

## Vascular Surgeons Meet With APMA

Recognizing the beneficial impact of a multidisciplinary team approach on the care of patients with critical limb ischemia, especially in the diabetic population, the leadership of the Society for Vascular Surgery (SVS) and APMA held a meeting on August 21, 2009, to discuss details of strategic collaboration between the two organizations.



Pictured above are-(Left to right) Glenn B. Gastwirth, DPM, executive director and CEO, APMA; Robert Zwolak, MD, president-elect, SVS; Joseph M. Caporusso, DPM, treasurer, APMA; Ronald D. Jensen, DPM, president, APMA; Anton Sidawy, MD, president, SVS; Kathleen M. Stone, DPM, president, APMA; Rebecca Maron, CAE, executive director, SVS. (Not shown: Richard Cambria, MD, vice president, SVS.) SVS was represented by President Anton Sidawy, MD, MPH; President-elect Robert Zwolak, MD, PhD; Vice President Richard Cambria, MD, and Executive Director Rebecca Maron, CAE. APMA was represented by President Ronald D. Jensen, DPM; President-elect Kathleen M. Stone, DPM; Treasurer Joseph M. Caporusso, DPM; and Executive Director and CEO Glenn B. Gastwirth, DPM.

This meeting was undertaken as a first step to implement an agreement approved by the respective Boards of SVS and APMA to identify clinical issues and questions important to both memberships, and to work together to find solutions that will benefit our patients.

Specifically, it was agreed to:

1. Appoint a group representing both organizations to write a joint statement on the multidisciplinary team approach to the care of diabetic foot.
2. Produce a supplement on the care of the diabetic foot that will be jointly published in the Journal of Vascular Surgery and the Journal of the American Podiatric Medical Association.
3. Establish joint postgraduate courses to be held at the annual scientific meetings of both organizations.
4. Collaborate on practice guidelines and reporting standards dealing with the care of diabetic foot.
5. Collaborate on advocacy and public awareness efforts in areas of common interest.