

Foot & Ankle Center of Illinois Celebrates a Banner Year!



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The Foot & Ankle Center of Illinois (FACI) celebrated its 12th Anniversary this July and is having a banner year. They provided service to over 7,500 patients from central Illinois this past year. They also received a 1st Place Readers' Choice Award as the Best Podiatry Practice from the Herald & Review. In an effort to educate the community on foot and ankle care and latest innovations in podiatry, they produced over fifty podcasts that were released on the internet and in social media. The Foot & Ankle Center of Illinois is also firmly committed to research and actively engaged in eight clinical trials. Here is a brief summary of the accomplishments and activities that are underway:

Record growth

The Foot & Ankle Center of Illinois saw a thirteen 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 but this past year it has skyrocketed! The increase is due to opening enrollment to veterans, high satisfaction rates among our patients, and growing recognition from the communities we serve. We also anticipate further growth by providing foot care for Samuel Potts, DPM, patients following his retirement. We are honored and grateful that Dr. Potts and Decatur Memorial Health entrusted us with the care of their patients."

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 authored 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 two years, we released over fifty medical podcasts to provide information about common foot and ankle problems and the latest innovations in podiatry," said Dr. Sigle. Over 50,000 people visited the FACI website this year and 8,000 people visited the site last month. The podcasts are well received and we plan to expand our production.

Adding top talent

The Foot & Ankle Center of Illinois has an outstanding medical team who are all natives of the area. This month they added another Springfield native to their team. Zachary K. Janes, DPM, will join the FACI medical team to serve patients in Decatur and Shelbyville. Dr. Janes is a graduate of the Dr. William Scholl College of Medicine at Rosalind Franklin University of Medicine and Science, North Chicago. He completed a three-year residency at Advocate Christ Medical Center Foot and Ankle Surgical Residency, Chicago, IL.; and just completed an advanced foot and ankle fellowship at the Foot and Ankle Institute, Indianapolis, IN this past year.

According to Dr. Janes, "After completing twelve years of school and rigorous training I am absolutely delighted to have this opportunity to return to serve the community I grew up in and to be close to my family and friends. I feel honored to join the Foot & Ankle Center of Illinois. They have such a great reputation in the podiatry field. They are cutting edge practitioners who have many technologies available for diagnostics and treatments. My areas of specialty and interest include bunion and hammertoe correction surgery, sports injuries, ankle pain, foot and ankle fracture repair, nerve decompression, reconstructive surgery, as well as general podiatric care. I enjoy decreasing my patient's pain and literally getting them back on their feet. You should never live with chronic bunion, ankle, or any type of foot and ankle pain. I also was a 4-year varsity collegiate swimmer and am looking forward to working with athletes and people engaged in fitness and recreational activities."

According to Dr. Sigle, "Dr. Janes will be a wonderful addition to our team. He has

outstanding academic and professional credentials and is fellow trained with advanced surgical skills. The patients and medical staff will love him."

Cutting edge clinical research trials

The Foot & Ankle Center of Illinois has participated in clinical research trials for the past seven years in an effort to achieve better outcomes for patients and provide the most advanced options for care.

According to Dr. Sigle, "We are always striving to perfect current-generation practices. We have an outstanding Clinical Research Team that constantly looks ahead at advancements five to ten years before they become available for routine use."

Research performed at FACI promotes progress in the field of general medicine as well as podiatry and often improves the level of care their patients receive. "Our advanced training allows us to be leading-edge surgeons and pioneer new medical procedures and products," said Dr. Sigle.

According to the FACI Clinical

Research Coordinator, Mathew Shirani, MD, "Currently we are engaged in eight clinical trials related to bunions, chronic diabetic foot ulcers, diabetic foot osteomyelitis, diabetic foot ulcers, foot neuromas, painful diabetic neuropathy, plantar fibromatosis, and venous leg ulcers. We are extremely excited about our progress this past year and are participating in two major trials this year. For a limited time only, we are accepting qualified patients for the new bunion trial. Enrollment Information is available on our website at myfootandanklecenter.com.

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 or book online at myfootandanklecenter.com. We are committed to improve patient care and outcomes.

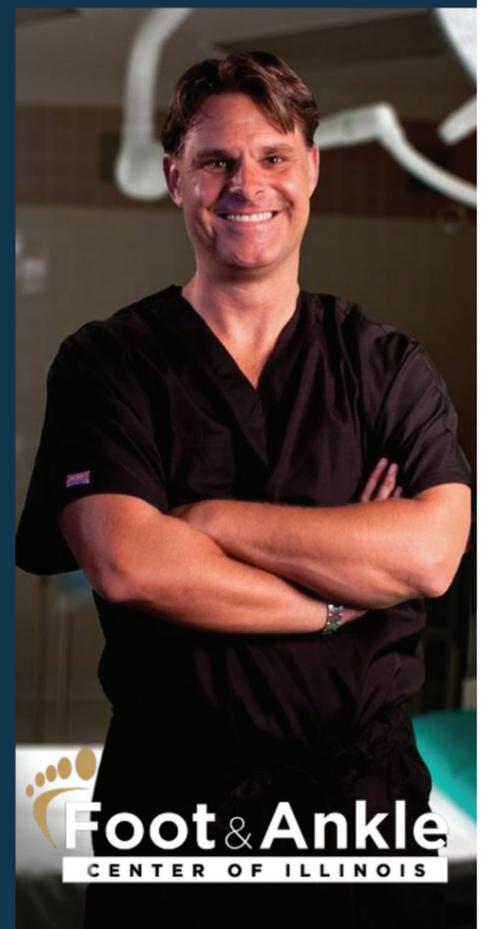
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- Diabetic Foot & Wound Care
- Sports Medicine
- Diagnostic Imaging & Ultrasound
- Cosmetic & Pain Therapy Laser Services
- Ankle-brachial Index Testing
- Specialty Products & Medical Equipment
- Pharmaceutical Medications

We use leading edge technology to enhance patient outcomes and offer the newest advancements to our patients.



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