

## **2026 Tennessee Foot & Ankle Conference**

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Faculty Bios & Disclosures

### **Susan Blank, MD**

Disclosures: SUSAN K. BLANK, M.D., LLC, (Owner–Self), Georgia Professional Health Program (Part-Time Employee–Self)

Dr. Blank has over 20 years of experience in addiction medicine and currently serves as Medical Director of the Georgia Professionals Health Program. She is board-certified in Psychiatry, Addiction Medicine, and Anti-Aging and Regenerative Medicine, with specialized training in forensic psychiatry and addiction treatment. A nationally and internationally recognized speaker, she has delivered over 200 lectures and previously served as an Associate Professor of Psychiatry at Penn State. Dr. Blank is Immediate Past President of the Georgia Society of Addiction Medicine, serves on the Board of Trustees for the Georgia Psychiatric Physicians Association, and has contributed to national clinical guidelines on opioid prescribing, tobacco cessation, and addiction treatment.

### **Jonathan Braun, MD**

Disclosures: None

Dr. Jonathan Braun is a board certified vascular surgeon practicing in Jackson, TN since January 2020. He received a Bachelor's degree in Biochemistry and Cell biology at Rice University before going to University of Texas Medical Branch for medical school. He did his Vascular Surgery residency at the University of Arizona, getting steeped in the toe-and-flow limb salvage model under the Southern Arizona Limb Salvage Alliance (SALSA) co-directors, Drs. Joseph Mills and David Armstrong. His professional interests are in comprehensive vascular surgery care with focuses on limb salvage and carotid disease.

### **Danielle Butto, DPM**

Disclosures: None

Dr Butto currently practices in the Department of Orthopedics at University Hospitals in Cleveland Ohio. In addition to her surgical and clinical teaching roles, she is also a certified professional biller and coder. She has taught billing and coding to podiatric physicians for the past 6 years

### **Becky Cerrato, MD**

Disclosures: Stryker (Consultant–Self, Royalties–Self, Speaker's Bureau–Self), Paragon28 (Consultant–Self)

Rebecca A. Cerrato, M.D., FAAOS, is a board-certified orthopedic surgeon specializing in foot and ankle reconstruction at The Institute for Foot and Ankle Reconstruction at Mercy Medical Center in Baltimore, Maryland. A pioneer in minimally invasive bunion surgery in the United States, she specializes in advanced surgical techniques, arthroscopy, and the treatment of complex foot and ankle conditions. Dr. Cerrato earned her medical degree from the University

of Chicago Pritzker School of Medicine and completed her foot and ankle fellowship at Mercy Medical Center.

Dr. Cerrato serves as Director of Mercy's Foot and Ankle Fellowship Program and is an internationally recognized educator in minimally invasive foot and ankle surgery. She is the only U.S. surgeon serving on the board of the Groupe de Recherche et d'Etude en Chirurgie Mini-Invasive du Pied (GRECMIP) and hosts an annual international arthroscopy course in Baltimore. She serves as Chair of the Membership Committee for the American Orthopaedic Foot and Ankle Society (AOFAS), which honored her with its 2025 Women's Leadership Award. She has also been recognized as a "Top Doctor" by *Baltimore* magazine

**Alan Catanzariti, DPM**

Disclosures: None

Dr. Catanzariti is a board-certified podiatric surgeon specializing in the treatment of complex foot and ankle conditions, including reconstructive surgery, sports injuries, fractures, and deformity correction. He serves as Director of the Foot and Ankle Surgical Residency Program at West Penn Hospital and has been extensively involved in surgical education and research throughout his career. A graduate of the California College of Podiatric Medicine, he completed his residency at Podiatry Hospital of Pittsburgh. Dr. Catanzariti is certified by the American Board of Foot and Ankle Surgery, has published research in numerous peer-reviewed journals, and frequently serves as faculty at national conferences and educational seminars. He has also maintained longstanding involvement with the American College of Foot and Ankle Surgeons.

**Benjamin Debelak, DO**

Disclosures: None

Dr. Benjamin Debelak is an orthopedic surgeon specializing in sports medicine, with over 15 years of clinical experience treating knee and shoulder conditions. He completed his orthopedic surgery residency at Michigan State University and a sports medicine fellowship at the Hughston Clinic in Georgia. Currently practicing in Middle Tennessee, Dr. Debelak combines his medical expertise with a passion for comedy, performing under the name "Dr. Ben." Recognized as Nashville's Funniest Comic in 2025, he has performed at medical conferences, hospital events, and comedy venues throughout the country. Through his unique combination of medicine and humor, Dr. Debelak emphasizes the importance of communication, human connection, and humor in healthcare, using laughter to help reduce stress and foster positive interactions among patients and healthcare professionals.

**Andrew Flaherty, DPM**

Disclosures: None

PGY-3 at Vanderbilt Podiatric Medicine and Surgery Residency

**Brian Fullem, DPM**

Disclosures: None

Dr. Brian Fullem is a board-certified podiatric surgeon specializing in sports medicine, with over 35 years of experience treating lower extremity injuries in athletes of all levels, from recreational runners to Olympians. He practices at NYCRunningDoc in New York City, where he focuses on the diagnosis and treatment of running-related injuries, including plantar fasciitis, Achilles tendinopathy, stress fractures, and other musculoskeletal conditions. Dr. Fullem is a Fellow of the American Academy of Podiatric Sports Medicine and the American College of Foot and Ankle Surgeons. A former collegiate runner at Bucknell University, he brings firsthand athletic experience to his clinical practice. He has published research in peer-reviewed medical journals, contributed articles to *Running Times* and *Runner's World*, and lectures nationally on sports medicine, injury prevention, and advanced treatment techniques, including extracorporeal shockwave therapy.

**Amgad Haleem, MD**

Disclosures: Stryker (Consultant–Self), Vioex Medical (Consultant–Self), Orthofix (Consultant–Self), Extremity Medical (Consultant–Self), ENF Medical (Consultant–Self)

Dr. Amgad Haleem is a board-certified, fellowship-trained orthopedic surgeon at Massachusetts General Hospital specializing in complex foot and ankle reconstruction, lower extremity deformity correction, limb lengthening, and joint preservation. He serves as Director of the Limb Deformity and Lengthening Program and Orthopaedic Director of the Interdisciplinary Care for Amputees Network (ICAN). Dr. Haleem earned his medical degree and completed his orthopedic surgery residency at Cairo University in Egypt, followed by advanced fellowship training in foot and ankle surgery, complex limb reconstruction, adult reconstructive surgery, and sports medicine at leading institutions, including the Hospital for Special Surgery and Houston Methodist Hospital. His research focuses on cartilage regeneration, joint preservation, and biologic treatments, including stem cell-based therapies. His clinical experience includes treating professional athletes and dancers, including members of the New York City Ballet, NBA and NFL teams, and collegiate athletic programs.

**Daniel Hall, DPM**

Disclosures: None

Dr. Daniel T. Hall IV is a double board-certified podiatric physician and surgeon specializing in advanced foot and ankle care, limb preservation, and diabetic wound management. He serves on the Board of Directors of Lake Charles Memorial Hospital, where he is also a Past Medical Staff President and Past Chief of Surgery, and serves as President of Sage Specialty Hospital of Lake Charles. As a Clinical Trial Director, Dr. Hall is actively involved in advancing innovative therapies and clinical research while maintaining a strong commitment to physician leadership and patient care. Beyond medicine, he is passionate about entrepreneurship, investing, financial education, and, most importantly, his role as a husband and father.

**Samantha Landau, DPM**

Disclosures: None

Dr. Samantha Landau graduated from SUNY College at Geneseo with a BS in Business Administration, and with minors in both biology and chemistry. Enrolled in the dual-degree program of NYCPM and the Icahn School of Medicine at Mt. Sinai, she obtained her MPH (with an emphasis on healthcare management), after only two years, the first student to do so in the history of the program. She then obtained her DPM from NYCPM.

Dr. Landau completed her residency at NYCPM/Metropolitan and was elected chief resident in her final year. She then completed a fellowship in "Gait Related Disorders of the Lower Extremity in Children and Adults" at NYCPM, allowing her to become a leading expert within the field and joining the Orthopedics and Pediatrics Departments at NYCPM. She is certified by the American Board of Podiatric Medicine and has standard ankle surgery privilege. Dr. Landau is involved in NYSPMA and was on the E-board for the Kings Division and now currently the Manhattan Division as well as on numerous committees.

As an assistant professor at the school, she teaches biomechanics to the students and instructs the residents within the clinic and operating room settings. She is proud to have this role to train the next generation of the profession. Dr. Landau also runs several Gait Lab sessions where she assesses patients' abnormalities while teaching the students simultaneously. Further, she lectures nationally and internationally for CME conferences on biomechanics related topics. It is her most passionate endeavor to be able to lecture to current podiatrists, residents and students alike.

Additionally, she is on the exam committee for the American Board of Podiatric Medicine and writer of biomechanics related questions. Dr. Landau is published within the scientific literature as well and is a reviewer for the Journal of the American Podiatric Medical Association for biomechanics related topics. In her free time, she enjoys giving expert opinions and interviews for podiatry as well as volunteering for the Special Olympics and NYC marathon.

**Aimee Lipkis, JD**

Disclosures: None

Aimee Lipkis is an equity partner at Cray Huber Horstman Heil & VanAusdal LLC in Chicago and a graduate of Michigan State University College of Law. In her nearly 20 years of practice, she has focused on defending medical professionals in complex malpractice litigation and has represented hundreds of podiatrists and other healthcare providers in depositions, mediations, and jury trials, without a single jury trial loss. Recognized as a *Leading Lawyer* in Illinois, Aimee brings extensive trial experience and a personal understanding of the medical profession as the daughter of two physicians. She is passionate about protecting the reputations and careers of healthcare professionals.

**Jeffrey Loveland, DPM**

Disclosures: Stryker (Consultant-Self, Speaker's Bureau-Self, Speaker's Bureau-Self, Grant/Research Support-Self)

Dr. Jeffrey Loveland was raised in Ohio and earned his undergraduate degree at the University of Central Florida. He graduated from Barry University School of Podiatric Medicine in 2004. Dr. Loveland completed a three-year surgical residence at Western Pennsylvania Hospital in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania in 2007 where he served as chief resident. He has been in private practice at Central Tennessee Foot & Ankle Center in Sparta, Tennessee since 2007 and specializes in foot and ankle reconstruction. Dr. Loveland has published a number of articles in peer review journals and has been involved in numerous clinical trial studies. He is the current President of the Tennessee Podiatric Medical Association and Chairman of the Scientific Committee for the TPMA Annual Conference. Dr. Loveland is an emerging thought leader in limb preservation and limb salvage of advanced Charcot neuroarthropathy and the use of biologics in wound and bone healing.

**Andrew Lundquist, DPM**

Disclosures: Sky Surgical LLC (Stock Shareholder - Self), Nabla (Stock Shareholder - Self)

Andrew Lundquist DPM, FACFAS is the Chief Medical Officer of the Mankato Clinic. He has over 15 years of healthcare leadership experience driven by a desire to improve patient outcomes. Dr. Lundquist received his medical degree from the College of Podiatric Medicine and Surgery at Des Moines University and then completed his residency at Detroit Medical Center. He is Board Certified by the American Board of Foot and Ankle Surgery in Foot Surgery and Reconstructive Rear foot and Ankle Surgery. He thinks that he is pretty capable with technology, but his kids say that he can barely figure out his phone.

**Martin McNally**

Disclosures: Bonesupport AB Sweden (Consultant-Self)

Martin McNally is Honorary Consultant in Limb Reconstruction at the Oxford Bone Infection Unit in the Nuffield Orthopaedic Centre, Oxford University Hospitals, UK. He was trained in Belfast, Northern Ireland and Oxford, UK. He is James IV Professor of Surgery at the Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh.

He has a particular interest in osteomyelitis, infected fractures and non-unions. He has published over 200 peer-reviewed papers and book chapters on prosthetic joint infection (PJI), fracture-related infection (FRI) and osteomyelitis. He was Chair of the International groups which developed the EBJIS Definition of PJI, the International Consensus Group on FRI and the ICM Trauma Section. His current research and clinical studies focus on diagnosis and treatment options together with assessment of outcomes and quality of life for infection patients. He has pioneered local antibiotic therapy in a wide range of applications, facilitating single-stage surgery.

He has been a champion of multi-disciplinary working in bone infection and was lead surgeon in the Oxford Bone Infection Unit for over 20 years. Validated protocols and treatment methods designed in Oxford are now widely used around the world.

He is Past-President and Distinguished member of the European Bone and Joint Infection Society (EBJIS) and Past-President of the Girdlestone Orthopaedic Society.

**Jacob Paul, DPM**

Disclosures: None

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**Benjamin Potter, DPM**

Disclosures: Arthrex (Consultant–Self), Forma (Consultant–Self), Medline (Consultant–Self), Ortho Solutions (Consultant–Self)

Dr. Benjamin Potter is a board-certified podiatric surgeon specializing in foot and ankle reconstruction, sports medicine, trauma, arthroscopy, and total ankle replacement. He practices with Ballad Health Medical Associates Associated Podiatry in Kingsport, Tennessee, with a clinical focus on minimally invasive surgical techniques and evidence-based treatment. Dr. Potter earned his Doctor of Podiatric Medicine degree from Rosalind Franklin University's Dr. William M. Scholl College of Podiatric Medicine and completed his surgical residency at Loyola University Medical Center. He is certified by the American Board of Foot and Ankle Surgery and serves as an attending physician for a local residency program. Dr. Potter is actively involved in continuing medical education, lecturing and training other healthcare providers, and is a member of the American College of Foot and Ankle Surgeons and the Tennessee Podiatric Medical Association.

**William Scherer, DPM**

Disclosures: Bako Diagnostics (Consultant–Self)

Dr. William Scherer is board certified by the American Board of Foot and Ankle Surgery, bringing over three decades of clinical and academic expertise to the field of lower extremity pathology. While maintaining a long-standing private practice in South Florida, he has remained a prolific contributor to podiatric medical education, research, and literature. Dr. Scherer also served 17 years as an Adjunct Professor at Barry University School of Podiatric Medicine, has delivered more than 400 CME lectures, and currently serves as the Senior Podiatric Medical Advisor to Bako Diagnostics.

**Robert Spalding, DPM**

Disclosures: [MediNails.com](http://MediNails.com) (Stock Shareholder (Self Managed)–Self), [justfortoenails.com](http://justfortoenails.com) (Stock Shareholder (Self Managed)–Self)

Dr. Robert Spalding is a podiatric physician with over 25 years of experience in private practice in Signal Mountain, Tennessee, specializing in general foot care, podiatric dermatology, nail disorders, and laser treatments. A graduate of the New York College of Podiatric Medicine, he has developed specialized expertise in nail salon-related infections, fungal nail conditions, and infection prevention. Dr. Spalding is the author of *Death by Pedicure: The Science of Pedicure* and has developed educational and certification programs for advanced nail technicians, medical nail technicians, and podiatric medical assistants. He also serves as a podiatric medical

forensic expert in nail salon injury cases and lectures on infection control, sterilization, and patient safety in foot care settings.

**Tracey Vlahovic, DPM**

Disclosures: Sagis Diagnostics (Consultant–Self)

Dr Tracey Vlahovic completed the first fellowship in podiatric dermatology in the US and continues to educate students and colleagues as well as manage patients. She has written three textbooks and over 90 peer-reviewed journal articles.

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Disclosures: None

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