



# Celebrates a Banner Year!

Article provided by the Foot & Ankle Center of Illinois

The Foot & Ankle Center of Illinois (FACI) celebrated its 14th Anniversary this July and is having a banner year! They provided service to over 8,000 patients, received the 1st Place Readers' Choice Award as the Best Podiatry Practice from the Herald & Review, launched a medical podcast series for patients and providers, and participated in clinic research trials with leading healthcare partners in the pharmaceutical and medical supply industry. Here is a summary of the accomplishments and activities that are underway:

### Record growth

The Foot & Ankle Center of Illinois saw a twelve percent increase in patient appointments this past year. According to its founder, John Sigle, DPM, FACFAS, "Our growth has been steady since our inception in 2011. This is attributed to attracting new patients from central Illinois and throughout the state, increasing referrals from area providers, and connecting with more people through social media."

### Educating the community

The Foot & Ankle Center of Illinois has a robust website created to educate the community on foot and ankle care. "We have produced over a hundred medical articles on foot and ankle care during the past decade and participated in major events sponsored by the American Diabetes Association, Illinois Podiatric Association, Prairie Heart Institute, local television and radio stations, and hospitals," said Dr. Sigle.

"This past three years, we released over seventy-five medical podcasts to provide information about common foot and ankle problems,

injury prevention tips, and major innovations in podiatry," said Dr. Sigle. "Over 36,000 people visited our website this year to schedule appointments or obtain information. Interest is increasing among people of all ages to learn more about our advanced technology or to obtain information on new surgical innovations and treatment options."

to establish relationships with new patients and providers in the communities we serve," said Dr. Gilley.



### Cutting-edge clinical research trials

The Foot & Ankle Center of Illinois has an affiliate research company, Independent Clinical Research (ICR), that has participated in clinical research trials for the past nine years. According to Dr. John Sigle, "ICR has an outstanding research team that looks ahead for potential medical advancements five to ten years before they become available for routine use. Our advanced training allows us to be cutting edge providers and pioneer new medical procedures and products."

According to ICR's Clinical Research Manager, Dr. Kehkashan Arshad, "Currently we are engaged in several clinical trials related to chronic diabetic foot ulcers, diabetic peripheral neuropathy, and venous leg ulcers. For a limited time only, we are accepting qualified patients to participate in these trials. Visit myfootandanklecenter.com for more information about the clinical trials."

The Foot & Ankle Center of Illinois has become a beacon of hope for people in central Illinois who have foot and ankle pain or loss of mobility. Board-certified podiatrists are available to care for you at clinics located in Springfield, Decatur, Shelbyville, and Carlinville. Call (217)787-2700 to schedule an appointment. Click on this QR code to view Dr. Sigle's podcast about the diabetic wound clinical trials to improve patient care and outcomes.



Harrison J. Gilley, DPM

### Adding top talent

The Foot & Ankle Center of Illinois added another talented podiatrist to their team. Harrison J. Gilley, DPM, is an advanced foot and ankle surgeon who received his Doctorate in Podiatric Medicine from Midwestern University, Glendale, Arizona. He completed a three-year podiatric medicine and surgery residency with added credentials for reconstructive/ankle surgery at SSM DePaul Health Center, St. Louis, Missouri. He also completed a traveling foot and ankle orthopedic fellowship in Hamburg, Germany.

According to Dr. Gilley, "I am extremely happy to become an associate at the Foot & Ankle Center of Illinois. They provide a full range of advanced services and are recognized leaders in central Illinois. I will have clinics in Decatur and Shelbyville, and privileges at HSHS St. Mary's Hospital and Decatur Memorial Hospital, Decatur, IL, and at HSHS Good Shepherd, Shelbyville, IL. Patients will not have to drive out of town for surgery and post op care and rehabilitation will be easy for family members. This will be a major advantage to see us for surgical purposes and convenience. My wife and I are looking forward to becoming a part of the community. I am excited to begin my practice here and eager



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