APMA resources: History and physical privileges

Podiatric physicians are, by education and training, capable of performing comprehensive history and physical examinations and evaluating them to arrive at an appropriate diagnosis and treatment plan. APMA worked diligently to amend Medicare’s Conditions of Participation for Hospitals to ensure inclusion of podiatrists as providers allowed to complete medical H&P examinations.

To help understand the privileges granted to DPMs in relation to H&Ps, members can now access reference material available on the Web at www.apma.org/hp. Documentation supporting inclusion of podiatrists in performing H&Ps include: CPME H&P Training Requirement, APMA’s position statement, Position of the Joint Commission and Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services and steps to consider if H&P privileges are not granted to a podiatric physician. Please keep in mind podiatrists may perform a patient’s medical H&P only if in accordance with state law and hospital policy. The resources outlined above are for education purposes only and can be used in corresponding with your hospital.

This issue has sparked member interest recently and we want you to be aware that resources are available to all members who have questions regarding their ability to perform H&Ps in a hospital setting at www.apma.org/hp.