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New York College of Podiatric Medicine

Get to Know NYCPM's Faculty: **Anthony R. Iorio, DPM, MPH**

Assistant Dean for Continuing Education

Associate Professor and Chairman, Department of Community Health and Medicine

Professor, Department of Medicine



Community health is always uppermost in the mind of Anthony R. Iorio, DPM, MPH, whether it's the health of the College's local community, East Harlem, or the health of distant communities overseas.

Dr. Iorio graduated from NYCPM in 1981, completed his residencies at two VA hospitals in 1983 and went into private practice in Connecticut, becoming a partner in 1985; he still practices there. He earned his MPH degree from New York Medical College in Valhalla, NY in 2003 and joined the faculty of NYCPM in July of 2004. At the College, Dr. Iorio became Chair of the Department of Medical Sciences in 2004 and remained chair until 2007, when he was named Assistant Dean for Continuing Education and was named Chair of the Department of Community Health and Medicine in 2009, the same year he became Chief of Lincoln Medical Center's Department of Podiatry.

Dr. Iorio has long been involved in community health and he's had long-term involvement with the APHA's podiatry division, to provide services to promote health in East Harlem. His area of specialization is diabetes, because there is such a high incidence here, he says, and "to decrease the number of complications that a diabetic can have and [thus] saving a life." He feels that community health is "the most underappreciated kind of (medical) work," and sees that internationally as well as locally. He feels that it's "important to give of ourselves," and finds that students seem to enjoy caring and giving back. He teaches Medical Ethics and the Art of Doctoring and lets students know that as health-care providers they can serve humanity.

He finds that students' perceptions of community need is good, and that they enjoy working at the community events, providing information and foot screenings. Our services in Lincoln Medical Center have expanded and students participate in its health events, especially the Feria de Salud in August. The students have recently been recognized by Jenzabar for their community work; NYCPM received a grant for student volunteers at the recent Boston Marathon.

His mission work is close to his heart. He works through the College and with NYCPM students, about 12 to 16 students per trip. The mission work is purely voluntary; the trips are entirely supported by fundraising. He was originally invited to visit the Diabetic Foot Institute of India by a doctor there in 2008; he lectured on diabetes complications, which were of



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interest to his hosts, and he developed the "mission version" of his work. He hopes his next trips will be to India in June and Vietnam in August 2016; he did mission work in both countries two years ago.

Dr. Iorio says that he goes to the area of India that reaches out to him. For this trip, he would go to the south, where he and his team will perform surgeries, go on rounds, and work with wound doctors, clinicians and plastic surgeons. He said that there is now a van he can use that will enable him to go to rural areas to reach patients. Reaching out to under-served patients? Just what this doctor ordered.