

Get to Know NYCPM's Faculty:
Aaron Glockenberg, DPM ('79)
*Associate Professor of Podiatric Medicine and Orthopedics,
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Dr. Aaron Glockenberg earned his bachelor's degree in biology from American International College in Springfield, MA in 1973, and was interested in getting into medicine. Working in a microbiology lab after graduation, he applied to podiatry school when a podiatrist got him interested in the field of podiatric medicine.

After graduating from NYCPM in 1979, Dr. Glockenberg completed his residency at the Montrose VA Hospital (in association with NYCPM), and then, with a fellowship, studied biomechanics and orthopedics at NYCPM under Joseph D'Amico, DPM. He's taught here since 1983. Dr. Glockenberg is also a member of Phi Delta Honor Society.

Dr. Glockenberg has always been interested in teaching, he says, and finds that it really motivates him and leads him to stay up-to-date with information and research. He taught a course in traumatology as it relates to the foot and ankle for many years, and was involved in the publication of research articles on orthopedic problems, and in the publication of *Compendium* here at NYCPM.

He thinks that knowledge of a patient's biomechanics is very helpful with surgical procedures as they relate to the foot and ankle. Dr. Glockenberg believes that the complexity of the foot mandates knowledge of both medicine and neurology in addition to orthopedics.

While he does perform surgery at St. Barnabas, he believes surgery should be a last resort. He says that the complaints of his patients have not changed much over the years, but everyone is aware of diabetes, and thus aware of related foot problems. Because that greater awareness extends to the medical profession, he thinks that podiatrists are more appreciated by physicians than ever before.

Dr. Glockenberg also sees the greater number of NYCPM students from other countries as raising the awareness of podiatry around the world. He thinks that the general quality of students at the College has

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improved over the years.

He sees a good future for the field; podiatry is more recognized by the medical profession as an integral component of a medical practice, rather than as a separate entity. Group practices now include podiatry routinely. He urges doctors, residents and students to keep up with the latest information available as to the field of podiatry.

Dr. Glockenberg maintains a part-time private practice in the Bronx, performs surgery at St. Barnabas, and is associated with Bronx-Lebanon and Lincoln Hospitals. Born in Poland, then a resident of Israel before coming to the US, he's been married for 46 years and has three children.