

ACFAS Board of Directors Candidate Profile



Incumbent - Amber M. Shane, DPM, MS, FACFAS

Orlando, FL

Orlando Foot and Ankle Clinic

Diplomate, American Board of Foot and Ankle Surgery (2008)

Fellow, American College of Foot and Ankle Surgeons (2008)

Education

Undergraduate: BS, Biology, Ferris State University (1998)

Graduate: MS, Biomedical Sciences, Barry University (2000)

Doctorate: DPM, Barry University (2002)

Residency: Florida Hospital East Orlando (2003-2006)

Fellowship: AO Fellowship, "Carl Gustav Carus" - Dresden, Germany (2005); Fellowship, Ilizarov Center - Kurgan, Russia (2006)

Experience

ACFAS Leadership Experience

- Board of Directors, ACFAS (2021-Present)
- Liaison, Research Committee (2024-Present)
- Liaison, Education and Scientific Affairs Committee (ESA) (2023-2024)
- Liaison, Post Graduate Affairs Committee (2024-Present)
- Chair, Surgical Skills Committee (SSC) (2016-2018)
- Chair, Consumer Education Committee (CEC) (2010-2011)
- Chair, Ankle Arthroscopy Surgical Skills Course (April 2017)
- Chair, All about the Ankle Surgical Skills Course (2016)
- Chair, Flatfoot Surgical Skills Course (October 2015)
- Annual Scientific Conference (ASC) Committee (2019-Present)
- Clinical Consensus Committee, Treatment of Acute Achilles Tendon Ruptures (2018)
- Education and Content Development Task Force (2018-2019)
- Education and Scientific Affairs Committee (2018-2019)
- Surgical Skills Committee (2011-2018)
- Consumer Education Committee (2007-2010)
- Faculty, ACFAS Surgical Skills Courses (2013-Present)
- Faculty, ACFAS Annual Scientific Conference (2009-Present)
- Reviewer, Journal of Foot & Ankle Surgery (2017-Present)
- Reviewer, Scientific Posters, ACFAS Annual Scientific Conference (2007-2011)

Other Professional Leadership Experience

- Chair, Department of Podiatric Surgery, Advent Health Hospital System (2017-Present)
- Medial Executive Committee, Advent Health Hospital System (2017-Present)
- Surgical OR Governance Committee, Advent Health Hospital System (2017-Present)
- Peer Review Committee, Advent Health Hospital System (2017-Present)
- Faculty, Advent Health East Orlando Podiatric Surgery Residency (2006-Present)



- Medical Director, Upperline Health Florida (2019-2022)
- Board of Directors – Orlando Foot & Ankle Clinic (2019-2022)
- Chair, Investigative Review Committee, Advent Health Hospital System (2015-2016)
- ABFAS Communications Committee (2015-2023)
- ABFAS Board Certification Examiner (2010-2015)
- ABFAS Cognitive Exam Committee (2013-2015)



Position Statement

It has been an honor to serve on the ACFAS Board of Directors for the past three years. Having the privilege to work alongside distinguished board members and be involved with actions on the behalf of the profession of foot and ankle surgery and you, my colleagues, has offered me a unique perspective on the current and future state of our profession and ACFAS. The college is as strong as ever and has continued to advance the profession. However, we as board of directors and an association cannot rest on our laurels. We must continue to press forward and advance the profession while serving the needs of and responding to the priorities of our members.

The future of healthcare is in constant flux. This unpredictability, while uncomfortable, allows the College, and its members, a unique opportunity to advance in the medical community. ACFAS continuously informs public and private insurance companies, accrediting and credentialing organizations, and state advocacy groups about our unique training, education, and certification. Educating these groups opens doors for our multi-disciplinary teams and, most importantly, insurance panels. We must continue our movement toward a national scope of practice, equal pay for equal work, and movement towards RVU pathways.

Education is the foundation of our success and ACFAS has become best-in-class. It has been an honor to be part of our evolution in education over the past 20 years. We must continue to grow our strength of education and develop strong local and national programs for our current and future members. My mission is to continue to work with the team to grow our premier educational meeting in foot and ankle, our ASC, by refreshing topics and educational opportunities to meet the needs of our industry, thereby growing attendance. We will strengthen the ACFAS educational goals and grow our offerings at regional meetings and online e-learning, webinars, and podcasts and online journal clubs.

Students, residents, and young members are the future of our profession and the College. We must make this group a priority to carry the torch into the future. Educational opportunities will raise the bar in their competencies and advance the cause of professional parity within the national medical community. Initiatives such as the Chris Mahaffey leadership course are building the future young leaders of tomorrow

Evidence-based research is another area vital to our success in building relationships with other medical specialties. It is critically important that we increase the funding and ease of obtaining research grants for quality programs. Residency and Fellowship programs will provide us with tomorrow's research authorities. It is our job to be providing our best-in-class training to them today. Additionally, pushing the quality of the Journal of Foot and Ankle Surgery and now FASTRAC. Most exciting is the creation of the Foot & Ankle Registry. This will elevate evidence-based research and I excited to be a part of the initiative.

Over the last two decades our profession has made great strides in the medical community. From scope of practice issues to parity with our orthopedic colleagues, ACFAS has been on the forefront to push the profession of foot and ankle surgery to its greatest heights. Now more than ever, the College must be on the front line pushing the envelope for our members. ACFAS is the only foot and ankle society that requires board certification for its membership. I am dedicated to inspiring younger generations of foot and ankle surgeons to support the College and play a role in paving our path forward as surgeons, educators and leaders. I am proud to represent you, the members, and continue to serve on the Board of Directors for another term.

