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J. Chris Coetzee, MD, MBChB, Named to AOFAS Board

Minneapolis Orthopaedic Surgeon to Serve Leading Foot and Ankle Society

ROSEMONT, Ill. (Oct. 6, 2014) – J. Chris Coetzee, MD, MBChB, of Minneapolis-based Twin Cities Orthopedics, has been appointed to a two-year term as treasurer of the 2,100-member [American Orthopaedic Foot & Ankle Society \(AOFAS\)](http://www.aofas.org). Coetzee will focus on supporting the global research and educational efforts of the Society, whose members specialize in the diagnosis and treatment of musculoskeletal disorders of the foot and ankle.

“We are entering an exciting decade where orthopaedic foot and ankle issues will receive more attention,” Coetzee said. “People are more active now than ever, and injuries, whether acute or from overuse, will become more prevalent. The AOFAS is ideally situated to address the increasing demand for well-trained orthopaedic surgeons to deal with these issues, and we are looking forward to contributing to the general health of all generations.”

In addition to his work with Twin Cities Orthopedics, Coetzee is a clinical associate professor at the University of Minnesota’s Department of Orthopaedic Surgery. Coetzee earned his medical degree from the University of Pretoria School of Medicine in South Africa, and performed his orthopaedic residency at the University of Stellenbosch in Cape Town, South Africa. He also completed a fellowship in foot and ankle orthopaedics at the University of Washington Harborview Medical Center in Seattle as well as a trauma fellowship in Davos, Switzerland. He is an assistant editor of the AOFAS peer-reviewed journal [Foot and Ankle International](http://www.aofas.org) and a reviewer for other orthopaedic journals.

Having long supported the educational mission of the AOFAS, Coetzee served as the chair of the 2014 AOFAS Annual Meeting last month, an event which drew more than 1,200 attendees from 48 countries. Coetzee has also chaired AOFAS committees and moderated webinars, and in 2013 chaired the AOFAS Surgical Complications Course.

About the AOFAS

The [AOFAS](http://www.aofas.org) promotes quality, ethical and cost-effective patient care through education, research and training of orthopaedic surgeons and other health care providers. The Society creates public awareness for the prevention and treatment of foot and ankle disorders, provides leadership, and serves as a resource for government and industry as well as the national and international health care communities.

About Orthopaedic Foot and Ankle Surgeons

Orthopaedic foot and ankle surgeons are medical doctors (MD and DO) who specialize in the diagnosis, care and treatment of patients with disorders of the musculoskeletal system of the foot and ankle. Orthopaedic foot and ankle surgeons use medical, physical and rehabilitative methods as well as surgery to treat patients of all ages. Relying on four years of medical school training, five years of post-graduate training and often a fellowship in orthopaedic foot and ankle care, orthopaedic foot and ankle surgeons perform reconstructive procedures, treat sports injuries, and manage and treat trauma of the foot and ankle.

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