

# Mississippi Podiatric Medical Association's 2020 Diabetic Symposium Cancelled Amid Coronavirus Uncertainty

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On Wednesday (April 15), the Mississippi Podiatric Medical Association's Board of Directors made the difficult decision to cancel the 2020 Diabetic Symposium (scheduled for May 21 – 24, 2020). Citing uncertainty caused by the constantly developing, COVID-19 pandemic and recommendations for banning events in excess of 10 participants as well as the association's own responsibility to all involved, this was the only responsible decision.

We know that this will come as an enormous disappointment, not only to our members and conference attendees, but also to our faculty of speakers, exhibitors and sponsors who were due to attend the Symposium. It was only a short time ago we felt optimistic that May was far enough away to confidently proceed with our plans, as it stands today [April 17] with such uncertainty, we cannot guarantee whether we will be allowed to proceed. Therefore, we have been led to the conclusion that we must now cancel the 2020 Diabetes Symposium.

The Mississippi Podiatric Medical Association will continue to show support in the spirit to stand strong together. We have provided resources on our website from the [American Podiatric Medical Association](#) to assist in surviving this crisis that has, unfortunately, affected everyone in some form including our fellow healthcare professionals, families, and friends. We hope that our actions reflect our commitment to uphold our responsibility to the health and well-being of all onsite attendees, speakers, exhibitors, sponsors, and operational staff. You may also visit the [Federation of Podiatric Medical Boards](#) for updates on Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19).

On a more positive note, we hope to come back with a *bang* in the **Spring of 2021**. We are seeking to keep our current faculty of speakers including our distinguished keynote speaker, **David G. Armstrong, DPM, MD, PhD**. Until then, please visit our website at [www.mspma.net](http://www.mspma.net) for detailed information on refunds, credits, and hotel room cancellation information. Please watch for communication from us in the near future with our 2021 meeting and registration information.

Please know that we will continue to provide the highest level of support as we push through this current challenge. Thank you for your understanding in this unprecedented situation.

