

Giving “THANKS” for Superior Foot Care from Cortez Foot and Ankle

Cortez Foot and Ankle Specialists was established in 1974 by two doctors with one office and has since expanded to three offices with six board certified doctors, two O.R. nurses, and 20 podiatric and x-ray technicians. Patients find it refreshing that even though the offices have experienced great growth, the doctors and staff have never lost sight of their mission to provide exceptional care to patients in our community.

After speaking with several satisfied patients, it truly was no surprise to hear how impressed William (Bill) Preininger was with the extraordinary care that his wife, an Alzheimer's patient received from the team at Cortez Foot & Ankle Specialists.

Bill's wife Patricia had injured her foot and was receiving treatment at a local rehabilitation center. Bill noticed that the foot was swollen and that the swelling wasn't going away. The physician at the rehabilitation center assured them that Patricia had simply sprained her foot and that it would get better over time. “Five weeks went by and Patricia's foot was not getting any better, in fact it was getting worse. It was very swollen and she was in severe pain.”

Bill called the rehabilitation physician to express concern about the condition of his wife's foot. The physician agreed to see Patricia again and at that second visit, determined that Patricia did in fact, have a broken foot, and it was not just a sprain. However, the physician would not be able to do anything about it until the following Wednesday, five days later, after the Thanksgiving holidays. According to Bill, “I knew all along that there was something really wrong with Patricia's foot. But, after the physician confirmed it was broken, hearing that she would have to endure the pain for five more days was not acceptable! I left the office and called Cortez Foot and Ankle Specialists.”





Dr. Philip Baldinger met Bill and Patricia at the office the day after Thanksgiving and performed an assessment of the foot and took x-rays confirming the break. “Dr. Baldinger was able to see us and get us in-and-out of the office within two hours. He provided a boot for Patricia to wear and was able to relieve her pain that day. I am so glad that I called Cortez Foot and Ankle Specialists.”

Bill went on to exclaim that, “Dr. Baldinger is very kind and personable. I am extremely pleased with the care that he provided Patricia that day and every time since then. Patricia and I both go to Cortez Foot and Ankle for regular foot care and I am always impressed with the immediate response we get whenever we have any foot or ankle problems. I would highly recommend Dr. Baldinger and the entire staff to anyone in need of any type of foot and ankle care.”

It is no secret that our feet have the task of carrying around our weight every day. Even though this is true, they are often the most neglected parts of the body. Our feet undergo much stress and strain on a daily basis, it is important to take proper care of them and address any problems right away. The doctors and staff at Cortez Foot and Ankle Specialists can help you care for your feet and provide tips to prevent serious foot problems. If you need more information or would like to book an appointment, please call the main office at 941-758-8818.



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Dr. Philip Baldinger

Dr. Philip Baldinger graduated from Haverford College in suburban Philadelphia and The Pennsylvania College of Podiatric Medicine where he won national awards in Biomechanics and Gait Analysis. He completed his surgical



residency at Northern Virginia Podiatric Residency, an affiliate of Georgetown University Hospital where he performed over 1500 foot and ankle procedures. He joined Cortez Podiatry Associates in 1995 after practicing in Northern Virginia where he grew up. Dr. Baldinger is the former President of Region 5 (Florida) of the American College of Foot and Ankle Surgeons (ACFAS). ACFAS is the pre-eminent surgical academy in the profession to address the educational and surgical needs of the podiatric surgeon and patient. When not spending time with his wife, kids, dogs and cats, you may find the doctor on a nearby soccer field or "pitch" enjoying a workout with the younger players.