CONTINUING EDUCATION POLICY

- The Board of Podiatric Medical Examiners (Board) requires 50 Continuing Medical Education (CME) hours to be completed between the period of 11/1/2001 through 12/1/2003 for the 2004/2005 podiatric license renewal.

- Please be advised that you will be REQUIRED to submit documentation of your CME units and a signed affidavit that you have meet the CME requirement for the license renewal period.

- The Board must receive and review a syllabus in order to determine the credit hours for each course. Any inquiries should be submitted to the Board prior to the December 1, 2003 deadline.

- At least 35 CME units are to be taken in Category A which directly relate to scope of practice issues.

- 15 CME units can be taken in Category B, which include medically related issues not related to podiatry and coding seminars. CME units on medically related issues are awarded only half the credit contact units. For example, a HIPAA State Conference might be credited at 8 CME units but would be given 4 CME units by the Board.

- CME units will not be given for teaching and giving residency lectures.

- The Board allows up to 20 CME units online for every 2-year renewal period.

- Up to 25 CME units will be awarded to podiatrists who participate in NBPME test development activities.

- The Board, and not the sponsor of CME courses, determines how many credit hours each continuing education activity is awarded.

- The Board will not always give CME credit for classes attended. For example, the Board will not give credit for continuing education involving financial planning.
marketing and billing or practice enhancement strategies. To avoid surprises, Board pre-approval for CME credit is always recommended.

- Approved credits may be applied toward fulfillment of the continuing education requirement only in the renewal period in which they are earned.

- It is the responsibility of each podiatrist to keep accurate records of attendance at approved continuing education programs and to substantiate those records for the current licensing period upon request.

- The Board, by registered mail, may at any time request that within 10 working days a podiatrist substantiates the credits earned by providing satisfactory proof of attendance and completion at approved continuing education programs.

- If the licensee fails to earn the required number of credit hours, the licensee may request an extension of time. The Board at its discretion, upon good cause shown, may grant an extension of time. However, the Board may impose a requirement that the podiatrist earn up to double the number of required credit hours still to be earned (See COMAR 10.40.02.03 (E).

- The Board may not renew a license if the continuing education requirements are not met.

- For Podiatric Residents in Training only – Twenty Five (25) hours of category A Credit will be granted for each full year of residency training within the current licensing cycle.

Examples of CME’s in Category A & B

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*Category B units are based on the standard of 1 credit per 2 hours of lecture

Up-Coming CME courses

The Board has received word of the following 2003 CME opportunities. However, because the Board has not received a syllabus for many of these courses, credit hours have yet to be determined.
Goldfarb Foundation  
February 1 – 8, 2003  
Location: Princess Cruise Line  
Contact 717-763-7665

Illinois Podiatric Medical Association  
Feb. 2-9, 2003  
IPMA Zone 1  
Contact 800-277-1908 ext. 5911

The Podiatry Institute  
February 6-8, 2003  
Topics: Forefoot Surgery Update;  
Medicine for every Podiatrist;  
Complex Issues and Complications;  
Foot and Ankle Trauma  
Location: Utah  
Contact: 770-939-0393

American College of Foot and Ankle Surgeons  
February 19 – 23, 2003  
2003 ACFAS Annual Meeting  
Location: Florida  
Contact Mary Meyers at 847-292-2237.  
Web site www.acfas.org

FAPA Fraternal Corporation  
February 15 – 22, 2003  
8th Scientific Seminar in the Sun  
Mexico  
Contact: 888-327-2678

Texas Podiatric Medical Association  
March 20-23, 2003  
Diabetic Foot Symposium  
Location: Bahamas  
Contact: 512-494-1123

American Professional Wound Care Association  
March 27-29, 2003  
Wound Care and the Related Sciences  
Location: Philadelphia  
Contact: APWCA at 215-364-4100

American Academy of Podiatric Sports Medicine  
March 29-April 5, 2003  
Location: Little Cayman Beach Resort  
Contact: Dr. Van Pelt at 830-935-3632

APMA -Region Five Meeting  
April 3-6, 2003  
Location: Chicago  
Contact: Anne Carey at 312-427-5810

APMA  
April 9-14, 2003  
APMA Leadership Conference  
Location: Washington D.C.  
Contact: 301-581-9200

FAPA Fraternal Corporation  
April 10-13, 2003  
Board Review, Recertification Course  
Location: Philadelphia  
Contact: 717-763-7665 ext. 18

APMA - Region Three Meeting  
May 13-16, 2003  
Location: Atlantic City, New Jersey  
Contact: bwolff@jersey.net

CME’s continued…

Barry University School of Graduate Medical Sciences Podiatric Medicine and Surgery  
May 21-25, 2003  
Surgery, Orthopedics and primary podiatric medicine.  
Contact: 800-319-3338

Western Podiatric Medical Congress  
June 26 – 29, 2003  
Location: California  
Contact: www.thewestern.org.
Advertising
Recently, the Board had several complaints brought to its attention concerning inappropriate advertising. All advertising complaints are fully investigated and action is taken as appropriate. All advertising must state that the practitioner is a podiatrist. See Section 10.40.06.03C(9) of the Code of Regulations. Review of many ads reflects numerous advertisements that appear to be in violation of the aforementioned citation. The use of the prefix Doctor/Dr. or the term “physician” without further indication that one is a podiatrist/D.P.M. is considered to be misleading to the public. While recognizing that podiatrists have a separate listing under the PHYSICIANS & SURGEONS - PODIATRIC - DPM sections of various Yellow Page advertisements, that listing in itself does not comply with Section 10.40.06.03.C(9) of the Code of Maryland Regulations which reads as follows:

(Advertisements) “That fail to state that the practitioner is a podiatrist.”

Please review all advertisements (yellow pages, One Book, mail inserts, etc.) regarding your practices and make whatever changes are necessary to bring the advertisements into compliance with current regulations.

Did you know that prescription pads must also state that you practice podiatry? Please make sure your prescription pads also have D.P.M. or podiatrist printed on them. In fact, all stationery and business cards must identify the practitioner as a podiatrist.

Congratulations
The Board wishes to welcomes the following new licensees:

- Maury Domsky, D.P.M.
- Judy Outs, D.P.M.
- Mehul Shah, D.P.M.

Medical Ethics Course
Two times a year, the 2nd Thursday of the month in January and July, the Board offers a free Medical Ethics Course designed specifically for podiatrists. Topics presented include:

- Ethical Rules including Billing Issues
- The Impaired Podiatrist
- Communicating to the Patient and the Public
- Commercial Relationships

The course is given at the Board’s office located at 4201 Patterson Ave., Baltimore.

All podiatrists are welcome to attend this lecture. Please contact Board staff if you are interested in attending.