

**Get to Know NYCPM Faculty:**  
**Mark A. Kosinski, DPM, ('83)**  
*Professor of Medical Sciences*

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When **Mark Kosinski** was a pre-med student at NYU, foot problems took him to a podiatrist. The podiatrist impressed him; here was a specialty that encompassed other specialties. Dermatology, neurology, surgery, orthopedics – all while still being a specialist of the foot. He decided to pursue podiatry as his career path.

After obtaining his BA in biology, he started studying at NYCPM in 1979, graduated in 1983 and completed a 24-month surgical residency at St. Joseph's Hospital in Philadelphia (at the time, one of the teaching hospitals for the Pennsylvania College of Podiatric Medicine, which is now part of Temple University).

All during Dr. Kosinski's studies at NYCPM and throughout his residency, he knew that he wanted to teach at NYCPM. He began working as a per-diem instructor in 1986 and, as more time became available at the college, became a full-time faculty member in the department of medicine. It was his dream job.

Right now, Dr. Kosinski sees patients in the Foot Center of New York and teaches second, third, and fourth-year students. He is involved in teaching Physical Assessment Lab and Pod Med 1 and 2 classes. In addition to classroom lectures, Dr. Kosinski gives outside lectures for various CME programs, has written textbook chapters and articles, and has been a reviewer for journals.

Dr. Kosinski's main area of study is lower-extremity infections, an interest that stems from his residency. During that time, he met Jack LeFrock, MD, the chief of infectious diseases at Hahnemann University Hospital in Philadelphia, who got him interested in this rewarding field.

In 1999, he completed a fellowship in lower extremity infectious diseases at St. Michael's Medical Center in Newark, NJ under Leon Smith, MD, a program that was made possible through David George, DPM ('72). Dr. Kosinski finds that infectious disease doctors share common interests and goals, a characteristic that transcends degrees and national borders. He would one day like to go on medical missions to areas of the world underserved by doctors.

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Dr. Kosinski notes that NYCPM has always had good students through the years he's been here, students who have shown a commitment to long-term learning. He envies today's students for their plethora of educational and professional opportunities. He notes he is thankful for the many years he's taught at the College, the friendships he's made and the students who it has been his pleasure to teach.