

Editorial Commentary



I am honored to participate in this special institution-focused edition of *The Journal of Foot & Ankle Surgery*. I feel especially privileged considering I have had the opportunity to work at both the institutions represented in this special edition. As with management of any disease, there are world-recognized centers of excellence. In the wound and diabetic limb world, MedStar Georgetown University (Washington, DC) and the University of Texas Southwestern (Dallas, Texas) have emerged as leaders in education, research, and clinical care.

Historically, several organizations have made a concerted effort to advance our knowledge of wounds and the diabetic limb. These include Beth Israel Deaconess (Boston, Massachusetts), the University of Texas San Antonio (San Antonio, Texas), and others. It is important to acknowledge that an institution is recognized as a center of excellence

based not on its physical location but rather on the people who inhabit its walls. The prevailing characteristic is a singular dedication by a multidisciplinary team to provide the highest level of patient care, as well as the willingness to share their experience and knowledge through education and publication.

This edition includes original research encompassing various topics in wounds and the diabetic limb from MedStar Georgetown University and the University of Texas Southwestern. I hope you find this special edition informative and impactful.

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