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**FOOT & ANKLE**  
SPECIALTY GROUP

### Sports Medicine and Reconstructive Foot and Ankle Surgery Foot and Ankle Expert

<b>CURRENT PRACTICE:</b>	Private Practice Founder / Director: Foot & Ankle Specialty Group
<b>PREVIOUS PRACTICE:</b>	Associate: University Foot and Ankle Institute 2003 - 2013
<b>HOSPITAL PRIVLEDGES:</b>	Cedars Sinai Medical Center UCLA Medical Center- Santa Monica Saint Johns Health Center
<b>SURGERY CENTERS:</b>	90210 Surgery Center Precision ASC
<b>LICENSURE:</b>	<b>State of California:</b> E 4431 DEA: BS8065751
<b>BOARD CERTIFICATION:</b>	American Board of Foot and Ankle Surgery: <i>Diplomate</i>
<b>PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS:</b>	American College of Foot and Ankle Surgeons: <i>Fellow</i> American Podiatric Medical Association California Podiatric Medical Association
<b>OFFICIAL APPOINTMENTS:</b>	Treating Foot and Ankle Specialist for Los Angeles Ballet
<b>MEDICAL EXPERT:</b>	Retained as an Expert Witness in over 200 cases. Medical Case Review for over 300 charts. (List of cases available upon request.)
<b>RESIDENCY:</b>	<b>Health South Surgery Center – San Francisco, CA</b> July 2002- June 2003 <b>Director: Thomas Chang, DPM</b> <b>PSR-24:</b> Includes all foot and ankle procedures at surgery center and California Pacific Medical Center; clinical office experience at the Northern California Foot and Ankle Center.

<p>July 2001- June 2002</p>	<p><b>DVAMC - Palo Alto, CA</b>  <b>Director: Jack Bois, DPM</b>  <b>PSR-12:</b> Includes three months of First Chief and second call, managing all surgical candidates and performing all VA podiatric surgical cases, supervising the clinic; rotations at VA and Stanford University: Podiatric Medicine, Podiatric Surgery, Rheumatology, Psychology, Anesthesiology.</p>
<p>July 2000- June 2001</p>	<p><b>PPMR:</b> Includes 13 weeks of call, managing inpatients, managing clinic five days per week, participating in surgical cases; rotations at VA and Stanford University: Podiatric Medicine, Radiology (with Donald Resnick, MD in San Diego), Vascular Surgery, Infectious Diseases, Pathology, Internal Medicine, Behavioral Medicine, Emergency Medicine.</p>
<p><b>EDUCATION:</b>  August 1996-  May 2000</p>	<p><b>Scholl College of Podiatric Medicine at Finch University  Chicago Medical School</b>  Doctor of Podiatric Medicine Degree  Bachelor of Science Degree, Cum Laude 1997.</p>
<p>September 1992- June 1996</p>	<p><b>Knox College</b>  Graduated with a Bachelor of Arts Degree, Major in Biochemistry with Honors; Dean's List; Honors Research Project in Immunology.</p>
<p><b>HONORS &amp;  POSITIONS:</b></p>	<p><b>Scientific Journal Co- Editor: Present</b>  <i>Foot &amp; Ankle Specialist</i></p> <p><b>DVAMC - Palo Alto, CA (PSR-12)</b>  Appointed Chief Resident first quarter.</p> <p><b>Scholl College of Podiatric Medicine</b>  Gait Laboratory Assistant 1997-2000; Durlacher Honors Society 1997-2000; State Society's Representative 1998-1999; Awarded Summer Research Fellowship at Rush Presbyterian St. Luke's Medical Center 1997; American Podiatric Medical Student's Association 1997 Appreciation Award.</p>
<p>May 1997- August 1997</p>	<p><b>Scholl College of Podiatric Medicine</b>  <b>Summer Research Fellowship:</b>  <u>Factors Influencing Variation in Gait Adaptations After Total Hip Replacement:</u> Studying the gait patterns of patients with DJD of the hip joint with technologically advanced gait analysis and x-ray evaluation.</p>

September 1995-  
May 1996

**Knox College**

**Honors Project:** The Role of Serotonin on the Magnitude and Character of the Immune Response: A 58 page research thesis and oral defense after a year long examination of the relationship between the neuroendocrine system and the immune system.

June 1995-  
August 1995

**University of Chicago**

**Fellowship:** Summer Research Fellowship with REU Supplement to NSF Grant (IBN-9408216) under Professor Martin Feder, PhD.: Department of Organismal Biology and Anatomy.

**PUBLICATIONS:** Contributing editor of Anatomy chapter in *Compendium of Podiatric Medicine and Surgery 2003*.

Contributing author of *Lateral Column Fusions* Clin Podiatr Med Surg. 2004 Jan;21(1):129-39. Review

*When Neurosensory Testing Can Help Pinpoint The Cause Of Heel Pain.* PodiatryToday. Sept. 2004

*How To Diagnose And Treat Interdigital Neuritis.* PodiatryToday. Jan. 2005

Contributing author of *Viscosupplementation (hyaluronans) in the treatment of ankle osteoarthritis.* Clin Podiatr Med Surg. 2005 Oct;22(4):585-97, vii.

Contributing author of *Sodium Hyaluronate in the Treatment of Osteoarthritis of the Ankle: A Controlled, Randomized, Double-Blind Pilot Study* J. Bone Joint Surg. Am. 2006; 88: 295-302.  
*Quantitative sensory testing.* Clin Podiatr Med Surg. 2006 Jul;23(3):545-57.

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*Pediatric and Adult Flatfoot Reconstruction: Subtalar Arthroereisis Versus Realignment Osteotomy Surgical Options.* Clin Podiatr Med Surg. 2006 Oct;23(4):695-708, v. Review.

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Foot & Ankle Specialist, Feb 2008; vol. 1: pp. 61 - 63.

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Emerging Insights On Platelet-Rich Plasma. Podiatry Today, 2010 May;23

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Current concepts for the use of platelet-rich plasma in the foot and ankle. Clin Podiatr Med Surg. 2011 Jan;28(1):155-70.

New technology and techniques in the treatment of foot and ankle injuries. Clin Podiatr Med Surg. 2011 Jan;28(1):19-41.

A Closer Look At Platelet-Rich Plasma For Achilles Tendon Pathology. Podiatry Today, 2011 Nov:24

Platelet-Rich Plasma: Can It Have An Impact For Plantar Fasciitis? Podiatry Today, 2012 Nov:25

**MEDICAL**

**CONSULTANT:** Available upon request.

**LANGUAGES:** French, Persian and Hebrew.

**INTERESTS:** Voice study (Opera), acting, filmmaking, traveling, water sports.

**REFERENCES:** Available upon request.