

Committed to our students' educational experience



Seven full-time faculty members, along with five part-time faculty, contribute more than 112 years of experience, as clinicians and educators, to the College of Podiatric Medicine and Surgery. In addition to their work as educators, the faculty also serve as clinicians at the Des Moines University Foot and Ankle Institute. Several well-known lecturers and physicians in the local community also contribute as adjunct faculty, creating an excellent knowledge base for our students. [LEARN MORE ABOUT THEM](#) ➡

Pictured here are our full-time faculty, from left to right: Dr. Robert Yoho, Dr. John Bennett, Dr. Jill Frerichs, Dr. Kathy Frush, Dr. Collin Pehde, Dr. James Mahoney, and Dr. Kevin Smith.

**Dr. John Bennett**

Dr. Bennett earned a B.A. from the University of Maryland, Catonsville, and a D.P.M. degree from the Ohio College of Podiatric Medicine in Cleveland. He completed his podiatric surgical residency at Des Moines General Hospital, along with a rotating podiatric residency at the Department of Veterans Affairs medical Center in Baltimore, Md. Dr. Bennett has been with CPMS since 1997. Along with 11 years of clinical practice with Des Moines University, he has also worked in the clinic at the Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Des Moines, as well as the Wound Care Clinic at Iowa Methodist Medical Center in Des Moines. Dr. Bennett volunteers his time at the free diabetic foot clinic for Polk County Iowa.

Dr. Jill Frerichs

Dr. Frerichs earned a B.A. from the University of Iowa and a D.P.M. degree from Des Moines University. She was a surgical resident at Grant Medical Center in Columbus, OH, 2001-2004. Dr. Frerichs is a member of American Podiatric Medical Association, American College of Foot and Ankle Surgeons, Iowa Podiatric Medical Association and American Academy of Podiatric Practice Management. While Dr. Frerichs was in private practice in Columbus, she was also a faculty member for the Grant Residency program. She joined CPMS' Foot & Ankle Institute in 2007.

Dr. Kathy Frush

Dr. Frush earned a B.S. degree from Chadron State College in Nebraska and a D.P.M. degree from Des Moines University. She was a surgical resident at Scott and White Hospital in Temple, Texas, 2005-2008. Dr. Frush is a member of American Podiatric Medical Association, and the American College of Foot and Ankle Surgeons.

Dr. James Mahoney

Dr. Mahoney graduated from the Illinois College of Podiatric Medicine in 1980 Magna Cum Laude. Before that, he attended the University of Notre Dame. His clinical interests include wound care and infectious disease, neuropathy and orthopedics. He is also the creator of a new software program for reading MRIs of the foot and ankle.

Dr. Collin Pehde

Dr. Pehde hails from Wichita, Kansas and earned a B.S. at Wichita State University and a D.P.M. at Des Moines University. He completed a podiatric medical residency at the Western Pennsylvania Hospital in Pittsburgh in 2003, and a podiatric surgical residency at Harris County in Houston, Texas in 2005. Dr. Pehde joined the CPMS faculty in 2005.

Dr. Kevin Smith

Dr. Smith joined Des Moines University's College of Podiatric Medicine and Surgery in 1998. He earned a B.A. degree from the University of Northern

Iowa in Cedar Falls, Iowa, a D.P.M. degree from Des Moines University and a M.S. in education from Drake University. Dr. Smith completed a two-year podiatric surgical residency at Passaic Beth Israel Hospital in Passaic, New Jersey, and was chief surgical resident during his tenure. He was awarded the William J. Stickel Gold Award in 2003, the highest honor given for a research publication by the Journal of the American Podiatric Medical Association. He was also a board member for the Council of Teaching Hospitals and the recipient of the Des Moines University Distinguished Scholar Award. He has also volunteered his time as a surgeon for the Yucatan Crippled Children's Project in Merida, Mexico.

Dr. Robert Yoho

Dr. Yoho is a native of Western Pennsylvania. He received a D.P.M. degree from the Ohio College of Podiatric Medicine and completed his podiatric surgical residency training at Riverside Hospital in Toledo, Ohio in 1986. In the fall of 1993, after seven years of private practice experience in Clarion, Pennsylvania, Dr. Yoho accepted a faculty appointment at Des Moines University. In 1995 he was appointed the CPMS associate dean for clinical affairs and, in 1997, was appointed CPMS dean. Dr. Yoho held the position of vice president for academic administration beginning in 2002, until he was appointed executive dean of CPMS in 2006.

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