

Gerard J. Furst, DPM, is a distinguished podiatric surgeon who previously served as Chief of the Departments of Podiatric Surgery at Mather Hospital, St. Catherine of Siena Hospital (formerly St. John's Episcopal Hospital), and Community Hospital of Western Suffolk. He currently serves on the medical staff of Mather's Wound Treatment Program.

Recognized for his expertise, Dr. Furst is a Fellow of the American College of Foot and Ankle Surgeons and the American Professional Wound Care Association, and a Diplomate of the American Board of Foot and Ankle Surgery. He is also certified by the American Academy of Wound Management and was a research fellow at Brookhaven National Laboratory. He has also served as Deputy Examiner for the New York State Department of Education and as an oral examiner for the American Board of Foot and Ankle Surgery. He is a past president of the Suffolk County Podiatric Medical Association.

A graduate of Pennsylvania College of Podiatric Medicine, Dr. Furst completed his specialized residency at Northlake Medical Center in Northlake, IL. He holds a bachelor's degree from Dowling College and a master's from Long Island University.

An active educator and advocate, Dr. Furst regularly delivers community lectures on diabetic wounds and wound prevention, and his insights have been featured by CNN and local media outlets.

Dr. Furst's unwavering commitment to improving community health and advancing wound care has earned him this year's prestigious honor. We celebrate his leadership, compassion, and dedication to his profession, patients, and the community.