

Steven Levitz, DPM (1951-2023)



Dr. Steven Levitz, Professor of Orthopedic Sciences at NYCPM, died June 20, 2023 at the age of 72. A graduate of the college, he completed his residency at the school and joined the faculty in September 1980; he was the senior-most faculty member of the school.

A tidal wave of encomiums followed the sad news. **Michael J. Trepal, DPM (1981)**, VP and Academic Dean, who studied with him, was “very impressed with his acumen for anatomy and ability to explain,” and relates that Dr. Levitz taught several generations of students who were struck by his photographic memory. **Samuel Adegboyega, DPM (2006)**, Chairman of the Division of Medical Sciences, who was also taught by Dr. Levitz, remembers him as “very humble, intelligent, and proud to be part of the NYCPM family.”

Loretta Logan, DPM (1989), MPH, Chair of the Department of Orthopedics, considered Dr. Levitz to be a mentor and friend, and recalled his years of “sharing his knowledge and passion for podiatric medicine.” Chief Medical Librarian **Paul Tremblay, MLIS**, recalls Dr. Levitz as a “true advocate for the students and college. With Dr. Levitz’s passing,” he wrote, “we are losing one of the most extensive institutional memories.” A current student described feeling “truly saddened and heartbroken,” and remembers that “Dr. Levitz was purely one of the best. A man filled with so much knowledge and wit and a man who was so nonchalantly funny he had me and so many of us cracking up frequently.”

Professor, Department of Pediatrics and Orthopedics, **Russell Volpe, DPM’s (1983)** remembrance was both professional and deeply personal:

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Members of Class of 2023 with Dr. Levitz.

Dr. Levitz was a new faculty member when I started my clinical training here at NYCPM in the early 1980s. He was my teacher in orthopedics and biomechanics, and he went on to become a distinguished colleague for 40 years, encyclopedia of, and guide to, the vast foot literature, and sterling representative of a special generation of DPMs from an old school deeply grounded in all the fundamentals of podiatric medicine as a specialty, which helped birth the modern DPM model.

In recent years I mostly chatted with Steve when our paths crossed in clinic. He always had a warm greeting and a kind word. I have one memory of Steve that will always stay with me. Steve had sat in on one of my lectures in Sports Medicine and he offered compliments to me for the lecture at the end. It meant so much to me, that a colleague who was such an avatar of accuracy and integrity in science and medicine, thought highly of the material I had presented to students. You knew that you had done well if you met Steve Levitz's exalted standards.

All agreed he will be greatly missed.