

Tennessee Podiatric Medical Association

Faculty Biographies & Disclosures

Robert B. Anderson, MD

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The founding orthopaedic surgeon of the O.L. Miller Foot and Ankle Institute of OrthoCarolina in Charlotte, North Carolina, practicing there for 29 years. Joined the Tiptonville Sports Medicine and Orthopaedic Clinic in Green Bay as Director of Foot and Ankle in 2017 and recently returned to OrthoCarolina. Served as a team orthopaedist to the Carolina Panthers from 2000-2017 and as associate team physician to the Green Bay Packers since 2017. Served as Chair of the NFL's Musculoskeletal Committee 2016-2024, overseeing all orthopaedic injuries and research in professional football. He was named the NFL Physician of the Year in 2016, and recently received the Presidents' Lifetime Achievement Award from the NFLP/FPATS. Is a past-president of the American Orthopaedic Foot and Ankle Society. Graduate of the University of Mississippi and has been inducted into their Hall of Fame.

Zaid Brifkani, MD

Disclosures: None

Dr. Brifkani is the owner of The Kidney Care Clinic in Cookeville, TN. He is board certified in both internal medicine and nephrology and a member of the American Society of Nephrology and American Society of Transplantation.

Lee Carder, MD

Disclosures: None

Lee Carder is a board certified radiation oncologist. She did her residency at the University of Florida. She has been practicing wound care for 13 years and currently works at the University of Tennessee Wound Care and Hyperbaric Center in Knoxville, Tennessee.

Lawrence A. DiDomenico

Disclosures: Voom (Director of Medical Education-Self)

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Andrew Flaherty, DPM

Disclosures: None

Estie Harris

Disclosures: None

William Harris, DO

Disclosures: None

Dr. William Harris is a vascular surgeon with the Vascular Institute of Chattanooga. Prior to joining VIC in 2020, Dr. Harris served as a surgeon in the United States Air Force with assignments at [Keesler AFB, MS](#); [Nellis AFB, NV](#); and [San Antonio Military Medical Center, Fort Sam Houston, TX](#). Born and raised in Tucson, AZ, he earned a Bachelor of Science degree, graduating Summa Cum Laude, from the [University of Arizona](#). Dr. Harris went to medical school at [Midwestern University Arizona College of Osteopathic Medicine](#) and completed a general surgical residency at [Keesler Medical Center](#) at Keesler AFB, MS. He completed a fellowship in vascular and endovascular surgery at the [University of Tennessee, Chattanooga](#). Dr. Harris is board-certified by the [American Board of Surgery](#) (ABS) in both General Surgery and Vascular Surgery. He is an Assistant Professor of Surgery at the [Uniformed Services University of Health Sciences](#) and at [Lincoln Memorial University](#). He is a fellow of the [American College of Surgeons](#) (FACS) and the [Society for Vascular Surgery](#) (FSVS) and a member of the [Society for Clinical Vascular Surgery](#).

Ira Kraus, DPM

Disclosures: Talar Medical (Stock-Shareholder, Self)

Dr Kraus graduated from Washington and Jefferson College in 1985 and attended the New York College of Podiatric Medicine graduating in 1989 and did his post-graduate training at NYCPM and their affiliated hospitals. He has been in private practice in Chattanooga, TN, and North Georgia for 30 years. He is board certified by the American Board of Podiatric Surgery and is a fellow of American Academy of Podiatric Practice Management (AAPP). He has served the Tennessee Podiatric Medical Association in all elected positions and was their president from 2000-2002. Dr. Kraus was a member of the APMA Board of Trustees (BOT), March 2006-March 2019 serving as President 2017-2018. He has lectured for both APMA, AAPP, and other state associations primarily on practice management, coding, and insurance reimbursement issues.. He may be contacted via e-mail at ikraus@talarmedical.com or on his cell number 423-605-3668.

Aleksa Martin, DPM

Disclosures: None

Aaron Mates, MD

Disclosures: Vilex (Consultant-Self), Stryker (Consultant-Self, Grant/Research Support-Self), Protect 3D (Consultant-Self, Stock-Shareholder-Self), MLB - Jays (Consultant-Self)

Aaron Mates is a board certified orthopedic surgeon from university of south Alabama. With a fellowship in sports and foot/ankle from the Andrews Institute. Currently he serves the community in Trinity Florida and as team doctor for the Blue Jays while consulting for the Rays, Braves, Yankees and Phillies. He is an industry consultant, in med education and product development for Stryker, Curonix and Vilex in addition to teaching residents and fellows from University of South Florida.

Ashish Patel, MD, MBA, MS, RMSK

Disclosures: None

I have been a diagnostic radiologist for over 11 years. I am currently serving as Division Chief of Emergency Radiology at Vanderbilt University Medical Center. Love to travel in my free time and stay active!

Nicholas Strasser, MD

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

Specialties: Foot and Ankle Sports Medicine, Ankle Arthroplasty (primary and revision), foot and ankle including arthroplasty, reconstruction and trauma.

Dr. Strasser is a board certified orthopaedic surgeon who is fellowship trained in foot and ankle surgery. He works at Vanderbilt University Medical Center and provides specialized expertise in foot and ankle/lower extremity surgery. His interests include surgery of the foot and ankle with a particular interest in ankle/foot sports medicine. He is a member of the AOFAS, AOSSM and AAOS.

Dr. Strasser completed his undergraduate education at the University of Sioux Falls where he ran track and cross country and graduated with honors and then completed his medical school at the University of South Dakota followed by a residency at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester Minnesota. He completed a fellowship specializing in foot and ankle surgery at OrthoCarolina (Charlotte NC). He worked in private practice at the Slocum Orthopedic and Sports Medicine Clinic in Eugene OR from 2012 to 2021.

While in Oregon, Dr. Strasser served as the assistant team physician for the University of Oregon Athletics. He provided medical coverage for multiple track and field events including the 2015 US nationals, the 2016 Indoor National and Worlds, and the 2016 and 2020 Olympic Trials. In addition, he served as a consultant with Oregon Track Club Elite and provided sideline care for multiple local high school teams. He also served as the Chair of Orthopaedic Surgery and the Chief of Surgery from 2020-2021 at Sacred Heart Medical Center in Springfield Oregon in addition to serving on the Executive Committee of Slocum Orthopaedics and Sports Medicine.

In 2021, Dr. Strasser joined Vanderbilt Orthopedic and Sports Medicine as an assistant professor in both the Foot and Ankle and Sports Medicine division. He is a consulting physician for multiple athletic teams including the Vanderbilt Commodores, the Nashville Predators, the Nashville Soccer Club and the Nashville Sounds along with multiple high schools in the region.

Christopher Tighe, DPM

Disclosures: None

Christopher Tripp, MD

Disclosures: None

Dr. Tripp completed his education at Eastern Virginia Medical School and his residency at the University of Tennessee Health Science Center - Nashville. He is board certified in Emergency Medicine and now practices at multiple hospitals throughout Middle Tennessee. In his free time he enjoys woodworking, concerts, and traveling with his wife, Mariah, and their dog, Maggie.

Scientific Committee

Marit Sivertson, JD

Disclosures: None

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Disclosures: None

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Disclosures:

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