

How Have Donation Funds Been Used?



We had a patient who has intractable epilepsy and wanted to try a new medicine. However, it cost over \$300 and mom was highly distressed given this amount. In addition, dad was out of work due to a very sick child. The family was not set up with Medicaid yet and paying for many things out of pocket. This was the last straw and mom was so upset that she would not be able to afford this medication. She noted they could choose the medication or make a car or utility payment. Our wonderful nurse Nitsuh Liku reached out to the philanthropy committee who was able to pay up to three months of the medication while the family was getting settled with more insurance. The Family was very grateful, and the medication

has helped reduce his seizures. -**Dr. Thuy-Anh Vu, Pediatric Neurology**

I was able to identify cast room tools, safety, and patient protection procedures. I learned different rolling techniques and the characteristics of fiberglass. Mark taught us different thumb Spica casts with molding techniques. I was also taught patient care techniques that will improve patient casting outcomes and result in more efficient cast care with fewer patient return visits for cast problems. This will be applied to my daily work with our patients. This workshop opened more opportunities for me to grow! I was gifted with a six-month membership to the American Society of Orthopedic Professionals. I am also eligible to take the registered orthopaedic technician certification exam – which I need to study for and get the test done. I would really



recommend this class for beginners that don't have experience in casting. There is an advanced level, which I believe our cast techs will benefit from. This workshop will go more in detail and will explain different procedures of casting. I want to thank everyone that made this happen on short notice, thanks to philanthropy education funds for helping pay for this class. This is the beginning of many changes in my career, you can't imagine how one class can impact your life. -

Laura L. Almanza, Orthopaedic Technician

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Attending ADCES21 was a wonderful reminder of how difficult it is to manage diabetes and how helpful resources can be. I especially enjoyed the topics of Physical Activity and Managing Blood Glucose Levels, Herbal Supplements, and Diabetes Technology and the Gut Microbiome. Diabetes technology is always changing, and it is very important to stay up to date on the latest information. Exercise takes many different forms in our patients and impacts BG levels. Being reminded of different ways of managing diabetes while exercising is very helpful since the patients that we see are young and have many different types of exercise that they are participating in. Since I am a dietitian, the discussion on

the gut microbiome was helpful. I have been and will continue to pass along the information that I learned to the PSV patients. Thank You for supporting this conference for me! **-Laura Wolok, Diabetic Educator**

Attending a virtual conference has been a great way to earn continuing education credits. I can watch programs on my own time for several months after the conference live streaming ends. Having PSV cover the cost of the virtual conference has been an employee benefit that has helped me grow professionally. Topics from the Association of Diabetes Care and Education Specialists Annual Conference were relevant to the work I do every day at PSV and included topics on diabetes care, research, new diabetes technology, and behavioral health. Learning about patient-centered care, reducing glycemic fluctuations during physical activity, and diabetes education resources to provide my patients all help me to deliver quality patient care to our diabetes patients.

- Maureen Harris, Certified Diabetes Educator



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