetown Distinguished Achievement Award in Diabetic Limb Salvage**  
Richard F. Neville, MD  
Introduction by Lisa M. Boyle, MD
- 12:00 p.m. **Lunch, Visit the Exhibits, and View Abstract Poster Presentations**

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FRIDAY, APRIL 10

## Session XI: Wound Healing Foundation - The Science of Wound Healing

Moderator: Joshua Tam, PhD

1:30 p.m. WHF EHRLICH RISING STAR LECTURE  
**Dysfunctional Immune Cell Interactions Drive Chronic Inflammation in Diabetes-Impaired Wound Healing**  
Mateusz S. Wietecha, DMD, PhD

1:50 p.m. WHF SOLVENTUM FELLOWSHIP LECTURE  
**Photobiomodulation for Therapeutic Treatment of Post-burn Muscle Wasting in a Mouse Model**  
Nashwa Cheema, PhD

## DLS Keynote Lecture Session

2:10 p.m. DLS KEYNOTE LECTURE  
**U.S. Health Care: Evolution or Revolution?**  
Stephen R.T. Evans, MD

2:35 p.m. **Coffee Break, Visit the Exhibits, and View Abstract Poster Presentations**

## SESSION XII: Reconstructive Plastic Surgery in Limb Salvage

Moderators: Christopher E. Attinger, MD;  
John S. Steinberg, DPM

3:05 p.m. **Limb Sculpting...High Contour Anatomic Flaps for the Foot**  
Richard C. Youn, MD

3:20 p.m.

3:35 p.m.

3:50 p.m.

4:05 p.m.

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5:05 p.m.

5:30 p.m.

**The Georgetown Free Flap Data**  
Karen Kim Evans, MD

**Pushing the Limits of Microsurgery in the Foot and Ankle**  
J. P. Hong, MD, PhD

**Complex Bony Reconstruction with Vascularized Tissue**  
James P. Higgins, MD

**Lymphatics: Can we Improve this with Surgery?**  
Ketan M. Patel, MD

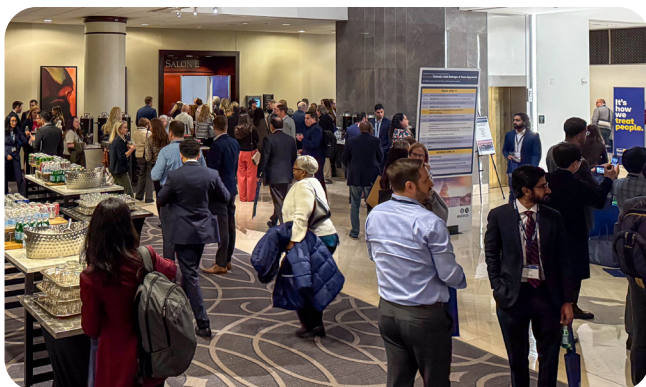
**Wound Therapies: What is Real and What is Not**  
Dennis P. Orgill, MD, PhD

**Practical Use of Lower Extremity Local Flaps**  
Stephen J. Kovach III, MD

**The Compromised Host Changes Everything**  
Paul J. Kim, DPM, MS

**Panel Discussion**  
Moderators: Christopher E. Attinger, MD;  
John S. Steinberg, DPM  
Panelists: K. Evans, J. Higgins, J. P. Hong,  
P. Kim, S. Kovach, K. Patel, D. Orgill, R. Youn

**Closing Remarks**  
Christopher E. Attinger, MD;  
John S. Steinberg, DPM



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SATURDAY, APRIL 11

7:00 a.m. Registration Opens, Continental Breakfast, Visit Exhibits

## SESSION XIII: Workshops and Meet the Professor Sessions

*Preregistration will be **required** to reserve your seat in the Workshop or Meet the Professor session. Seating is limited!*

8:00 a.m. **Meet the Professors of Complications Management**  
Karen Kim Evans, MD;  
Richard C. Youn, MD

8:00 a.m. **Meet the Professors of Neuropathy and Nerve Surgery**  
Andrew J.M. Boulton, MD, DSc;  
Grant M. Kleiber, MD

8:00 a.m. **Meet the Professors of Orthopaedics and Deformity Correction**  
Dane K. Wukich, MD;  
Venu M. Kavarthapu, MD

8:00 a.m. **Workshop: Dressings and Topical Wound Care**  
Thalia A. Attinger, MSN, FNP-BC;  
Christina M. Koehler, BSN, RN, CWON

8:00 a.m. **Workshop: Prosthetics / Offloading / Total Contact Casting**  
Michael Corcoran, CPO;  
Jayson N. Atves, DPM

8:00 a.m. **Workshop: Compression and Edema Management**  
Arthur M. Saldana, BS, OTR/L, CLT;  
Jennifer Oscarson, OTR/L, CLT

8:45 a.m.  **Break and Transition to Next Session**

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10:00 a.m. **Coffee Break and Visit Exhibits**

## SESSION XIV: Wound Care is More Than Gauze and Saline

Moderators: Christopher E. Attinger, MD;  
John S. Steinberg, DPM

10:30 a.m. **Non-Surgical Interventions for Non-Surgical Wounds: The Role of Rheumatology**  
Carol Deane Benedict, MD

11:00 a.m. **Gregory Schultz, PhD Poster Abstract Oral Presentations and Awards**

11:30 a.m. **The Patient's Perspective: Thoughts from the Ones Who Know this Way Better Than We Do!**  
John S. Steinberg, DPM

11:40 a.m. **The Patient's Perspective: Extreme Physical Therapy for Amputee Rehabilitation**  
Larry Ray Bogart, Jr.

11:45 a.m. **The Mental Health of Limb Salvage: Early Georgetown Data**  
Daniel Powell, MD

11:55 a.m. **Limb Salvage in Private Practice**  
Lawrence B. Colen, MD

12:05 a.m. **Diagnosis and Treatment of Atypical Leg Wounds**  
Helena P. Pasieka, MD

12:15 p.m. **Are We Conducting the Orchestra or Managing the Chaos?**  
Thalia A. Attinger, MSN, FNP-BC

12:25 p.m. **Prosthetics and Ambulation After Extreme Limb Salvage**  
Michael Corcoran, CPO

12:30 p.m. **Closing Remarks**  
Christopher E. Attinger, MD;  
John S. Steinberg, DPM

12:35 p.m. **Adjourn**



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MedStar Health is pleased to invite you to submit a poster abstract for presentation at the MedStar Georgetown University Hospital's Functional Diabetic Limb Salvage (DLS) Conference in collaboration with the Wound Healing Foundation. This is an excellent opportunity for you and your colleagues to share your latest work and research with world-renowned experts in the field!

Abstracts will be reviewed and selected on the basis of their scientific merit and content quality. Submitted abstracts meeting the eligibility requirements will be considered for Oral and Poster Abstracts. Poster abstracts will be displayed during the conference in the Abstract Hall on Wednesday, April 8 to Saturday, April 11.

We encourage you to participate by submitting a 250 word abstract, which should describe work with relevance to diabetic limb salvage.

All accepted abstracts will be published in the **International Wound Journal**.



**Submit your abstract online at [dlsconference.com](https://dlsconference.com) by February 6, 2026.**

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### JW Marriott

1331 Pennsylvania Avenue NW  
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**Reservation Line:** 800-393-2503

**Room Block Rate:** \$329 + applicable tax  
Be sure to mention "Diabetic Limb Salvage" when making your room reservations.

**Hotel Room Block Cutoff Date:** March 18, 2026



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Physician Assistant	\$499	\$599
Nurse Practitioner	\$499	\$599
Nurse	\$499	\$599
Allied Health Professional	\$499	\$599
Physical Therapist or Occupational Therapist	\$499	\$599
Medical Student*	COMPLIMENTARY	COMPLIMENTARY
Industry Professional	\$799	\$899

\* Proof of status required

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