

**Get to Know NYCPM's Faculty:**  
**Adam Falivene, DPM ('15)**  
*Clinical Instructor in Radiology and Medical Sciences*

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Adam Falivene's journey from Dallas to New York has been a quickly drawn straight line. Born in St. Louis, Dr. Falivene grew up in The Woodlands, Texas, a suburb of Houston, and attended Southern Methodist University in Dallas for his undergraduate studies, completing a double major in biology and psychology in four years; he graduated in 2011. Moving to New York City only a month before his first term started, Dr. Falivene began studying at NYCPM in 2011 and graduated in 2015.

Dr. Falivene completed his three-year surgical residency at SUNY Downstate Medical Center in Brooklyn, and spent a lot of time seeing patients in the nearby Kings County Hospital while there. Graduating in 2018, Dr. Falivene started working at NYCPM on July 16, 2018 – just four and one-half months ago.

Now a clinical instructor in radiology in the department of medicine, Dr. Falivene filled the position vacated by Stephanie Maurais, DPM ('08), when she succeeded the now-retired Randy Cohen, DPM as the Director of the Radiology Section this spring. Dr. Falivene says that, growing up in a suburb of Houston, he was not exposed to a very diverse population, but going to school at NYCPM, rotating through several hospitals and completing a residency in Brooklyn has given him that opportunity, something that would not be true in other parts of the country. This expanded him both professionally and personally, he says.

"I've been very blessed to have landed in a situation where I have a little bit of everything. It's an ideal situation," he says. He's working with the people he's trained under, working at large hospitals (both Lincoln and Metropolitan), with students, residents, other DPMs and patients, plus working at a private practice. He sees a mix of academic and private practice in his future.

"Teaching is a challenge, but a fun one. The students keep me on my toes," Dr. Falivene says. This is the first time he's taught. His own student days in the very recent past, he finds his current students (he teaches third years) well-read as well as street smart, and many of them take advantage of what New York City has to offer, too.

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On the Admissions Committee, Dr. Falivene faces another challenge – bringing in intelligent, well-rounded students (with stamina!), with high motivation for podiatric medicine, for NYCPM's future.