

Get to Know NYCPM's Faculty:
David H. George, DPM ('72)
Adjunct Clinical Professor of Medical Science



The career of **David H. George, DPM ('72)** has combined hands-on practice, teaching, and work to improve podiatric medicine and health in general. He received his BS in biology from St. John Fisher College in Rochester, NY in 1968, and graduated cum laude from NYCPM in 1972. Dr. George spent his residency at NYCPM and its affiliated hospitals and institutions from 1972-73.

In 1973, he was hired by NYCPM as a full-time clinical instructor, and stayed at the College until 1999, becoming Dean of Graduate Medical Education in 1981. He had a private practice in Perth Amboy, NJ, from 1977-2000. Dr. George left the College in 1999 and joined the VA for 13 years, working at the VA Hudson Valley Health Care System, in Montrose, NY. He was invited back to the College in November 2013, and as a clinician in Medicine he oversees students as they see patients in the Foot Center of New York. In addition, Dr. George works with VP of Development and Operations Desander Más to support the Alumni Relations Association.

But that's hardly all. Dr. George is actively involved with the American Board of Podiatric Medicine, as a founding member and past president, and is currently on the Budget, Marketing and MOC Committees. He is also editor of its member newsletter.

In addition, Dr. George is Director of Continuing Medical Education for PM Magazine Instructional Media (online); is Director of Continuing Medical Education for the Academy of Continuing Podiatric Medical Education (live lectures, seminars and workshops); is a member of the Board of Health of the Borough of Leonia, NJ; and is a member of the Board of Medical Examiners of the State of New Jersey in Trenton.

Dr. George's abundant experience has given him some perspective on the field. Dr. George considers podiatry an exciting profession that presents many opportunities. He thinks that podiatrists have attained a valued position on the (multi-disciplinary) health care team, but he feels that they can go further: in research, scientific/medical writing, attaining positions in government agencies, even getting elected to government, as has Representative Brad Wenstrup, DPM, who represents Ohio's second district. [Ed. note: It was podiatrist Rep. Wenstrup who was the first to provide life-saving medical assistance to Rep. Steve Scalise after he was

shot and severely wounded at a baseball practice in Washington in June.]

In the future, he would like to see podiatry involved in the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), the National Institutes of Health (NIH), and the American Diabetic Association (ADA), to name a few, so they can write policy and advance the profession.