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New York College of Podiatric Medicine

Nirav R. Shah, MD, MPH, New York State Commissioner Of Health, Delivers Keynote Address At NYCPM Centennial Commencement Ceremony Glenn B. Gastwirth, DPM, Executive Director & CEO of the APMA, Also Honored

[New York, NY] – Nirav R. Shah, MD, MPH, the New York State Commissioner of Health, delivered the keynote address to the Centennial graduating class of the New York College of Podiatric Medicine (NYCPM) and received the honorary degree of Doctor of Humane Letters-Honoris Causa, during the College's Centennial Commencement Ceremony at Lincoln Center's Alice Tully Hall in New York City on Thursday, May 26th.

Louis L. Levine, President and Chief Executive Officer of the College, presided at the commencement ceremony. Dr. Shah addressed the 75 graduating seniors—who received their Doctor of Podiatric Medicine degrees—and an audience of nearly 1,000 faculty members, parents, family and friends. In addition, Glenn B. Gastwirth, DPM, Executive Director & CEO of the American Podiatric Medical Association (APMA), and a magna cum laude graduate and Valedictorian of the NYCPM Class of 1974, was also awarded the College's honorary doctorate. Michael J. King, DPM, President of the APMA, also delivered brief remarks.

NYCPM President and CEO Louis L. Levine said, "The leaders whom we are honoring today are exceptional individuals who are dedicated to improving the human condition. We are honoring them to applaud their service and their dedication, and for exemplifying the ideals that the New York College of Podiatric Medicine encourages in each of its students."

Nirav R. Shah, M.D., M.P.H., is the 15th New York State Commissioner of Health. His nomination by Governor Andrew Cuomo was confirmed by the State Senate on January 24, 2011, making him the first Indian-American to serve as State Commissioner of Health, as well as the youngest person named to the post.

An expert in the use of systems-based methods to improve patient outcomes, Dr. Shah has been a leading researcher in the use of large-scale clinical laboratories and electronic health records to improve the effectiveness and efficiency of care.



He is a nationally recognized thought leader in the methods needed to transition to lower-cost, patient-centered health care for the 21st century. His vision for New York is a state where every resident has access to affordable health insurance coverage, high quality care, and early screening and other services to prevent chronic disease and improve overall health. Before his government service, Dr. Shah was attending physician at Bellevue Hospital Center in Manhattan, associate investigator at the Geisinger Center for Health Research in central Pennsylvania, and assistant professor at the New York University School of Medicine in value and comparative effectiveness.

A native of Buffalo, Dr. Shah is an honors graduate of Harvard College and received his medical degree and master's degree in public health from the Yale School of Medicine. He was a Robert Wood Johnson Clinical Scholar at UCLA and a National Research Service Award Fellow at New York University. Dr. Shah is a fellow of American College of Physicians and the New York Academy of Medicine. He has served on the editorial boards of medical journals, has published more than 90 peer-reviewed articles, and has received more than \$4.5 million in research funding. He is certified in internal medicine by the American Board of Internal Medicine.

*Keynote Speaker Nirav R. Shah, MD, MPH,
New York State Commissioner of Health*



Michael J. King, DPM, President of the APMA

About NYCPM

The New York College of Podiatric Medicine, established in 1911, is the first and largest of the nine U.S. colleges of podiatric medicine. Its clinical affiliate—Foot Center of New York—is the world's largest foot health center, recording nearly 20,000 patient visits each year. NYCPM has graduated more than twenty-five percent of all practicing podiatrists in the nation, and is at the forefront of podiatric care in terms of education, public awareness, government legislation and professional advancement.



*Honorary Degree Recipient Glenn B. Gastwirth, DPM,
Executive Director and CEO of the APMA*