In a First, NYCPM Student Attends Wound Week 22

Alex Fleischman (2023) attended Wound Week 22, the American Professional Wound Care Association (APWCA) Wound Week 2022. Here is his report:

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The conference is the national meeting of the APWCA. The meeting occurred in Philadelphia, PA, February 24 and 25. All medical professionals certified in wound care were in attendance. This included MD, DO, DPM, Nurses, and PT. The goals of the conference are to explore and discuss the modern innovations in wound healing. Topics include diabetic ulcers, pressure ulcers, new wound care products, innovative wound analysis, and vascular intervention. The conference included lectures, wound care company exhibits, hands on workshops of new wound care management techniques, and poster/oral presentations.

I was the only representative from NYCPM and was the only medical student in attendance from all podiatric medical colleges. I am the first student to go to this conference from NYCPM.

I presented my research “Presentation of Mucoepidermoid Carcinoma to the Left Third Digit: A Rare Case Study.” It is the first study to discuss the management of mucoepidermoid carcinoma to the lower extremity. The poster was done with Dr. Giakoumis of surgery and Dr. Barlizo of medicine. The audience was very excited to learn about the management of the pathology and excited for the upcoming manuscript.

The alumni at the meeting were very excited to see a student at the meeting. They not only instructed me on how to follow my passion of wound care in the professional world, but also how to make an impact on wound care at NYCPM and the field of podiatry. They were extremely helpful and excited to help the new generation of podiatrists coming out of their alma mater!