

Foot & Ankle Center of Illinois FORGES AHEAD IN MEDICAL RESEARCH

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The Foot & Ankle Center of Illinois continually strives to perfect current-generation practices and to remain in the forefront of technology and medical advancements. According to John M. Sigle, DPM, FACFAS, "We are not afraid to explore new advancements and incorporate them into our practice. We are avid supporters of medical research and have been involved in active clinical research for over five years. Our surgeons are always at the leading edge and often play a part in fostering the emergence of new medical products and procedures.

Research plays a vital role to uncover new information about medical conditions and treatments and has made it possible for medications and devices to be used throughout the world. According to Dr. Sigle, "Our passion for future advancements in foot and ankle care drives our commitment to research."

FACI Clinical Research has an outstanding team of principal investigators and experienced research coordinators who



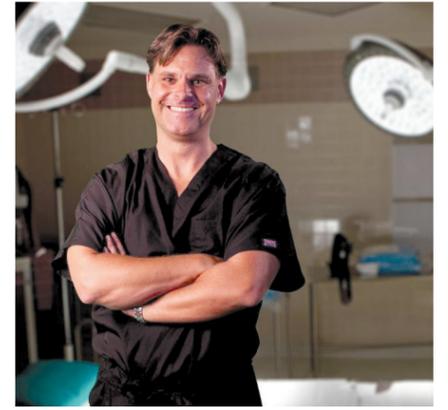
Dr. Matthew Shirani,
Principal Research Coordinator

perform each clinical trial. The team collects valuable data from eligible participants on disease progression after they are assigned to a specific treatment group. Data gets submitted to medical teams for review and analysis of safety and efficacy. Through observation and testing, these new medicines/therapies can create new and more effective ways to treat diseases.

Currently, the FACI Clinical Research team is involved in five clinical trials studying different pathologies related to assessment of the safety and efficacy of new drugs to treat participants who suffer from painful Diabetic Peripheral Neuropathy, Morton's Neuromas, Plantar Fibromatosis, Chronic Diabetic Foot Ulcers, and Venus Leg Ulcers.

According to Matthew Shirani, MD, Principal Research Coordinator, "If a study subject (patient) suffers from any of the specific medical conditions involved in our trials and meets eligibility criteria, he/she may participate in a clinical trial either at our Springfield or Decatur clinics. Participation in the studies is totally voluntary and a subject may choose to end their participation at any time for any reason. There is no cost to participate in a trial other than time! Study subjects do not pay for the study drug, supplies, travel, medical tests, or procedures. We encourage our patients, and non-patients as well, to become pioneers and help us in our efforts to advance medical science."

"Patients also get compensated for each visit and travel. This is an added incentive to participate."



Dr. John Sigle,
Advanced Foot and Ankle Surgeon

said Mary Tapocik, FACI Clinical Research Assistant.

Research plays a vital role to uncover new information about medical conditions and treatments. These advancements cannot be possible without volunteers like you who desire to participate in the development and advancement of future medications and therapies. Research has made it possible for medications and devices to be used throughout the world.

For further information, call Dr. Matthew Shirani at (217) 679-2373. To learn more about a research trial that you may be eligible to participate in, visit the clinic's website at myfootandanklecenter.com. Click on the link for each trial to obtain further information about the purpose of the study, eligibility criteria, information regarding screenings, study treatment period, and follow-up periods.

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