

## Get to Know NYCPM Faculty: **Margarita Presman, DPM, FACPM, CWSP** *Director of Radiology\*, Department of Medicine*

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Brooklyn native **Dr. Margarita Presman** attended Baruch College as an undergrad, switching her major from finance to bio/pre-med toward the end of her studies there. She entered NYCPM directly after college in 2008 and graduated in 2012 with her DPM degree. She went on to complete a three-year Podiatric Medicine & Surgery Residency with Reconstructive Rearfoot & Ankle Certification at The Mount Sinai Hospital in 2015.

After completing residency training, she worked for several years in private practice, attained admitting and operating privileges at Maimonides Medical Center in the Department of Orthopedics and became board certified by the American Board of Podiatric Medicine. In June of 2019, after taking time off for maternity leave, she made the decision to continue her training and entered into a one-year Wound Care & Tissue Healing Fellowship program at St. John's Episcopal Hospital in Queens, NY.

During her fellowship she completed training in Hyperbaric Oxygen Therapy, which allowed her to attain "physician supervision of hyperbaric oxygen therapy" hospital privileges. In November of 2020, she became board certified by the American Board of Wound Management (Certified Wound Specialist Physician®), thus becoming board certified in both podiatric medicine and wound care.

Why wound care? She loves it! She particularly loves the hands-on patient interaction and interpersonal relationships. "It's all about effective communication with the patient. Wound care is overwhelmingly about helping the patient take better care of themselves." The demand is high; in addition to diabetes, wound care is also needed by patients who have pressure wounds, trauma, venous issues and auto-immune diseases.

\*In mid-December, Dr. Trepal announced that, Dr. Presman had been appointed Director of Radiology! She had been teaching the radiology clerkship to third-year students, and now will supervise the didactic and clinical aspects of that department, working with Dr. Falivene. "Drs. Presman and Falivene make a great team and together will provide our students and patients the very best of patient care and radiologic education," Dr. Trepal said. In addition, she gives lectures during the Medical Imaging and Podiatric Medicine courses, which are part of the clinical sciences curriculum, and also participates in frequent wound-care workshops. Dr. Presman's toolbox is full and her passion is evident!