



**In-House CME**

# Take Off Your Wound Blindfold: You Can't Treat What You Can't See

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Live Virtual Webinar

Too much wound care is still practiced “by feel” rather than by data. This episode challenges clinicians to remove the diagnostic blindfold and adopt objective, technology-enabled assessment strategies that reveal what the eye alone cannot see. From perfusion deficits and bacterial burden to pressure distribution and tissue viability, unseen factors routinely dictate failure or success.

Learners will examine how underutilization of diagnostics—vascular studies, fluorescence imaging, thermography, pressure mapping, and advanced measurement tools—leads to delayed escalation, inappropriate therapy selection, and preventable complications. This episode reframes diagnostics not as optional add-ons, but as ethical necessities in modern wound medicine.

The discussion emphasizes when and how to deploy diagnostic tools across settings (clinic, bedside, SNF, home health) to reduce guesswork, shorten time-to-heal, and improve interdisciplinary communication.

## Learning Objectives:

1. Identify key diagnostic blind spots that contribute to delayed or failed wound healing.
2. Differentiate visual wound assessment from objective physiologic and microbial assessment.
3. Select appropriate diagnostic modalities based on wound etiology and risk profile.
4. Interpret diagnostic findings to guide escalation, referral, or de-escalation of therapy.
5. Integrate diagnostic data into interdisciplinary care planning and documentation.
6. Improve clinical confidence and consistency through standardized diagnostic workflows.

**Intended Audience:** Podiatrists

**Fees:** \$ 0.00

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## Panelists

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### Traci Kimball, MD



Traci Kimball, MD, is a vascular medicine and wound care specialist with nine years of experience. She holds degrees from The University of Texas at Austin and The University of Texas Health Sciences Center at San Antonio, and is currently pursuing an MBA in Healthcare Management from Daniel's College of Business at Denver University. A general surgeon by training, Dr. Kimball has additional qualifications in vascular medicine and wound care. She is the Founder of WISH Skin Labs B-corp and actively promotes value-based, patient-centered care through community outreach and education. Dr. Kimball has held leadership roles, including Daniel's School of Business Student Ambassador and Region 3 Medical Student Delegate to the American Medical Association.

**Disclosures:** Dr. Kimball is a consultant for Histologics, on the speaker's bureau for Convatec, receives grant/research support from Merakins, is a stock shareholder of Fruitstreet, receives honorariums from the Society of Biomaterials and an employee of the Wish Clinic.

### David Armstrong, MD, DPM, PhD



Dr. David G. Armstrong is a world-renowned podiatric surgeon and a leading authority in limb preservation and diabetic foot care. He currently serves as the **Distinguished Professor of Surgery and Neurological Surgery** at the Keck School of Medicine of the University of Southern California (USC), where he was the first podiatric surgeon to achieve this rank and tenure.

## Education and Academic Background

- **Doctoral Degrees:** Holds a Ph.D. (2004) and an M.D. (2009) from the University of Manchester, a DPM degree from California College of Podiatric Medicine, as well as an M.Sc. in Tissue Repair and Wound Healing from the University of Wales.
- **Additional Medical Training:** He completed a residency in foot and ankle surgery at Kern Hospital, followed by a diabetic foot fellowship at the University of Texas Health Science Center.

## Leadership and Innovation

- **SALSA:** Founder and co-Director of the **Southwestern Academic Limb Salvage Alliance (SALSA)**, an interdisciplinary clinical and research unit dedicated to preventing amputations.
- **Research Focus:** His work bridges the gap between consumer electronics and medical technology, focusing on smart textiles, wearable sensors, and remote monitoring to predict and prevent diabetic foot complications.
- **Publications:** With over 760 published papers and 92,000+ citations, he is one of the most cited experts in his field globally.

## Distinctions and Impact

- **Rankings:** Consistently ranked as the **#1 expert worldwide** in diabetic foot research, skin ulcers, and diabetic neuropathies by platforms like Expertscape and ScholarGPS.
- **Awards:** Recipient of numerous prestigious honors, including the **Karel Bakker Lifetime Achievement Award (2023)** and the **Global Peripheral Artery Disease Patient Champion award (2025)**.
- **Global Influence:** Serves as a Visiting Professor at institutions worldwide, including the University of Manchester and Cardiff University, and has held senior roles in over 200 professional organizations.

**Disclosures:** None

***Bijan Najafi, PhD***



Prof. Bijan Najafi is a bioengineer and digital health researcher advancing accessible, decentralized models of care. He is a tenured Professor of Surgery and Research Director of the UCLA Center for Advanced Surgical & Interventional Technology (CASIT), where he develops and validates telehealth platforms, wearable technologies, and data-driven care models to personalize treatment and expand access for conditions including age-related diseases and diabetes. He also leads the NSF Industry–University Cooperative Research Center for Care in Place (C2SHIP), which brings together academic, clinical, and industry partners to advance care beyond traditional settings.

Prof. Najafi has authored over 350 peer-reviewed publications, holds 20 patents, and has led more than 80 funded projects totaling over \$100 million. He has contributed to the commercialization of remote patient monitoring solutions, mentored more than 300 trainees, and was inducted into the AIMBE College of Fellows in 2023.

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