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About IADFS

The Association of Diabetic Foot Surgeons (ADFS) was founded to provide a professional platform for diabetic foot surgeons, with the aim of fostering interdisciplinary collaboration and promoting best practices in clinical care, research, and education in diabetic foot surgery.

The association originated with the establishment of its Board in Germany in 2014 and was officially inaugurated in May 2015 during a general assembly held at the first ADFS symposium, organized within the IWGDF Meeting in The Hague.

The inaugural symposium focused on the role of surgery in diabetic foot management, with particular emphasis on neuropathy and infections, and marked the beginning of formal membership enrollment.

In 2021, reflecting its growing international scope, the association changed its name from the Association of Diabetic Foot Surgeons (ADFS) to the International Association of Diabetic Foot Surgeons (IADFS).

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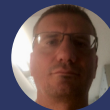
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DAY 1 - November 5

Prevention, Perfusion and Infection Control

08:00 am - 08:30 am: Registration

08:30 am - 10:05 am: Session I

**Intercepting the Diabetic Foot: Early Diagnosis,
Risk Stratification and Preventive Surgery**

Chair: Giacomo Clerici - Venu Kavarthapu

08:30 am - 08:35 am: Welcome Speech

Giacomo Clerici, Venu Kavarthapu

**08:35 am - 08:50 am: The Comprehensive Diabetic Foot Assessment:
Moving Beyond Checklists to Risk Modelling**

Robert Frykberg

**08:50 am - 09:05 am: Preventive Surgery in the High-Risk
Neuropathic Foot: When to Intervene Before Ulceration**

Rajesh Kesavan

**09:05 am - 09:20 am: Tendon Balancing Procedures in the
Neuropathic Foot: Indications, Techniques and Outcomes**

Madhu Tiruveedhula

**09:20 am - 09:35 am: Immunomodulatory and Cell-Based Therapies
in "No-Option" Limb Salvage**

Marco Meloni

**09:35 am - 09:50 am: Minimally Invasive Osteotomies for Structural
Risk Reduction**

José Luis Lázaró Martínez

09:50 am - 10:05 am: Accelerating Diabetic Foot Healing: A Practical Saint Elian-Based Approach - Case in the Box

Fermín Martínez de Jesús

10:05 am - 10:35 am: Coffee Break ☕

10:35 am - 12:20 pm: Session II

Limb Salvage in the Ischaemic Diabetic Foot: Beyond Revascularisation

Chair: Robert Frykberg – Miki Fujii

10:35 am - 10:50 am: Comprehensive Vascular Assessment of the Diabetic Foot

Hakan Uncu

10:50 am - 11:05 am: Distal Bypass versus Endovascular-First Strategies: Evidence, Indications and Long-Term Outcomes

Andrea Casini vs 📶 Marco Manzi

11:05 am - 11:20 am: Angiosome-Guided Surgery: Myth, Mechanism or Mandatory?

Ankur Thapar

11:20 am - 11:35 am: Hybrid Vascular–Orthoplastic Approaches in Complex Limb Salvage

Hani Slim

11:35 am - 12:20 pm: Symposium - Transverse Bone Transport in Limb Reconstruction: Surgical Principles, Planning and Evolving Clinical Experience

Venu Kavarthapu

Moderator: Madhu Tiruveedhula



12:20 pm - 01:20 pm: Lunch Break | ● |

01:20 pm - 03:05 pm: Session III

Diabetic Foot Osteomyelitis: Resection, Reconstruction or Regeneration?

Chair: Fermín Martínez de Jesús – Madhu Tiruveedhula

01:20 pm - 01:35 pm: Conservative Bone Resection versus Major Amputation-Level Surgery: Defining Oncologic Principles in Infection
Sunghwan Byun

01:35 pm - 01:50 pm: Local Antibiotic Delivery Systems: Carriers, Elution Profiles and Clinical Outcomes

Brian Martin 📶

01:50 pm - 02:05 pm: Beyond Techniques: A Purpose-Based Classification of Diabetic Foot Surgery

Fermín Martínez de Jesús

02:05 pm - 02:20 pm: Prevention and Correction of Deformities Are Critical for Diabetic Foot Osteomyelitis Reconstruction

Luca Dalla Paola

02:20 pm - 02:35 pm: Current Surgical Management of Diabetic Forefoot Infection and Osteomyelitis

Kayssar Yamine

02:35 pm - 03:05 pm: Symposium - A Novel, Multimodal Nitric Oxide-Generating Dressing for Superior Clinical Outcomes in Diabetic Foot Ulcers

Giacomo Clerici, Marco Meloni

Moderator: Franco Bassetto

03:05 pm - 03:25 pm: IADFS Presidential Lecture

Chair: Robert Frykberg – Fermín Martínez de Jesús

“The Evolving Paradigm of Diabetic Limb Salvage: Leaning Towards Surgery”

Venu Kavarthapu

03:25 pm - 03:55 pm: Coffee Break ☕

03:55 pm - 05:05 pm: Free Paper Presentations

Chair: Miki Fujii – Rajesh Kesavan

Impact of Ulcer Location on Mortality & Amputation in Diabetic Foot Disease; a Systematic Review, Meta Analysis & Assessment of Evidence Quality

Mohammad Alharbi

Outcomes Following Antibiotic-Loaded Calcium Sulphate/ Hydroxyapatite Biocomposite Use in Diabetic Foot Osteomyelitis: A Retrospective Single-Centre Cohort Study

Arnov Mukherjee

Cost Analysis of Flap Reconstruction for Diabetic Foot Ulcers in the NHS: A Single-Centre Study

Bryant Chong

Rebuilding After an Earthquake: the Application of an Antibiotic-Loaded Bone Substitute in Diabetic Foot Osteomyelitis

Chiara Goretti

Single- and Two-Stage Midfoot and Hindfoot Reconstruction of Charcot Diabetic Neuroarthropathy in a District General Hospital: A Case Series of 43 Patients

Lorenza Siracusano



Evaluating the Added Benefit of Antibiotic-Loaded Bone Substitutes over Surgical Debridement Alone in the Management of Diabetic Foot Bony Infection: a Systematic Review

Tamer Kamal

The Feasibility of Perfusion Scintigraphy as a Quantitative Haemodynamic Test in Lower Extremity Arterial Occlusive Disease

Kihyuk Park

Surgical Site Infection Following Charcot Foot Reconstruction

James Barnett

Outcomes of Internal, External, and Hybrid Fixation in Hindfoot Charcot Neuroarthropathy: A Systematic Review and Single-Arm Meta-Analysis

Karthik Chinnaswamy

Experience with Open Ostectomy, Without Toe Amputation in Our Diabetic Foot Clinics

Justo Silverio Cabriaes Delgado

05:05 pm - 05:15 pm: Greetings & End of Day 1

05:15 pm - 06:15 pm: Annual General Assembly for IADFS members 

08:00 pm: Conference Dinner

DAY 2 - November 6

Deformity Correction, Reconstruction and Future Innovation

09:00 am - 09:50 am: Free Paper Presentations

Chair: Madhu Tiruveedhula – Antonio Volpe

Diabetic Foot Burns: Management Strategies and Outcomes from a Regional Burns Unit

Jean Yang

Lower Limb Biodegradable Temporarily Matrix Pilot Study Protocol

Kenan Sheikh-Yasin

Care Without Walls: A Virtual Multidisciplinary Team Model Improving Access and Outcomes in Diabetic Foot Disease

Kalpita Majumdar

Additive Technologies in the Replacement of Total and Subtotal Bone Defects in Infected Charcot Foot

Vladimir Obolensky

A New Classification of Midfoot Deformities in Charcot Neuro-Osteoarthropathy

Stanislav Osnach

Hope Beyond the End of the Road: Deep Vein Arterialisation for No-Option Diabetic Desert Foot

Fatima Mannan

Diabetic Foot Roulette: Are Trainees Prepared for the Acute Diabetic Foot Attack?

Tamer Kamal



09:50 am - 10:05 am: IADFS Invited Guest Lecture
The EWMA Document on New Technologies for
Tissue Damage Repair

Alberto Piaggese

Chairs: Franco Bassetto - Hakan Uncu

10:05 am - 10:35 am: Coffee Break ☕

10:35 am - 12:50 pm: Session IV
Charcot Neuroarthropathy: From Acute Collapse
to Complex Reconstruction

Chairs: Vincenzo Curci – Cristian Nicoletti

10:35 am – 10:50 am: AI-Driven Surgical Decision-Making and
Predictive Risk Modelling

Rajesh Kesavan

10:50 am - 11:05 am: Acute Charcot Management: Immobilisation,
Pharmacologic Adjuncts and Monitoring

Prash Vas

11:05 am - 11:20 am: Limb Salvage in Charcot Foot: The Role of
Surgical Reconstruction

Irving Rico Restrepo

11:20 am - 11:35 am: Limb Salvage Strategy for an Infected Open
Subtalar Dislocation: A One-Stage Surgical Technique

Marco Zamperetti

11:35 am - 11:50 am: Internal versus External Fixation in Neuropathic
Foot Correction

Madhu Tiruveedhula

11:50 am - 12:05 pm: Clinical Assessment and Surgical Planning for Charcot Foot Reconstruction

Nijil Vasukutty

12:05 pm - 12:20 pm: Midfoot Charcot Reconstruction: Modern Fixation Methods

Jamie Barnett

12:20 pm - 12:35 pm: Hindfoot and Midfoot Arthrodesis: Principles of Alignment and Load Redistribution

Venu Kavarthapu

12:35 pm – 12:50 pm: Novel Transcutaneous Carbon Dioxide Therapy for Diabetic Foot Ulcers: From Rationale to Clinical Application

Miloš Potkonjak

12:50 pm - 01:05 pm: Presidential Changeover Ceremony

Giacomo Clerici, IADFS Board 

01:05 pm - 02:05 pm: Lunch Break | ● |

02:05 pm - 04:20 pm: Session V
Orthoplastic Strategies in the Diabetic Foot:
Integrating Coverage and Structural Reconstruction

Chairs: Luca Dalla Paola - Fermín Martínez de Jesús

02:05 pm - 02:20 pm: Regenerative Plastic Surgery for DFU Healing

Franco Bassetto

02:20 pm - 02:35 pm: Perforator Flaps in Ischaemic and Fragile Soft Tissue Envelopes

James Chan

02:35 pm - 02:50 pm: The Role of Advanced Dressings and Dermal Technologies in Supporting Diabetic Foot Wound Healing - Case in the Box

Giacomo Clerici, Marco Meloni

02:50 pm - 03:20 pm: Symposium - Advanced Biomaterials in Diabetic Foot Reconstruction: From Wound Coverage to Limb Salvage

Giacomo Clerici

Moderator: Andrea Casini

03:20 pm - 03:35 pm: Dermal Substitutes and Advanced Wound Technologies as Adjuncts to Flap Surgery

Miki Fujii

03:35 pm - 03:50 pm: Reconstructive Ladder or Reconstructive Elevator? Adapting Principles to the Diabetic Foot

Miki Fujii

03:50 pm - 04:05 pm: Staged Charcot Foot Reconstruction for Infected Ulcerated Charcot

Tom Hester

04:05 pm - 04:20 pm: Dermal Matrices: The EWMA Point of View

Carlotta Scarpa

04:20 pm - 04:50 pm: Coffee Break ☕

04:50 pm - 06:00 pm: Session VI
A Glimpse to the Future of Diabetic Foot Surgery

Chairs: Giacomo Clerici - Venu Kavarthapu

04:50 pm – 05:00 pm: The Mexican Association of General Surgery as a Promoter of Diabetic Foot Care

Antonio Chalita Manzur

05:00 pm - 05:10 pm: New therapeutic options for peripheral arterial disease in diabetes

Luigi Uccioli

05:10 pm - 05:20 pm: TERA Angiosome-Guided Ultrasound Revascularisation Technique: Breaking Paradigms

Antonio Muñoa Prado

05:20 pm - 05:30 pm: New Developments in Technologies Applied to the Ischaemic Diabetic Foot

Neftalí Rodríguez Ramírez

05:30 pm - 05:40 pm: What Should Be Considered When Selecting Surgical Offloading for the Diabetic Foot

Rafael Cendejas Alatorre

05:40 pm - 05:50 pm: Innovative Approaches to Complex Limb Salvage in Diabetic Foot Surgery

Stanislav Osnach

05:50 pm - 06:00 pm: Q&A Discussion

06:00 pm - 06:10 pm: Best Oral and Poster Presentations Award Ceremony & Closing Remarks