

Fellow Spotlight
Howard F. Liebeskind, D.P.M.



The American Academy of Podiatric Sports Medicine is pleased to announce Dr. Howard Liebeskind has been granted MD-Affiliate status in the nearly 4,000 member American Orthopaedic Society for Sports Medicine. He is the only D.P.M. in the AOSSM MD-Affiliate Category.

As a podiatric sports medicine specialist, he has had an extensive career working with various athletic teams and organizations providing foot and ankle care to recreational, intercollegiate and professional athletes.

Since starting his career as the team podiatrist for the Los Angeles Clippers and Pepperdine University in 1984, Dr. Liebeskind has become nationally and internationally recognized within the medical community as one of podiatric sports medicine's most experienced and respected practitioners.

Throughout the past 40 years, Dr. Liebeskind has worked with intercollegiate, professional and international sports teams with various positions and affiliations, including team podiatrist to the Los Angeles Kings, the UCLA Athletic Department, Chivas USA (MLS), Los Angeles Sol (WPS), Los Angeles Riptide (MLL), Los Angeles Avengers (AFL) and USA Men's Field Hockey. In addition

to these positions, Dr. Liebeskind has also consulted for other professional associations including the Los Angeles Ballet and Cirque du Soleil.

Among this list of high-caliber teams and associations that Liebeskind has worked with include the International Champions Cup, in which he acted as a Podiatric Consultant and Liaison for Chelsea F.C., F.C. Internazionale Milano, Real Madrid F.C. and Manchester United F.C. during their respective pre-season North American tours from 2005 through 2018.

As a result of his longtime participation in professional and international football, Dr. Liebeskind is considered by many as the world's longest tenured "football podiatrist" having formally served the football community continuously for almost four decades.

Currently, Dr. Liebeskind simultaneously serves as the team podiatrist to the Los Angeles Lakers, Los Angeles Football Club, Los Angeles Galaxy and Pepperdine University Athletic Department, as well as the United States Men's and Women's National Soccer Teams, having worked continuously with the United States Soccer Federation for more than twenty-five years.

With a detailed understanding of the biodynamics of athletic footwear and innovative usage of biometric data acquisition systems to enhance athletic performance, Dr. Liebeskind uses his expertise in this area to speak at national and international conferences on these topics, as well as to professional and industrial organizations.

Dr. Liebeskind's list of speaking engagements have included presentations before and sponsored by the American Orthopaedic Society for Sports Medicine, Federacion Internacional de Football Associations (FIFA), FIFA Medical Assessment and Research Centre (F-MARC), FIFA Medical Center of Excellence, Santa Monica, California, US Soccer Federation, ESPN, UCLA Athletic Department, Pepperdine University Department of Athletics and the Nike Sports Research and Development Team (Beaverton, OR).

Additionally, Dr. Liebeskind has been utilized as a sports medicine expert for stories in trade and sports-related media publications and was one of podiatry's earliest consultants to *Runner's World Magazine* and *Tennis Magazine*. He has also authored a chapter for the American Orthopaedic Society for Sports Medicine's textbook: "*International Soccer and Football Medicine: Caring for the Soccer Athlete Worldwide.*"

Fluent in Spanish, Dr. Liebeskind is a sought lecturer in both Europe and the Americas. Most notably, he was keynote speaker at the *II Congreso Internacional De Podologia Y Biomechanica En El Futbol* at the invitation of Podoactiva and the Real Federacion Espanola de Futbol held at the Ciudad de Futbol de Las Rozas in Spain.

Dr. Liebeskind graduated from Syracuse University and the William M. Scholl College of Podiatric Medicine of Rosalind Franklin University of Medicine and Science, where he received BA, BS and DPM degrees respectively, in addition to completing a residency program in Podiatric Surgery at Van Nuys Community Hospital, Van Nuys, California.

He has also served as the director of a podiatric surgical residency program (PSR-24).

El Dr. Howard Liebeskind (@Dr_Liebeskind), podólogo de @LAGalaxy, destaca que “hay un gran nivel en las ponencias. Es un congreso muy interesante”. En su intervención nos aporta una perspectiva de la figura del #podiatra en el #fútbol de élite. #FootballPodiatry

