

Orthopedic Foot & Ankle Center Wins Top Honors at 25th Annual American Orthopaedic Foot and Ankle Society Summer Meeting

Group secures two honors including the prestigious Roger A. Mann Award

August 1, 2009 (COLUMBUS, OH) – The physicians of Orthopedic Foot & Ankle Center, established in 1998 as Ohio's first orthopedic practice dedicated to the specialized care of the foot and ankle, recently attended and presented 11 abstracts at the 25th Annual American Orthopaedic Foot and Ankle Society (AOFAS) summer meeting in Vancouver, Canada on July 17, 2009. Of the 11 abstracts presented, two were awarded highest honors including the Roger A. Mann Award and second place Best Poster.

The abstract "Prospective Controlled Trial of Scandinavian Total Ankle Fusion: Initial Results" authored in part by Orthopedic Foot & Ankle Center physicians Gregory C. Berlet, MD and Thomas H. Lee, MD; won the prestigious Roger A. Mann Award in recognition of the outstanding clinical paper presented at the AOFAS Annual Summer Meeting.

"Winning the Roger A. Mann Award is a great honor for our physicians and our practice," said Dr. Lee. "The procedure noted in the abstract is very unique in that not many physicians in Central Ohio are executing a total ankle replacement, let alone as many procedures as our physicians are doing, or have been able to follow patients for any length of time like we have been able to do."

The abstract titled "Early Weight Bearing of Calcaneal Fractures with Locked Plates" authored in part by Christopher F. Hyer, DPM; Berlet, MD; Lee, MD won the second place Best Poster Award.

The AOFAS Summer Meeting, which attracted more than 500 attendees and a total of 59 abstracts and 102 e-posters presented for award consideration, is the premier meeting for orthopaedic foot and ankle surgeons. AOFAS promotes quality, ethical and cost-effective care through education, research and training of orthopaedic surgeons and other health care providers. It creates public awareness for the prevention and treatment of foot and ankle disorders, provides leadership and serves as a resource for government, industry and the national and international health care community.

Three Orthopedic Foot & Ankle Center surgeons, Berlet, MD; Lee, MD and Terry M. Philbin, DO, have the highest accreditation by AOFAS which includes, among other statures, completion of advanced fellowship training in foot and ankle surgery, satisfactory completion of the national medical licensing exam, continuing education, and membership in the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons.

"Our practice is continuing to grow, improve and provide the best foot and ankle care available to our patients," Lee said. "Through participation in the AOFAS Summer Meeting, ongoing education and continual push to better ourselves, we ultimately better our patient care, surgery and health care outcomes to enhance the patient's quality of life."

About Orthopedic Foot & Ankle Center

Orthopedic Foot and Ankle Center was established in 1998 as Ohio's first orthopedic practice dedicated to the specialized care of the foot and ankle. With a commitment to the communities served,

Orthopedic Foot and Ankle Center provides onsite access to x-ray, MRI, casting and orthotics as well as emergency and early morning appointments. The physicians within the practice hold some of the professions highest honors and lead the healthcare community in orthopedic care.

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Editors Note

Complete electronic abstracts are available.

Physician headshots are available.

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