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**Member Spotlight: R. Craig Martin, DPM, FASPS**

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**Where do you practice?**

Premier Ankle and Foot Specialists. York, PA.

**What is something new you would like to see ASPS develop or offer to its members?**

I think ASPS should continue to offer fantastic seminars. We have a lot of outstanding podiatrists who love to share their experiences and knowledge with others. I believe that different venues and cities where seminars are located could help grow our membership and introduce our society to more podiatric surgeons. This organization provides a tremendous number of offerings that should be utilized by more doctors.

Also, a review of new procedures and techniques that are constantly being utilized by our members would be very beneficial.

**What is your favorite thing about being a podiatrist?**

I love the feedback that patients give me each and every day. These comments give me lots of endorphins and keep my level of excitement high. I love to help people and to know that I have made a huge positive effect on their everyday lives. I love that we are not only surgeons, but also general practitioners of the lower extremity. This keeps me on my toes and stimulated. It makes practicing very rewarding and never boring or monotonous.

**What made you decide to join ASPS?**

I joined ASPS because surgical education is the focus. There is no political agenda, just education and learning. I have been practicing for 40 years and no other organization has been as forthcoming and honest, with no hidden agenda, as ASPS.

**What is an example of a rewarding experience you have had as a surgeon?**

Since 1978, I have been a podiatric surgeon. I routinely see patients years after their surgery for other reasons. I've had many nurses comment on bunions that I corrected many years ago and say that they are still in perfect alignment. That is very rewarding. I've had multiple patients tell me that I have saved their legs from amputation and therefore saved their lives. This is why I thank God that I still have my surgical skills so I can continue to help my patients.

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In 1976 Dr. Martin graduated from Ohio College of Podiatric Medicine, presently known

as Kent State University College of Podiatric Medicine. Dr. Martin completed his two year residency at Lindell Hospital, in St. Louis, MO, while taking a one year Advanced Graduate Anatomy Course at St. Louis University. Dr. Martin is certified by American Board of Foot and Ankle Surgery and the American Board of Wound Management.

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