

## *Michigan Foot and Ankle - Not Your Average Foot Doctors*

Dr. Harvey Lefkowitz is celebrating 25 years in practice at his Ferndale location, and is proud to be on the cutting edge of several new developments in foot and ankle care.

Dr. Lefkowitz was the first doctor in Michigan to use the new Orthadapt Bioimplant, used to repair torn tendons. The Bioimplant graft is wrapped around the tendon to provide a strong scaffold during the healing process. "Previously the tendon would be sewn together and the results were unpredictable," Dr. Lefkowitz says. "We have refined our abilities and have had great results." His results were published as part of the original study group on the implant.

"Reconstructive foot and ankle surgery is my forte," says Dr. Lefkowitz, whose associates Dr. Michelle Jupin and Dr. Anthony Giordano also have specialties which are well-known in their profession. Dr. Jupin is expert in diagnostic and Ultrasound, and Dr. Giordano's expertise is in diabetic foot care and limb salvage.

The office is also the first in Michigan to have the APC machine, which stands for Autologous Platelet Coagulate. "This machine, previously only available for hospital use, allows us to draw blood and a growth factor

and inject it into damaged tissue or broken bones that are not healing," Dr. Lefkowitz says. He points out that this is one additional step to perhaps avoiding open surgery, and it's from a product in the patient's own blood.

One additional new piece of equipment at Michigan Foot and Ankle is the digital x-ray, which allows x-rays to be viewed on a computer screen. This gives the doctor the ability to enlarge the image, zoom in on a particular spot on the x-ray, enhance the image and even rotate it to see different angles. The x-rays can even be e-mailed to another physician for quick reference.

All of these new procedures allow the doctors to give their patients the best and most state-of-the-art care available by taking advantage of the newest innovations. A new online store is now available on their website as a convenience to their patients who can order a variety of foot and ankle products, shipped right to their homes. Visit the website at [www.michigan-footandankle.com](http://www.michigan-footandankle.com) or call 248-548-7363 to set up an appointment.

