

# MT. RUSHMORE DIABETIC FOOT RECONSTRUCTION FORUM 2026

CME & CPME CREDITS  
JUNE 25 - 27

## TOPICS:

Tibia Transverse Transport (TTT)  
Technique in Limb Salvage

Charcot Foot Reconstruction: Surgical  
Approaches & Controversies

Ilizarov & External Fixation in Diabetic  
Foot Surgery

Multidisciplinary Team Approach to  
Diabetic Foot Limb Preservation

Innovation & Technology in Diabetic  
Foot Care

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## SECTION 1

International & Domestic MDT  
Model of Diabetic Foot Disease  
Care: History and Current Status

*Thursday Morning: June 25*

*7:00AM – 10:35AM*

Event Center Opens at 7AM US Central

Moderators:

Dr. Alan Y. Yan

Dr. Adam Nichols

**Dr. Tim Ridgway (USA):** Welcome to USD: The U.S. Rural Medical Landscape and Our Task in Combating Diabetic Disease in the Landscape of Medical Students and Residential Education

**Dr. Chris Manu (UK):** Diabetologist: Role of the Principal Care Physician in an MDT Model of Diabetic Foot Care

**Dr. Nina Petrova (UK):** 25 Years of Experience in Diabetic Foot Care & Charcot Disease Research: What We Know Today

**Dr. John Steinberg (USA):** Functional Limb Salvage: 30 Years of Experience in an MDT Model in the U.S.A. for Complex Limb Salvage

**Dr. Lawrence Lavery (USA):** Disease Management for the Diabetic Foot: Risk Stratification and Prevention Strategies

**Dr. Alan Y. Yan & Dr. Adam Nichols (USA):** Discussion and Q & A



## SECTION 1 KEYNOTE ADDRESS

**Prof. Michael Edmonds (UK):** 40 years of Experience in Combating Diabetic Foot Disease: establishing of MDT model from Kings College in London

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## SECTION 2

### Multidisciplinary Perspective in Diabetic Foot Disease & Reconstruction

*Thursday Afternoon: June 25*

*10:35AM – 4:10PM*

*Lunch: 11:35AM – 12:35PM*

Begins 10AM US Central

Moderators:

Dr. Alan Y. Yan

Dr. Darrel Richards

**Dr. Joseph Mills (USA):** WiFi, MAD & Desert Foot: What the MDT Team Needs to Know in DF Limb Salvage

**Dr. Chris Attinger (USA):** Key Angiosome Concepts in Foot Ankle Limb Salvage Reconstruction Surgery

**Dr. Peter Bellezza (USA):** Advanced Applications of Matriderm Dermal Scaffold in Soft Tissue Trauma and Limb Salvage Reconstruction

**Dr. Meredith Hayes (USA):** Modalities, Algorithms & Challenges in MSK Imaging Diagnosis of Diabetic Foot Disease, Charcot & Osteomyelitis: What Clinicians Need to Know

**Dr. Don Bambino Geno Tai (USA):** Infectious Diseases Insights and Updates in Diabetic Foot Infection and Limb Salvage: Optimizing Multidisciplinary Decision-Making

**Dr. Christopher Gross (USA):** AI Modeling in Amputation Prediction in Diabetic Foot Disease

**Prof. Sicco Bus (Netherlands):** Evidence & Rationales of Orthotics, Prosthetics in Diabetic Foot Disease & IWGDF Guidelines

**Dr. Armin Koller (USA):** 30 Years of Charcot Reconstruction Experience: What & Why I do it differently in Germany

**Dr. Alex Wee (UK):** Offloading and Prophylactic Surgery of the Diabetic Foot: Experience from UK NHS system

**Dr. Dane Wukich (USA):** The Story Behind: Charcot Foot Reconstruction IWGDF Guidelines & Updates

**Dr. Alan Y. Yan & Dr. Darrel Richards (USA):** Discussion Q & A and Summary

**Conference Reception To Follow:**

**Location:** Sanford Event Barn – All Are Welcome



## SECTION 2 KEYNOTE ADDRESS

**Dr. Rodica Busui (USA):** Diabetic Epidemics & Diabetic Foot Complications: A Global Challenge

## SECTION 3

### Diabetic Foot Charcot Reconstruction Surgical Technique & Innovation

*Friday Morning: June 26*

*7:00AM – 10:55AM*

*Moderators:*

Dr. Alan Y. Yan, Dr. Mark Graeber

## SECTION 3.1

### Wound Care, T.T.T. Surgery in Ischemic Diabetic Foot Disease

*Friday Afternoon: June 26*

*10:55AM – 1:00PM*

*Lunch: 12:30PM – 1:00PM*

*Moderators:*

Dr. Alan Y. Yan

Dr. Joe Wilkinson, Dr. Adam Nichols

**Dr. Alan Yan (USA):** From Dabbling to Dedication: The Establishment of the Sanford Limb Salvage Center and a Global Convention in the U.S. for Diabetic Limb Reconstruction

**Dr. Venu Kavarthapu (UK):** Charcot Classification & Reconstruction Strategies: The Kings Way

**Dr. Roslyn Miller (UK):** MIS Surgery in Charcot and Diabetic Foot Disease

**Dr. Alexander Kirienko (Italy):** The Magic of Illizarov in Diabetic Charcot Reconstruction

**Dr. Filippo Vandenbulcke (Italy):** Complications & Challenges in Charcot Surgery with Illizarov

**Dr. Gonzalo Bastias (Chile):** Modern Surgery in the Acute Charcot foot: Breaking the Paradigm

**Dr. Patrick Burns (USA):** Plantar Approach Charcot Midfoot Reconstruction with External Fixation

**Dr. Vinod Panchbhavi (USA):** Challenges & Controversies in Charcot Diabetic Foot Ankle Surgery

**Dr. Gang Li (China):** Clinical & Basic Science Research in T.T.T.: Overview & Updates

**Dr. QiKai Hua (China):** History, Origin & Current Status of T.T.T.

**Dr. Yongsheng Chen (Singapore):** How to Start and Incorporate T.T.T. Surgery: Singapore Experience

**Dr. Alan Y. Yan, Dr. Joe Wilkinson & Dr. Adam Nichols:** Discussion Q&A Session

**Dr. Mikhail Samchukov (USA):** Industry Session (Orthofix) From Ilizarov to T.T.T.: History & Surgical Technique

## SECTION 4

### Cadaver & Saw Bone Lab

*Friday Afternoon: June 26*

*1:00PM – 5:00PM*

Lab portion of forum will be conducted in a rotating style, with repeat sessions of two for each lab

#### Lab 1: Diabetic Foot Management Basic Skills Lab:

**Dr. Adam Nichols, Dr. Lawrence Lavery, Dr. Mark Graeber, Dr. Darrel Richards, Dr. Joe Wilkinson:** Total Contact Casting, Clinical DF Exam and Wound Care Essential Techniques

**Dr. Jeff Tredwell, Dr. Lawrence Lavery:** Daps Health: Remote Monitoring of Diabetic Foot Complication

#### Lab 2: T.T.T. Surgical Techniques:

**Dr. QiKai Hua, Dr. Mikhail Samchukov, Dr. Vinod Panchbhavi:** T.T.T. Surgical Techniques Cadaver and Saw Bone Lab

#### Lab 3: Ilizarov Surgery Lab:

**Prof. Alexander Kirienko, Dr. Filippo Vandenbulcke, Dr. Vinod Panchbhavi:** Ilizarov Surgery Saw Bone Lab and Cadaver Dissection

**Dr. Baofu Wei, Dr. Alan Yan:** Safe Zone Cadaver Dissection

**Dr. Emiliano Malagoli:** The A.B.C. of Ilizarov Surgery in Foot and Ankle Surgery

## SECTION 5

Fireside Talks & Debates  
on Diabetic Foot Charcot  
Reconstruction

*Saturday Morning: June 27*

Begins 9AM US Central  
Suncatcher Acres Lodges  
42216 236th St.  
Fedora, SD 57337

Tickets sold separately (max. 50 attendees)

**9:00AM - 10AM:** Arrival at Lodge & Breakfast

**10:00AM - 11:30AM:**

**Dr. Roslyn Miller, Dr. Venu Karvatharpu, Dr. Alan Yan, Dr. Lawrence Lavery, Dr. Patrick Burns, Dr. Gonzalo Bastias, Dr. Alexander Kirienko, Dr. Vinod Panchbhavi, Dr. Filippo Vandenbulcke, Dr. Emiliano Malagoli:**

Fireside Debate on Diabetic Foot Charcot Reconstruction: Case Discussion, Acute Correction vs. Later Reconstruction, MIS vs. mis, Beaming vs. Plating vs. Ex Fix

**11:30AM - 1:00PM:** Catering Lunch / Summary & Farewell. Looking Ahead to 2027

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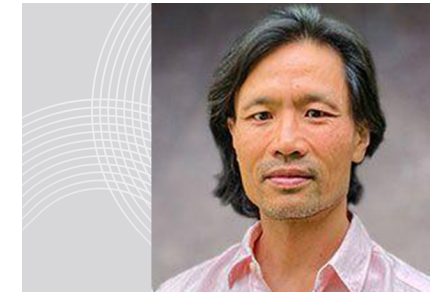
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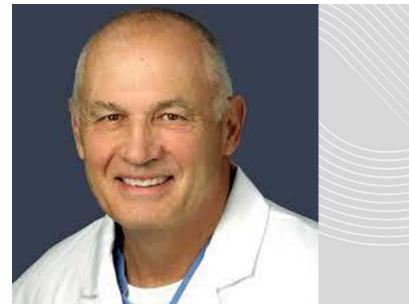
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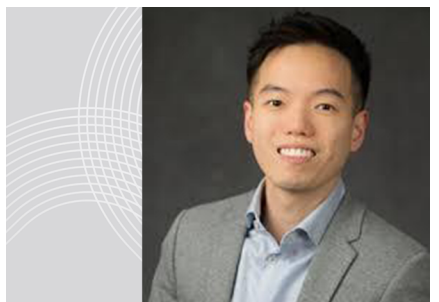
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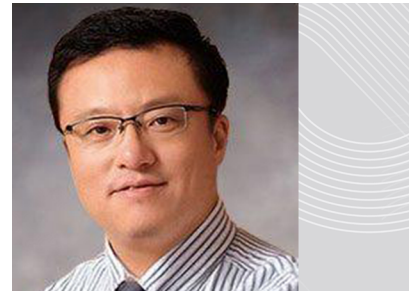
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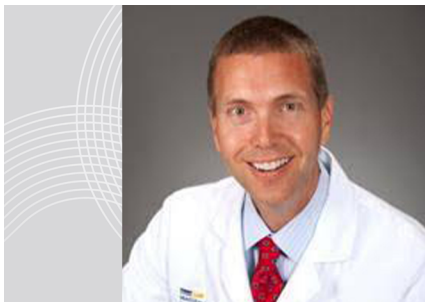
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