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I am a former associate professor at PCPM, Board certified by both sections of the ABPS, Author of "Radiology of the Foot", lecturer, former president of the AAFAS. I have been performing Minimally Invasive Foot Surgery since 1980. The surgery is so relatively atraumatic that the patient will usually come back for the second foot. I truly believe that MIS is podiatry's contribution to Medicine. It has been performed since the 1940s, and is now spreading around the world. Without MIS, podiatry is just a profession that has tried to mimic surgery as performed by all of the other types of surgeons. In other words we are "second handers" as Ayn Rand would say. This is our true contribution.

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In my opinion, the greatest gift the profession of podiatric medicine has given the world, is the concept of minimally invasive foot surgery, as developed by the pioneers and leaders of the Academy of Ambulatory Foot and Ankle Surgery.

I owe a great deal of my professional success to the innovative surgical techniques I have learned at Academy meetings and from Academy members. It gives me great satisfaction to see that podiatrists and orthopedists all over the world are embracing our procedures.

Sincerely,

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I am an orthopedic surgeon trained in open surgery of the foot, I did it for many years. In 2004 I met the MIS and began to learn their procedures. Since 2007 I left the rest of Orthopaedic Surgery and only do MIS because of the high demand from people who want to be operated by me.

I got better results than with open surgery, the age range of my patients was extended. My youngest patient was 14 years old and the oldest 92. The contraindications by intercurrent diseases such as diabetes or vascular disorders are rarely a problem.

So my patients and me are happy with MIS.

*Luis Villanueva, MD*



Indeed, MIS surgery in the foot much changed my practice in orthopedics, each day the patient and collegians recognize me as a surgeon in MIS in the foot.

Likewise with the application I've done this in the diabetic patient, every time the doctors and patients are interested in the subject of the diabetic foot and application of MIS, as you know the problem of the diabetic foot is a problem in the world MIS technique and I think we are contributing much to this problem, we have had good results and patients are satisfied.

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Having practiced Podiatric medicine and surgery for over two decades, I find it pivotal for our profession to explore and embrace minimal incision surgery in the foot and ankle. My scope ranges from total ankle implant to reconstructive surgery of the foot and ankle. I have found that MIS in the foot and ankle has had a significant positive impact in my practice. Patients continue to specifically ask if their procedures can be performed MIS. I have had many orthopedic surgeons who enter my operating rooms inquiring about MIS in the foot and ankle.....orthopedic surgeons as well as General surgeons have already been implementing MIS in their scope of practice. Suffice it to say, if we as a profession do not welcome and embrace MIS in our scope of practice, we indeed have missed an opportunity to embrace the changes that are occurring in medicine. We also run the risk of being left behind in the ever changing medical landscape.

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I was trained in and practiced traditional surgery for the first decade of practice. I avoided minimal invasive surgery as it was politicized as "blind surgery". I was introduced to the art of MIS by a colleague, who encouraged me to include it in my list of procedures. It proved to be the most exciting change to my practice. The patient response with in office surgery, decreased post-op pain, faster return to work, excellent results with deformities, made their acceptance improve our practice. I continued to hone my MIS skills with the support of the Academy of Ambulatory Foot and Ankle Surgery at their cadaver seminars.

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I was exposed to Minimally Invasive Foot & Ankle Surgery when I was in my Orthopedic residency and I continued learning through exposure to the techniques during my foot and ankle surgical residency. I found it fascinating. At that time I started traveling to different seminars and workshops to learn more and came to visit Dr. Isham at his practice in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. I was fortunate to join his practice and work with him for a few years and be more in tune with the techniques.

I am achieving very good results and patients are very happy which has improved my practice and increases my patient load, not only here in the states but also my practice in Colombia, South America. My practice is based on MIS, and patients all over the country and even Internationally are requesting that I do surgery on them.