

Get to Know NYCPM's Faculty:
Matrona Giakoumis, DPM ('10)
Instructor, Department of Surgery



Matrona Giakoumis, DPM ('10) completed her undergraduate studies at Fordham University's Lincoln Center campus in 2004, with a bachelor's degree in natural sciences with a minor in the visual arts.

Her pre-med classes were held at the university's Bronx campus. She began to study podiatric medicine at NYCPM in 2006; in the two-year interval, she worked with the American Red Cross as an emergency services responder.

After graduating from NYCPM, she went to DeKalb Medical Center in Atlanta, GA for her residency (2010-13) and then remained there for a fellowship in adult and pediatric foot and ankle reconstructive surgery. She joined the faculty at NYCPM in November 2016, and surgery remains a particular focus for her.

Dr. Giakoumis is a clinical instructor in the surgery department, where she teaches a mix of students (in terms of class years); and has lectured in traumatology. She helps to run the junior surgery clerkship for third-years, and finds this one-on-one time with students particularly rewarding. It provides a forum to get to know the students more personally and to help teach skills and impart knowledge that will assist them on externships and exams.

Dr. Giakoumis is chief of podiatry at Lincoln Hospital (as of March); she performs surgeries there and sees patients in the clinic. She also sees patients in the clinic at Harlem and performs surgeries there as well. Along with the rest of the surgery department, she takes calls at Metropolitan Hospital. She is also a faculty member of The Podiatry Institute, located in Atlanta, which puts on conferences for CPME credits and runs cadaver courses. This has allowed her to lecture all over the country, providing a unique opportunity to travel as well and see different parts of our country.

This busy doctor enjoys medical mission trips. She's already gone to El Salvador and Nepal, and hopes to join Healing the Children on a mission to Honduras this year, where her focus will primarily be on pediatric lower extremity reconstructive surgery.

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When asked about her age and the fact that it is relatively close to that of our residents, she said that she feels the age similarity is an asset in her relationship with them. She hopes to continue to advise and positively influence the students and residents and aid in broadening their knowledge, exposure and experience.