

# From our Partners



**T**he vision of the Canadian Podiatric Medical Association (CPMA) is to ensure that podiatrists across Canada are universally recognized as essential providers of foot and ankle care, and to work for a strong profession that contributes to the health of *all* Canadians.

CPMA advances and advocates for the specialty of podiatric medicine and surgery for the benefit of its members and the health of the public.

1.1. The goal of the Association is to effectively serve and provide guidance to its members and the podiatric medical profession in Canada and, through the profession, to serve the public and to provide the authoritative national voice for podiatrists in Canada.

1.2. The Association recognizes a particular responsibility to contribute to the development of national positions and standards related to podiatric medical practice, education, research, equipment, materials and personnel.

The CPMA promotes strong professional values, practices and standards, as well as enhanced public awareness of good lower-limb health. Accordingly, our shared values include integrity, civility and respect. We promote continuing education and

practice evidence-based care that is patient-centric. We work collaboratively as an integral part of the medical team, and inter-professionally with other health-care professionals.

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## NEWS

### **Canadian Limb Preservation Centre Makes the News 1**

The Zivot Limb Preservation Centre at the Peter Lougheed Hospital in Calgary, Alberta was recently featured in a televised feature on Canada's Global News network.

The program, entitled '*Calgary Specialized Medical Unit Saves Limbs and Lives*', offered viewers, "a rare glimpse behind the doors of one of the top specialized medical units in the country".

The Zivot Limb Preservation Centre and adjacent minor surgery clinic opened to patients in October 2016. The Centre primarily serves patients with diabetes and vascular disease who are

at risk of amputation of their feet or lower limbs. It is the only facility of its kind in Canada.

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The Zivot Limb Preservation Centre continues to draw positive media attention, also being the subject of a recent article in the *Calgary Sun*. The article details the story of John Lohnes, a Calgary-region man, who received access to quick surgical intervention at the Centre, something he credits with saving his leg.

Lohnes attended the Zivot Limb Preservation Centre for an infection in his foot that had grown out of control and found himself almost immediately in a surgery suite where he was operated on. Although Lohnes lost a heel in the procedure, he credits the quick action with preventing a more severe outcome.

In the *Sun* article, Lohnes is quoted as saying: "They told me if I went anywhere else with that, the leg would have been amputated below the knee right away, because it would take so much time." He subsequently spent five weeks in hospital and underwent a lengthy healing process but remains thankful he was able to access immediate care.

## Current Initiatives

The CPMA currently has a number of projects underway.

1. CPMA is strengthening its research posture, and is working to collect data on the efficacy of podiatric interventions and services.
2. CPMA continues to strengthen its relationship with other medical professionals.
3. An active participant in the International Federation of Podiatry
4. Active participation in D-Foot International in conjunction with Wounds Canada
5. Social Media awareness strategies for Foot Health Month are upcoming.

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

CPMA runs monthly webinars for podiatrists. You can join our mailing list by contacting [info@podiatrycanada.org](mailto:info@podiatrycanada.org)

*Annual convention of the Ordre des podiatres du Québec*: June 16-17, 2023 at the Delta Marriott Hotel in Sherbrooke, Quebec.

*The BCPMA Annual Scientific Seminar*: September 29-30, 2023 at the COAST Coal Harbour Hotel in Vancouver, BC. Please visit [www.PodiatryNorth.com](http://www.PodiatryNorth.com) for more details and information.

In addition, the CPMA will host an online conference in the fourth quarter of 2023. Details will be posted on [www.podiatrycanada.org](http://www.podiatrycanada.org)

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## JOIN US

The CPMA is a non-profit organization that was formed in 1926, and is dedicated to enhancing the profession of podiatry and providing a collective voice to government, industry and Canadians on your behalf.

To become a member of the CPMA, podiatrists must first be a member of their own provincial organization. If the province in which a podiatrist practices does not have an association, that member can apply directly to the CPMA.

Active membership may be granted to any podiatrist who is duly qualified as a Doctor of Podiatric Medicine (DPM.) or possesses a Bachelor of Science (Honours) in Podiatric Medicine (BSc Hons Podiatric Medicine) or a Bachelor of Science (Honours) in Podiatry (BSc Hons Podiatry) degree and is legally licensed to practice podiatric medicine in a province of Canada in which legislation exists relating to the practice of the profession of podiatric medicine and the licensing of podiatrists.

In addition to connecting you to colleagues across Canada, CPMA membership also provides a number of additional benefits. For more information visit [www.podiatrycanada.org/membership](http://www.podiatrycanada.org/membership)