



# Your Academy 2022



# **The American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons**

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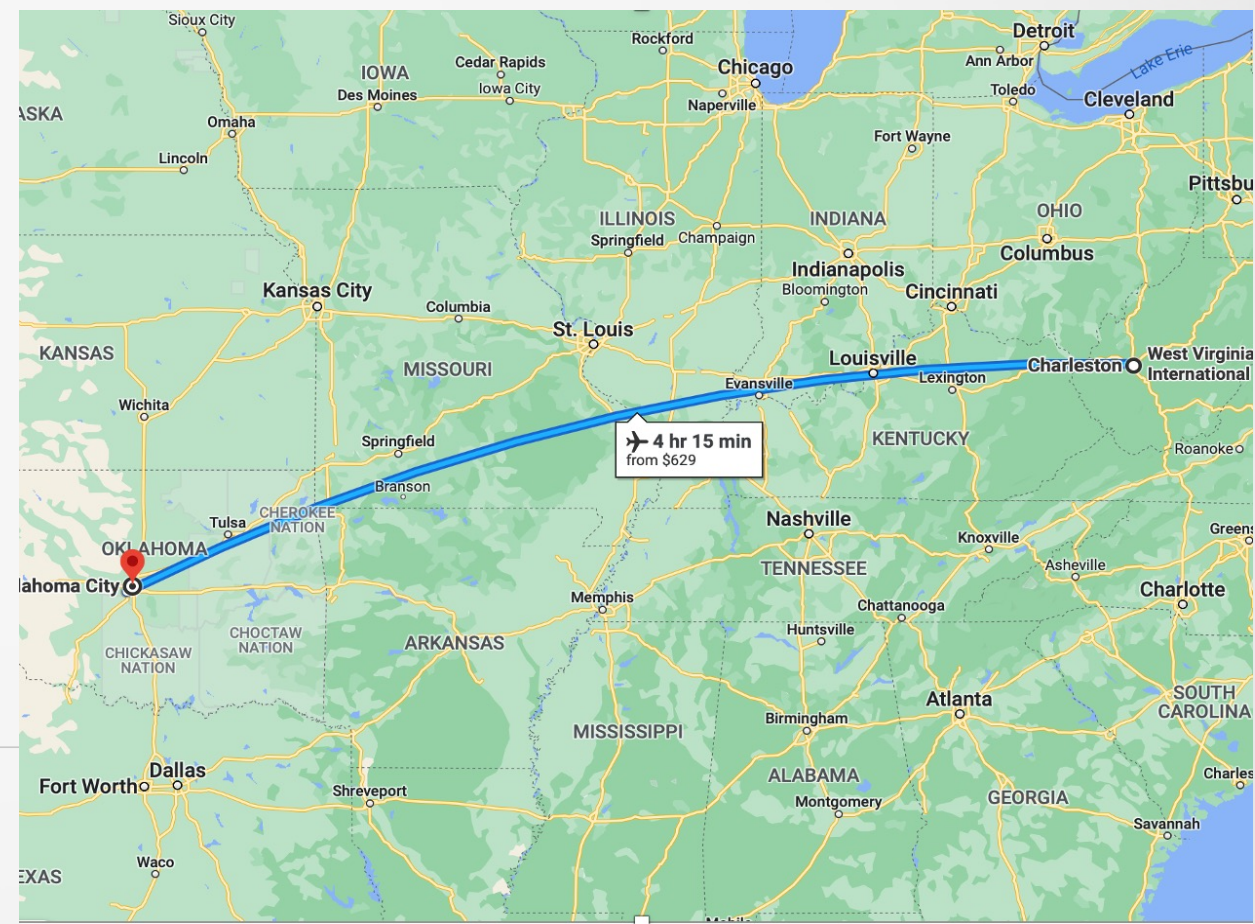
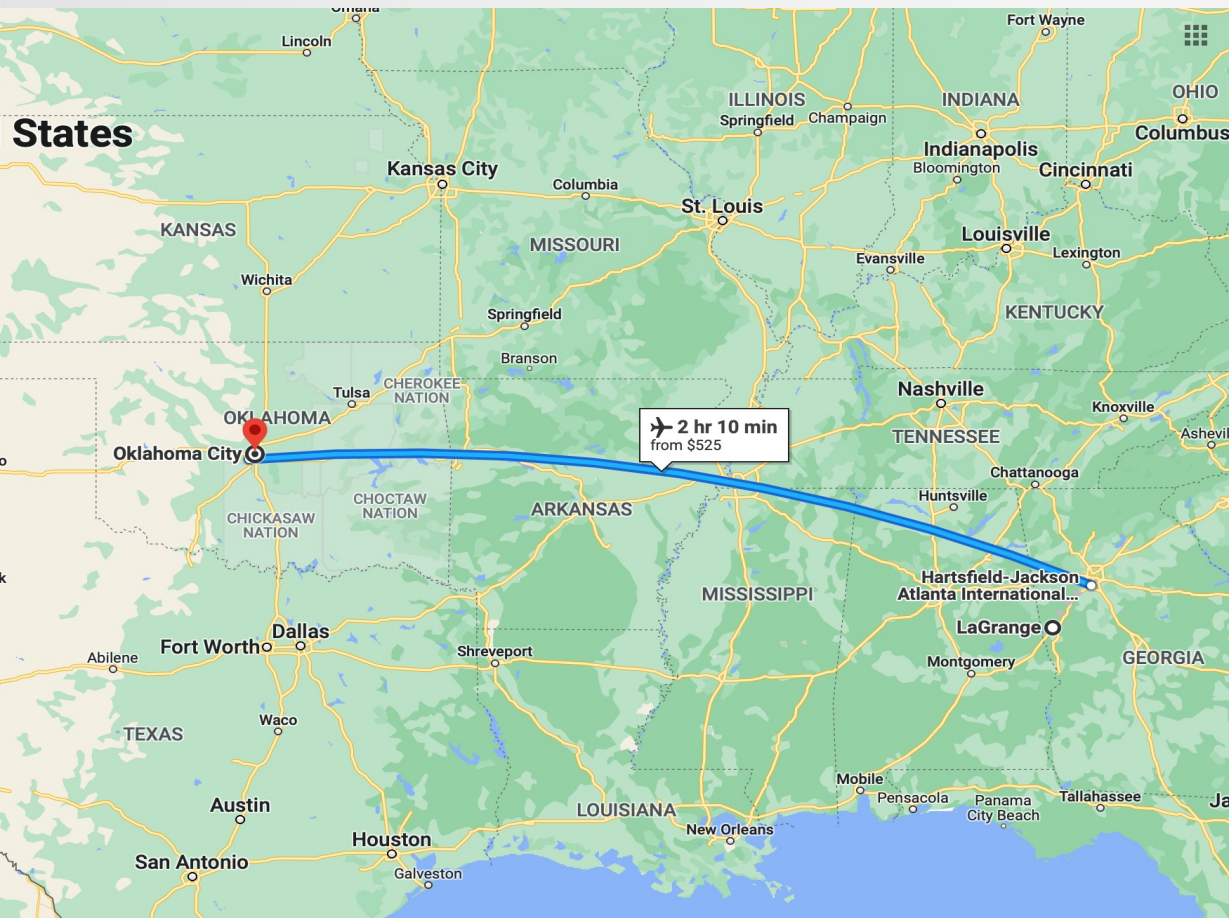
**29 April, 2022**

## DISCLOSURE

- AMERICAN ACADEMY OF ORTHOPAEDIC SURGEONS  
Officer and Board Member







# 2021 Annual Report

## Noteworthy Accomplishments:

- Successful AAOS 2021 Annual Meeting in San Diego
- Full launch of the AAOS Leadership Institute
- Addition of the Fracture & Trauma Registry
- Partnered with OREF to fund biologics-focused research
- Awarded over 180,000 CME credits
- Increased response to the Member Value and Satisfaction Survey + 260%
- Virtual Orthopaedic Advocacy Week
- Raised \$1.7 million hard and soft dollars for OrthoPAC

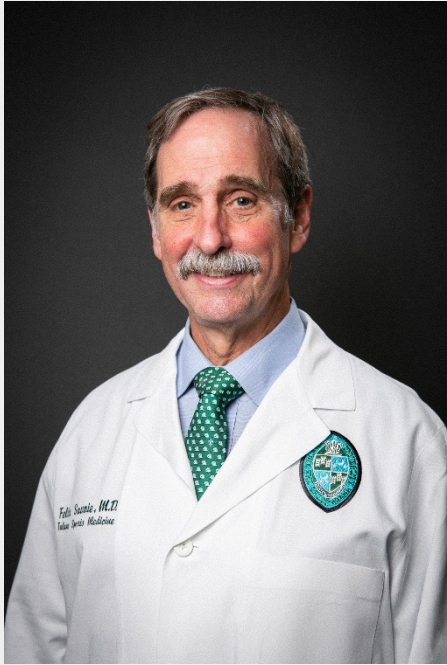


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# AAOS Leadership: 2022/2023



Felix H. "Buddy" Savoie III,  
MD, FAAOS  
President



Kevin J. Bozic,  
MD, MBA, FAAOS  
1st Vice President



Paul Tornetta III  
MD, FAAOS  
2nd Vice President



# 2019 – 2023 Strategic Plan

## Vision: The Trusted Leaders in Musculoskeletal Health

### Primary Goals



### Key Enablers

-  Advocacy
-  Communications
-  Partnerships
-  Technology

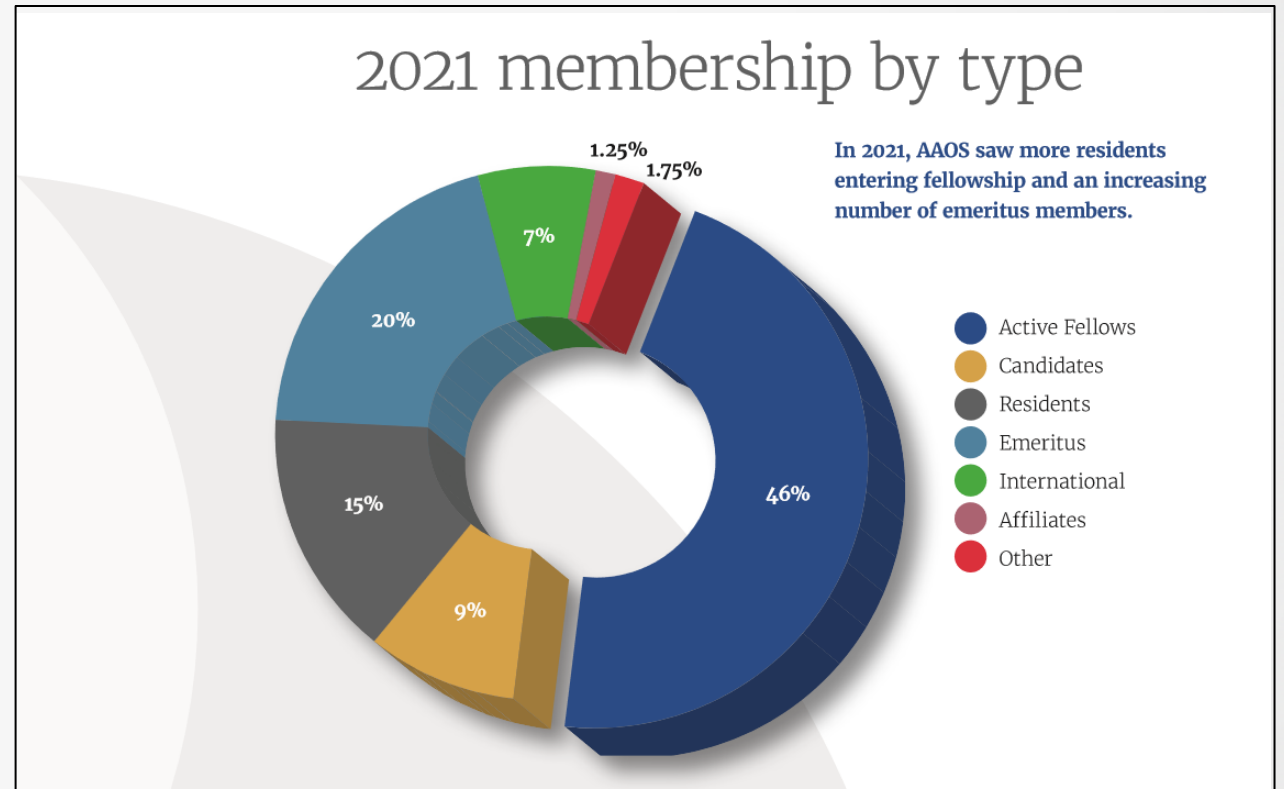
### Core Values

- **LEADING** to Serve
- **SHAPING** the Future
- **EXCELLENCE** Together

# About The AAOS

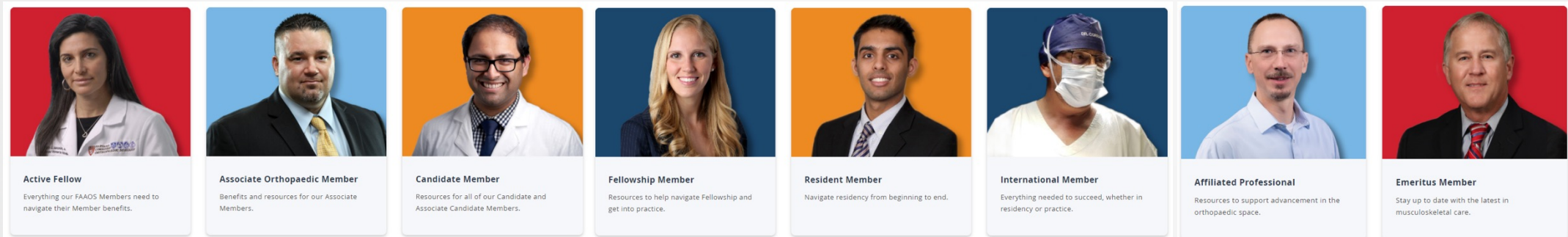
The world's largest medical association of Musculoskeletal specialists.

- +29% since 2019 in Active Fellow member applications
- 85% ABOS board-certified surgeons are AAOS Members as of 2021
- 95% Member retention rate, an increase of 2% over 2020 fiscal year



# Membership Going Forward: 2022

- Simplify **Membership categories** and plan for future improvements
- Improve **feedback loop** to hear from more Members more often
- Expand awareness and value of **FAAOS designation**
- Address gaps and areas for improvement at key transition points in member journey
- Remove barriers to engagement and access
  - **Log in, customer support, self-service on site**
  - **Auto renew, Resident transition, applicant communications for Active Fellows**



# AAOS Leadership Institute (ALI)



*Get Started on  
Your Path to  
Academy Leadership*

Visit us at:  
[aaos.org/LeadershipInstitute](https://aaos.org/LeadershipInstitute)

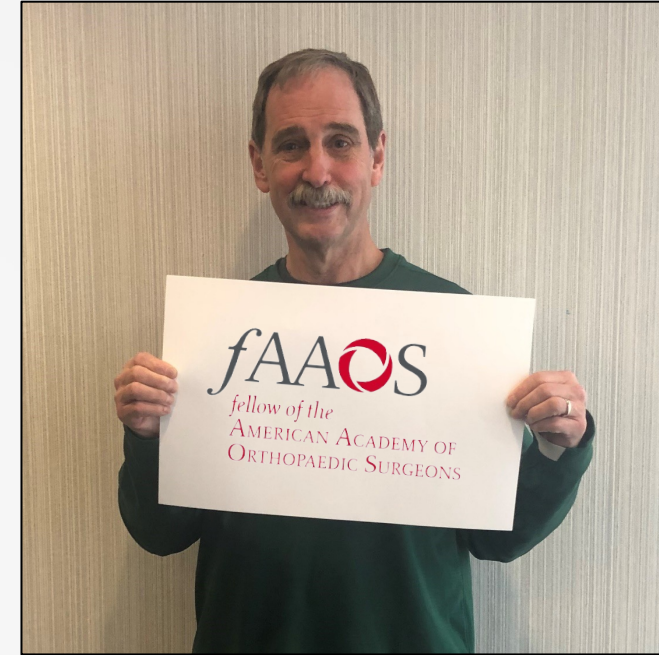




# The FAAOS Designation

## Fellow of the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons

- Active Fellows and Emeritus Fellows certified by ABOS, AOBOS or RCPSC\*
- Distinguish orthopaedic surgeons from other healthcare specialists as *the* leaders of the musculoskeletal health team
  - Level of skills, training, experience and professionalism consistent with high standards established by the AAOS
  - Represents commitment to quality, professional development, and continuous education



Visit [www.aaos.org/FAAOS](http://www.aaos.org/FAAOS) for more information and resources on how to use the designation

Patients can find more information about FAAOS on our site, OrthoInfo, at <https://orthoinfo.aaos.org/en/treatment/orthopaedics>

## Diversity in Leadership

The most diverse Board of Directors in AAOS History

### 2020 DIVERSITY IN GOVERNANCE

BOARD OF DIRECTORS	GOVERNANCE VOLUNTEERS	APPLICATIONS SELECTED*
<b>25% Female</b> (+33%)	<b>14% Female</b> (+10%)	<b>46% Female</b> (+10%)
<b>12.5% URM</b> (+100%)	<b>8% URM</b> (+15%)	<b>38% URM</b> (+38%)

\*Reflects applications selected in 2019 for service in 2020

AAOS Volunteer Leadership includes 17 African Americans and 6 Latinos

A	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X
membership - as of 12/31/2020	Active Fellows					Candidates					Residents					Emeritus Fellows		
Race/Ethnicity	Total	% of Total	Male	Female	Do Not Disclose	Total	% of Total	Male	Female	Do Not Disclose	Total	% of Total	Male	Female	Do Not Disclose	Total	% of Total	Male
American Indian/Alaskan Native (Hispanic)	8	0.0%	8			4	0.2%	3	1		3	0.1%	3			1	0.0%	
American Indian/Alaskan Native (non-Hispanic)	32	0.2%	27	5		2	0.1%	2			4	0.1%	3	1		24	0.3%	21
Asian (Hispanic)	11	0.1%	11			6	0.2%	4	2		4	0.1%	3	1		2	0.0%	
Asian (non-Hispanic)	1,059	6.1%	966	93		194	7.5%	165	29		282	5.6%	232	50		179	2.4%	171
Black/African American (Hispanic)	44	0.3%	42	2		14	0.5%	12	2		20	0.4%	12	8		4	0.1%	
Black/African American (non-Hispanic)	300	1.7%	255	45		49	1.9%	35	14		99	2.0%	82	17		44	0.6%	41
I do not wish to disclose	368	2.1%	340	25	3	128	5.0%	116	12		131	2.6%	112	17	2	30	0.4%	31
Multi-Racial (Hispanic)	44	0.3%	38	6		14	0.5%	11	3		34	0.7%	29	5		1	0.0%	
Multi-Racial (non-Hispanic)	148	0.8%	126	22		34	1.3%	25	9		72	1.4%	56	16		21	0.3%	21
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander (Hispanic)	3	0.0%	3				0.0%					0.0%					0.0%	
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander (non-Hisp)	7	0.0%	7				0.0%				1	0.0%	1				0.0%	
Unknown	4,001	22.9%	3,783	215		820	31.8%	707	110		2,796	55.3%	2,245	538		2,897	38.4%	2,801
White (Hispanic)	218	1.2%	203	15		66	2.6%	61	5		84	1.7%	71	13		18	0.2%	11
White (non-Hispanic)	11,229	64.3%	10,464	762		1,247	48.4%	1,062	185		1,524	30.2%	1,260	264		4,331	57.3%	4,261
<b>Total</b>	<b>17,472</b>		<b>16,273</b>	<b>1,190</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2,578</b>		<b>2,203</b>	<b>372</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>5,054</b>		<b>4,109</b>	<b>930</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>7,552</b>		<b>7,381</b>
<b>Male</b>		<b>93.14%</b>				<b>Male</b>	<b>85.45%</b>				<b>Male</b>	<b>81.30%</b>				<b>Male</b>	<b>97.75%</b>	
<b>Female</b>		<b>6.81%</b>				<b>Female</b>	<b>14.43%</b>				<b>Female</b>	<b>18.40%</b>				<b>Female</b>	<b>1.22%</b>	
<b>Other</b>		<b>0.02%</b>				<b>Other</b>	<b>0.00%</b>				<b>Other</b>	<b>0.04%</b>				<b>Other</b>	<b>0.00%</b>	

# AAOS Diversity Advisory Board



## RECRUITMENT

- Met with J. Robert Gladden Orthopaedic Society (JRGOS), Ruth Jackson Orthopaedic Society (R JOS) and the American Association of Latino Orthopaedic Surgeons (AALOS) to increase communication and focus outreach on underrepresented groups in orthopaedics



## SELECTION

- Published the 2021 Governance Diversity Report, which noted a 17% increase in females and a 182% increase in underrepresented minorities holding leadership positions on the AAOS Board of Directors



## RETENTION

- Integrated diversity content to the AAOS Leadership Institute
- Reviewed the current onboarding process for the AAOS Diversity Advisory Board



## CULTURE

- Hosted two Diversity Town Hall webinars to provide a forum for AAOS members to learn about diversity, equity and inclusion initiatives



# IDEA Grant



<http://www.aaos.org/IDEA>

# Member Communications

**FOCUS:** Create a more personalized and seamless member experience

**ENGAGE:** Strengthen and sharpen AAOS communication vehicles to better digest information and consume content

**AAOS.org | Email | Podcasts**

**AAOS Now | OrthoInfo | Headline News | Social Media**

# AAOS Social Media

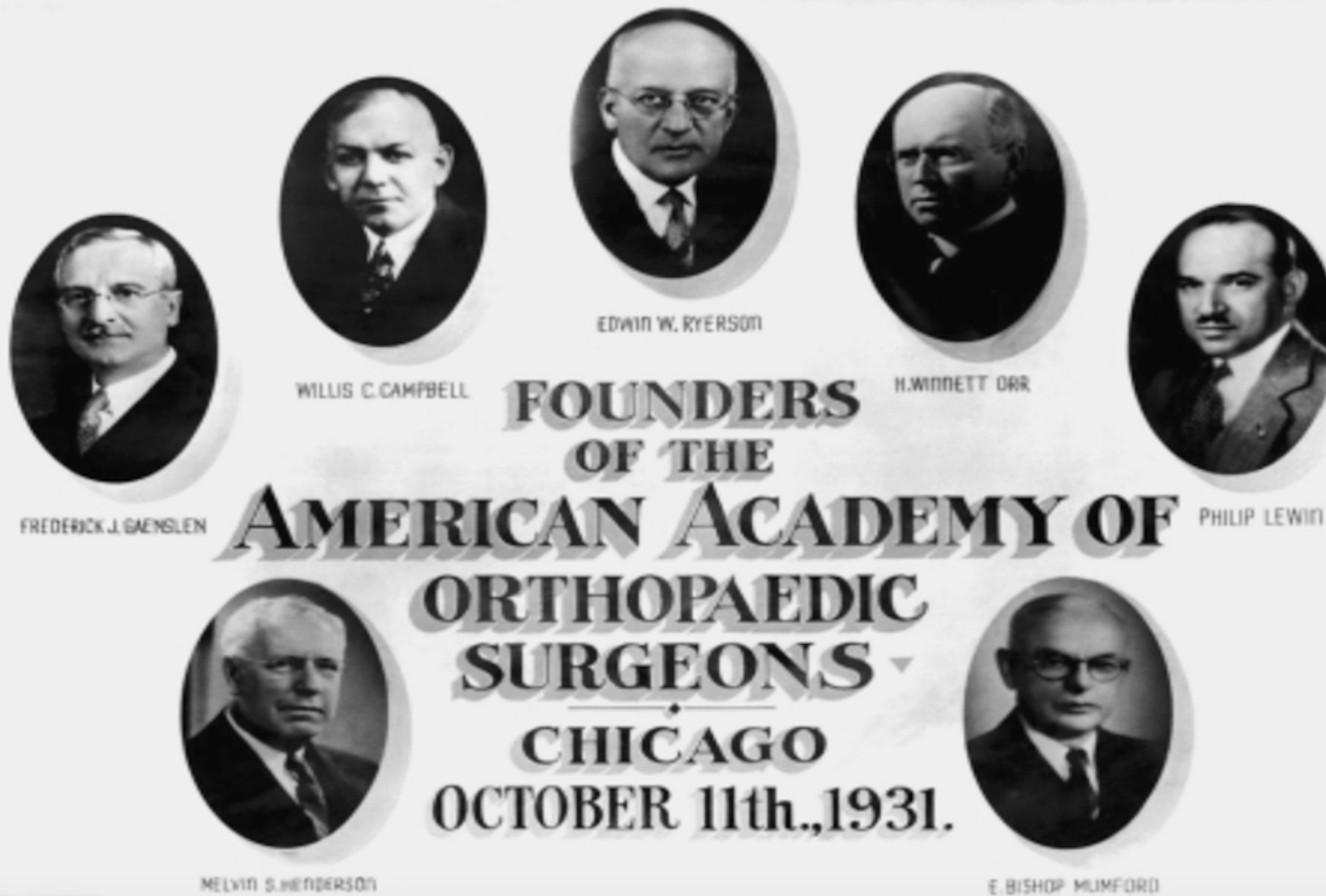


**Create** an engaged, unified community of AAOS members, musculoskeletal professionals, and key stakeholders

**Encourage** conversation, user-generated content, and information-sharing



**Increase** AAOS social media portfolio with the launch of the @OfficialJAAOS Twitter in 2021 and plans to expand the reach of OrthoInfo in 2023



*Edwin W. Ryerson*

**Program of the Joint Meetings**  
of the  
**American Academy  
of  
Orthopaedic Surgeons**  
and the  
**Clinical Orthopaedic Society**

*January 12th, 13th and 14th*  
1933

Chicago, Illinois



# Education Strategy

**Mission:** To be the premier resource of orthopaedic learning

**Vision:** AAOS is the trusted, preferred resource for every orthopaedist throughout their career and is the partner of choice for subspecialty societies to develop and deliver orthopaedic education

## PRIORITIES

▶ Learning Expertise

Enhanced skills and knowledge for our members and stakeholders to improve orthopaedic care

▶ Customer Experience & Engagement

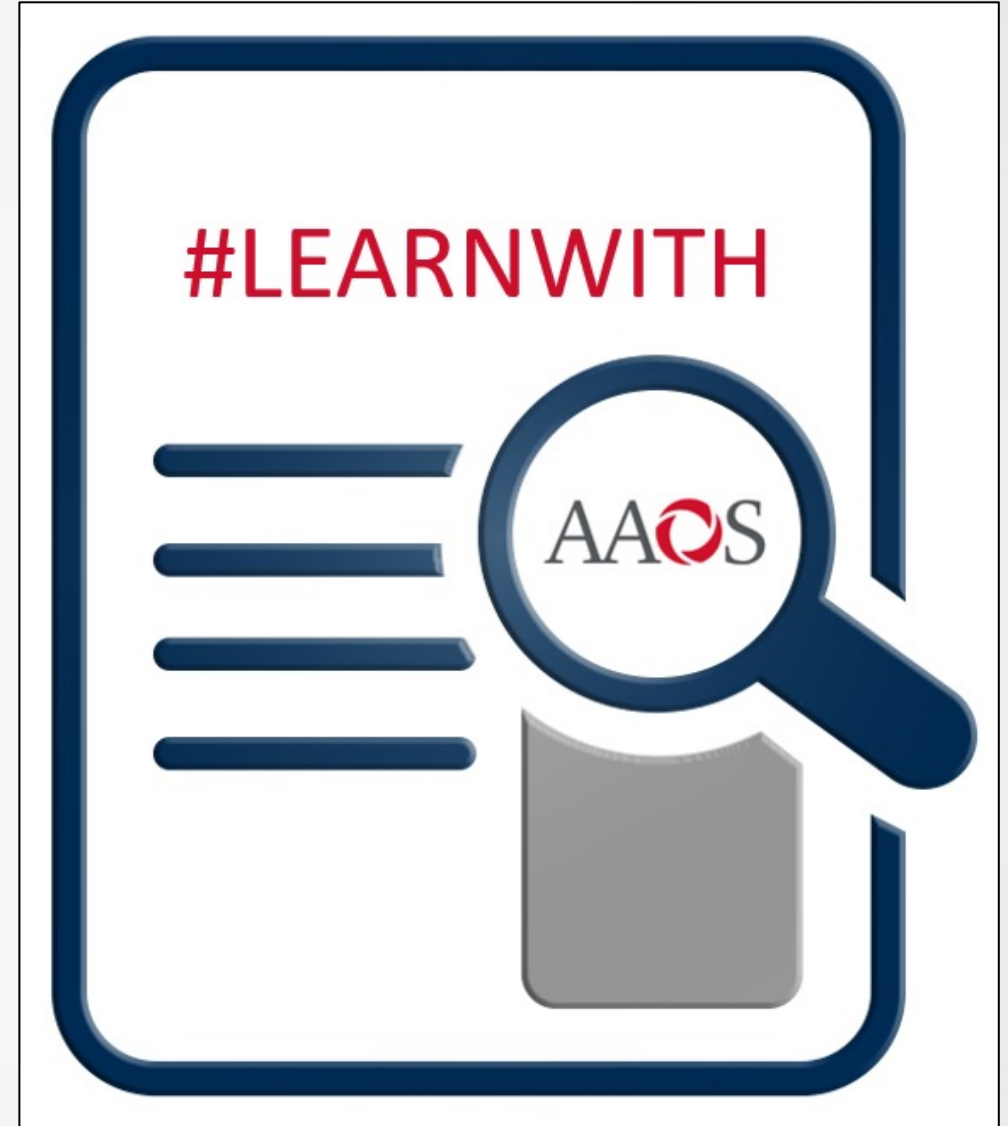
Personalized, needs-based content is easily accessible digitally, or available in engaging, valuable live experiences

▶ Strategic Partnerships

Unmatched supply & distribution of content through beneficial agreements & processes

# AAOS Online Learning Platform

- 20,900 unique users in 2021
- More than 168,000 CME credits earned!
- Convenient and interactive formats
- Comprehensive and engaging content
  - Self-assessment examinations
  - Practice Prep Plans
  - Cases Solved! Programs
  - Surgical Insights Programs
  - Orthopaedic Video Theater
  - Courses and Webinars OnDemand
  - Live Webinars
  - FREE Surgical Techniques Learning modules



# Orthopaedic Video Theater (OVT)

- Growing collection of 1,500+ videos across multiple channels + leading institutions, societies and industry
- New content added throughout the year
- JAAOS resources available
- Provides partnership opportunities
- Options for authors to share work and build their brand
- High traffic daily – Nearly 204,000 views in 2021
- Hundreds of videos with CME credits, more than 9,200 hours awarded in 2021
- High performance on social media - #OVTFridays
- Target audience email campaigns sent 25+ times a year





# Supporting MOC Process and Achievements

*With the AAOS Learning Portfolio, you can:*

- Claim CME credits for AAOS activities
- Add CME credits to transcript, including credits earned from non-AAOS providers and report claimed credits to the ABOS
- Review CME credits and identify how many CME credits may still be needed.
- Find new CME and self-assessment opportunities that fit preferred topics and learning style

## Find Preferred CME Activity Offerings

[HOME](#) [MOC PROGRESS](#) [UNCLAIMED CREDITS](#) [CME TRANSCRIPT](#) [FIND CME ACTIVITIES](#)

**CME offerings based on your preferred topics for education.**

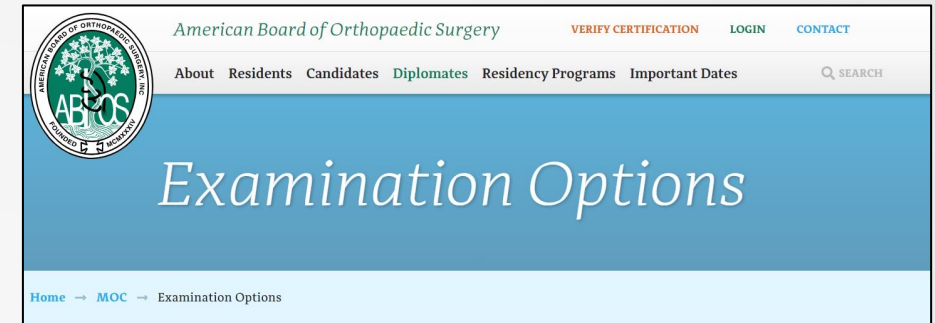
[VIEW ALL AREAS OF SPECIALTY](#) Sort By:

[Orthopaedic In-Training Scored and Recorded Examination 2019 \(OITE\)](#)  
Maximum Credits Offered: 20.00

[AAOS/OTA Trauma Update in Tactics and Techniques](#)  
Course# 3357  
Activity Date: 12/3/2021  
Maximum Credits Offered: 18.00

# What's New in MOC?

- All examination options offered in 2021 and 2022
- In 2023:
  - General Orthopaedic Surgery Computer Examination will continue to be offered every year
  - All Practice-Profiled Examinations offered every other year
  - Previously could apply in years 7, 8 or 9 of the cycle; now can apply as early as year 4 to take exam.
- In 2021, 14,000 ABOS Diplomates participated in Web-Based Longitudinal Assessment
- In 2022, 217 WLA Knowledge Sources available
  - New category in 2022 on General Principles
  - ABOS WLA is approved for 8 **AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™** per year of participation. The ABOS WLA CME will be posted to the participant's AAOS transcript approximately 4-6 weeks after the ABOS WLA testing window closes on May 25<sup>th</sup>.

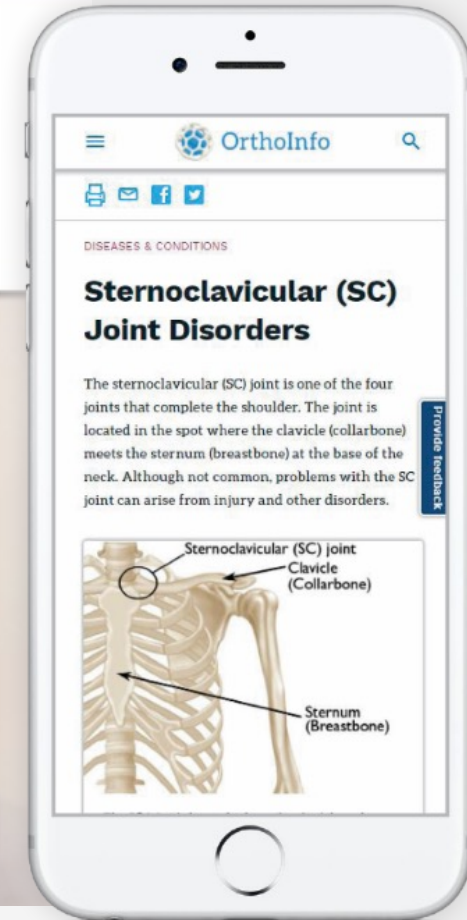
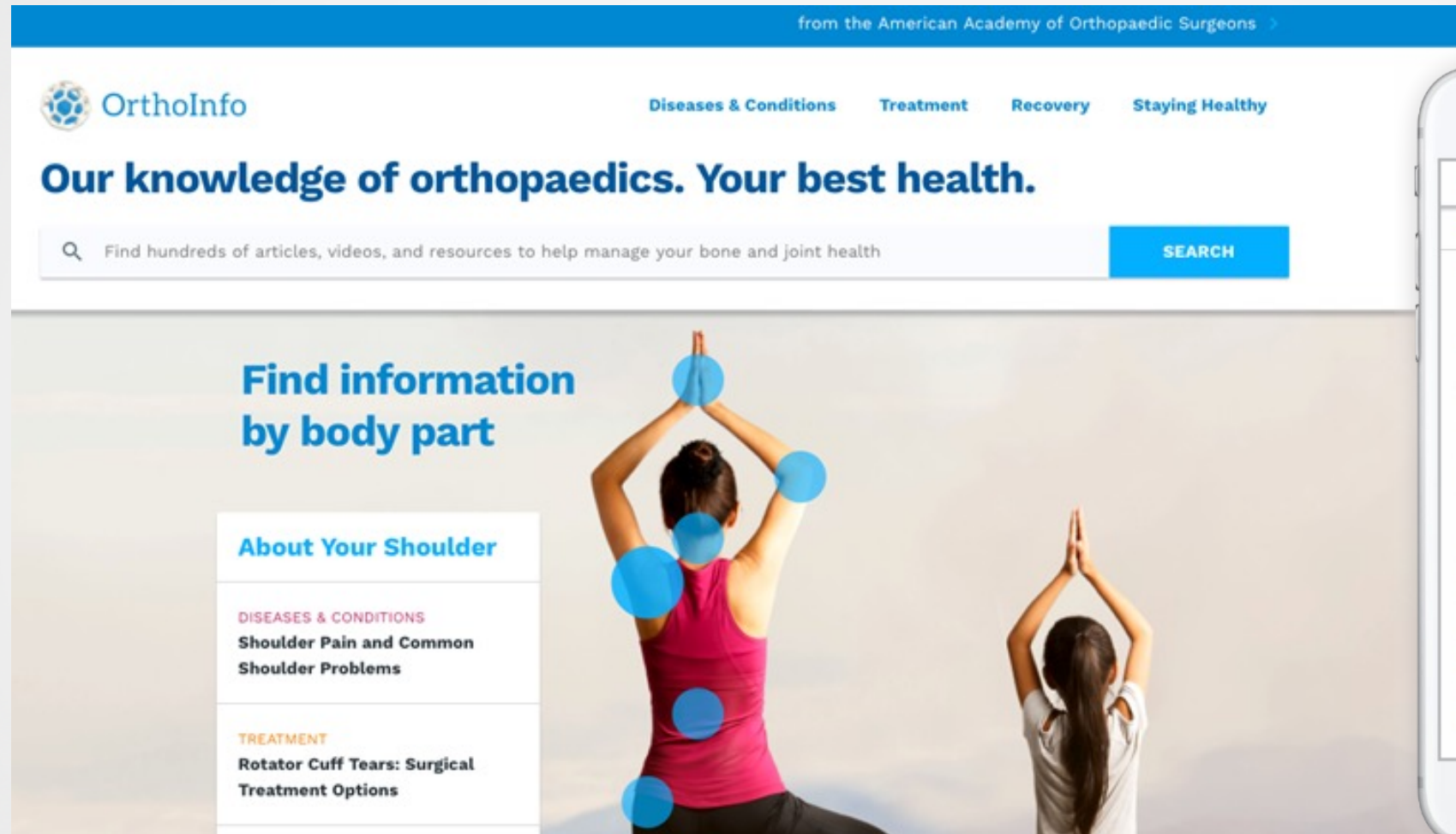


# Resident Orthopaedic Core Knowledge (ROCK)



- First-ever unified and comprehensive resident curriculum
- Beta testing began in late 2021
- Officially launched at the 2022 Annual Meeting
- Select subspecialty sections are available to U.S. residents and program directors
- Additional sections will be released throughout 2022





# Traducciones al español de OrthoInfo (OrthoInfo Spanish Translations)

Nos hemos comprometido a brindarles información de salud exacta y confiable a nuestros lectores que hablan español. La siguiente lista contiene enlaces a artículos y otros recursos del sitio web OrthoInfo que se han traducido. También puede encontrar las traducciones bajo el filtro "español" en la navegación izquierda de las cuatro áreas principales de contenido del sitio web: [Enfermedades y afecciones](#), [Tratamiento](#), [Recuperación](#) y [Mantenerse saludable](#).

## Enfermedades y afecciones

- [Artritis del hombro \(Arthritis of the Shoulder\)](#)
- [Atrapamiento del nervio cubital en el codo \(síndrome del túnel cubital\) \(Ulnar Nerve Entrapment at the Elbow \(Cubital Tunnel Syndrome\)\)](#)
- [Bursitis de cadera \(Hip Bursitis\)](#)
- [Codo de tenista \(epicondylitis lateral\) \(Tennis Elbow \(Lateral Epicondylitis\)\)](#)



## Tratamiento

- [Artroscopia de rodilla \(Knee Arthroscopy\)](#)
- [Cómo aprovechar al máximo la visita a su médico \(Getting the Most Out of a Visit with Your Doctor\)](#)
- [Cómo prepararse para la cirugía de reemplazo articular \(Getting Ready for Joint Replacement\)](#)
- [Cuidado del pie diabético \(Care of the Diabetic Foot\)](#)
- [Fusión espinal \(Spinal Fusion\)](#)
- [Glosarios de exámenes generales de diagnóstico ortopédico \(Diagnostic Orthopaedic Glossary\)](#)
- [Glucosamina y sulfato de condroitina \(Glucosamine and Chondroitin Sulfate\)](#)
- [Guía del Paciente para la cirugía segura \(Patient Guide to Safe Surgery\)](#)
- [Los pacientes son miembros importantes del equipo de atención médica \(Patients Are Important Members of the Healthcare Team\)](#)
- [Obesidad, pérdida de peso y cirugía de reemplazo articular \(Obesity, Weight Loss, and Joint Replacement Surgery\)](#)
- [Ortopaedia \(Orthopaedics\)](#)

<https://orthoinfo.org/en/about-orthoinfo/translations/orthoinfo-spanish-translations/>

## Recuperación

- [Actividades después de reemplazo de cadera \(Activities After Hip Replacement\)](#)
- [Actividades posteriores a un reemplazo de rodilla \(Activities After Knee Replacement\)](#)
- [Cuidado de yesos y férula \(Care of Casts and Splints\)](#)
- [Ejercicio después de cirugía del hombro \(Shoulder Surgery Exercises\)](#)
- [Ejercicio después de reemplazo de rodilla \(Knee Replacement Exercises\)](#)
- [Ejercicios después de artroscópica \(Knee Arthroscopy Exercises\)](#)
- [Guía de ejercicios para la parte baja de la espalda \(Back Exercises\)](#)

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## Mantenerse saludable

- [Asientos de seguridad para niños \(Child Safety Seats\)](#)
- [Cómo prevenir el dolor de espalda en el trabajo y el hogar \(Preventing Back Pain at Work and at Home\)](#)

# Quality Resources



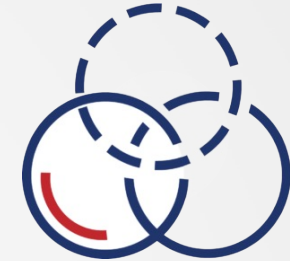
## Clinical Practice Guidelines

Keep up to date with the standard of care by accessing clinical practice guidelines



## Quality Products

Providing the highest possible quality research products to aid in both education and applied clinical decision making



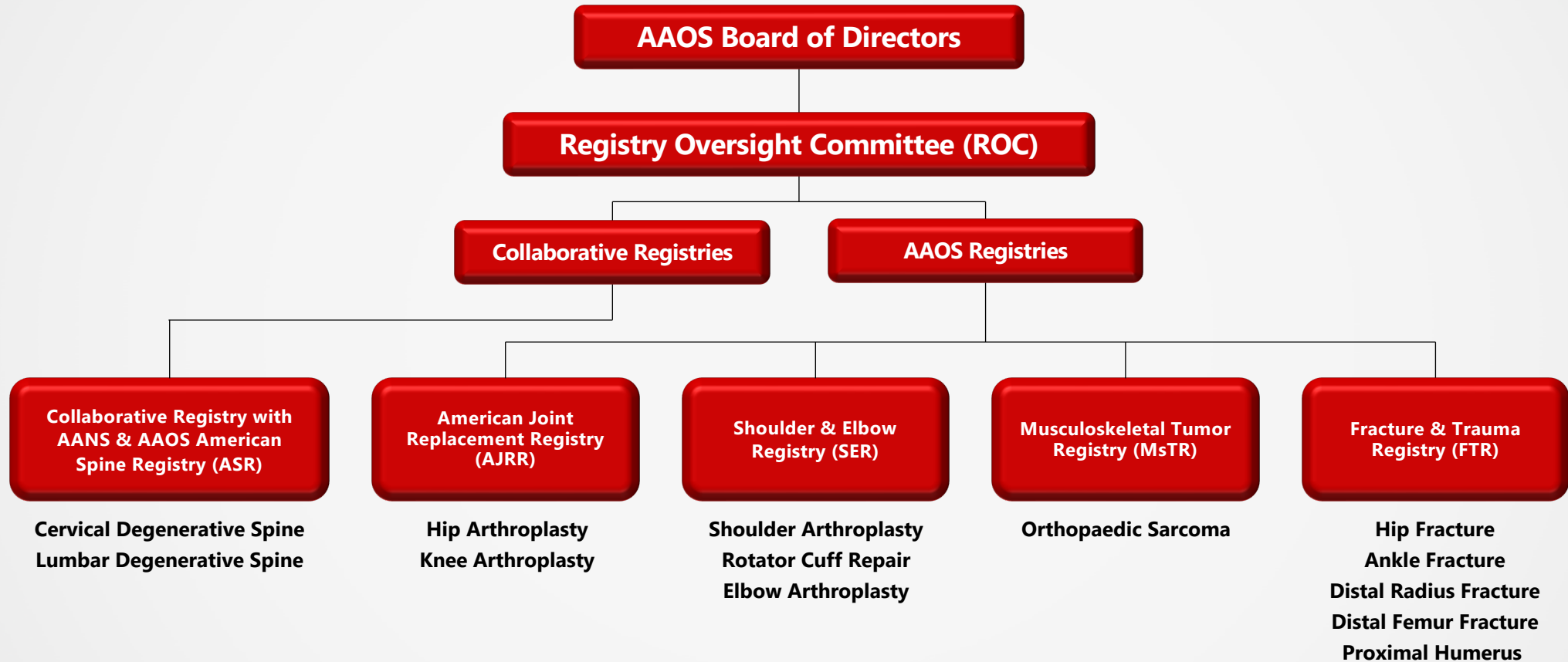
## Appropriate Use Criteria

Interactive tools to enhance informed decision making and see appropriate treatment options by unique patient scenario





# AAOS Family of Registries



# At the Core of Academy Strategy



## Registry Effort Goals

- ✓ Collect unique clinical information demonstrating ***real-world practice***
- ✓ Enable ***performance measurement*** by physicians for physicians
- ✓ Facilitate national registry-driven ***quality improvement*** programs
- ✓ Support novel scientific ***research***

# Three Ways to Access Data



Custom  
Reports



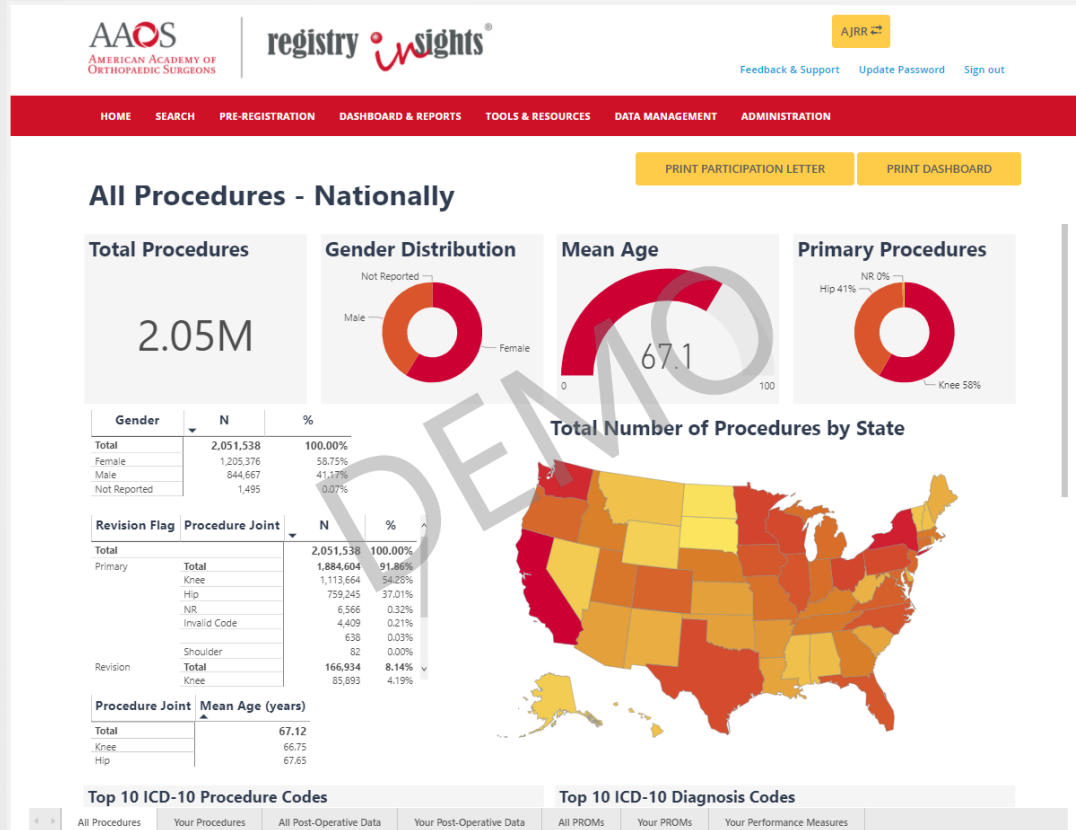
RegistryInsights®  
Dashboards



Registry Analytics  
Institute®



# RegistryInsights® Dashboards



On-demand practice specific dashboards



Compare your practice to national performance benchmarks



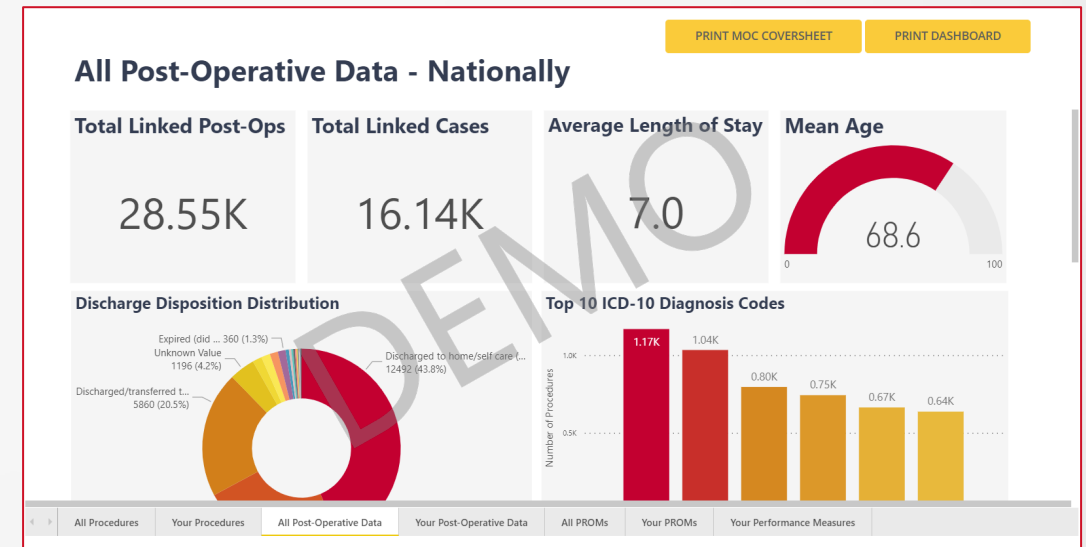
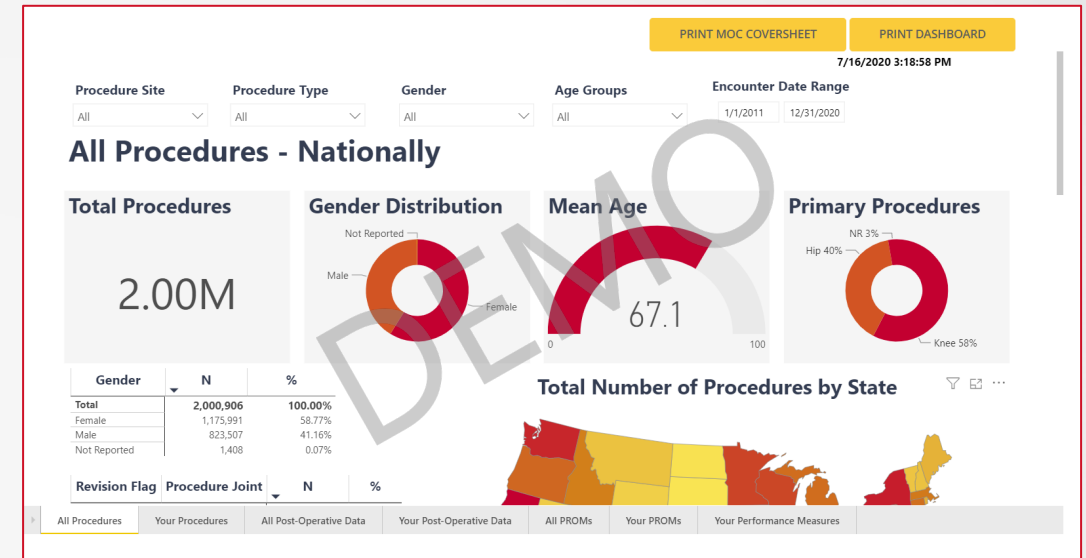
Unlimited surgeon accounts with access to system, site, and surgeon level dashboards



# Surgeon Dashboards

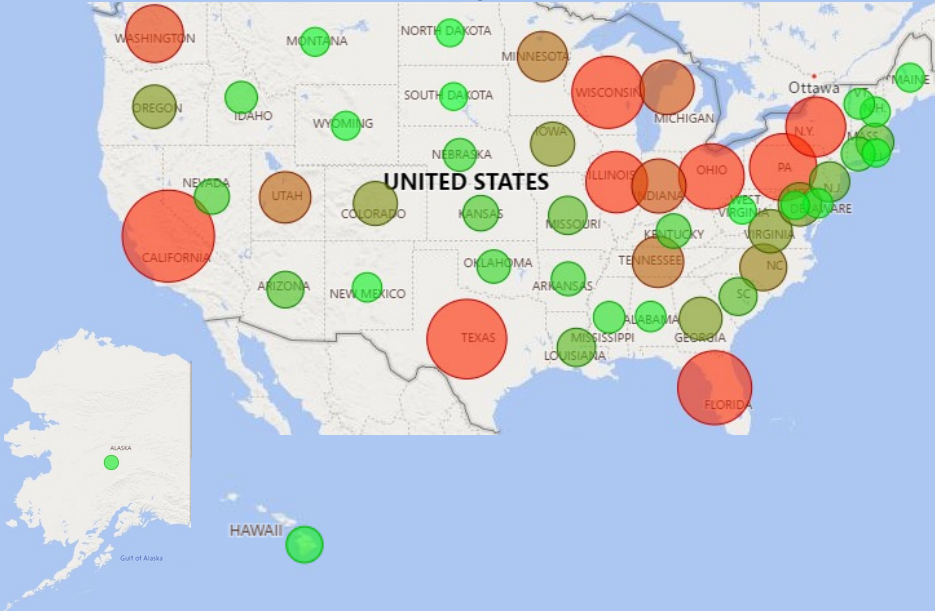
## Surgeon Authorized Users

- View their procedural, post-operative and PROM data
- National benchmarks for comparison measures
- Request custom reports
- Submit data for quality initiatives (e.g., ABOS MOC, ABNS CC, QPP, BPCI-A)



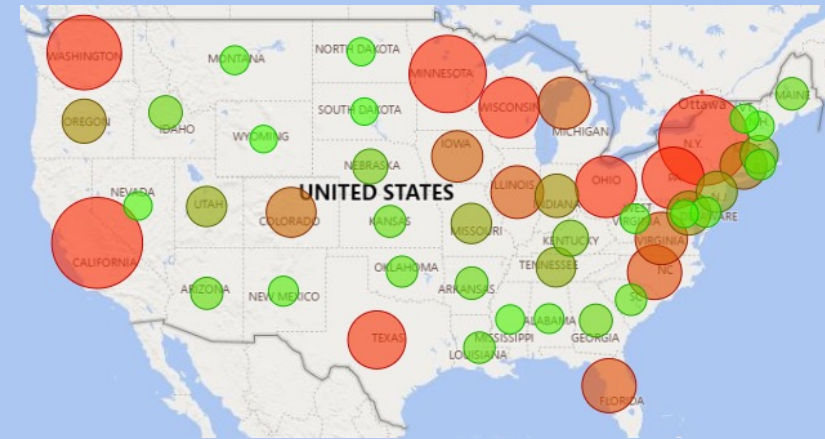
# Participation Across the Registries

**Sites by State**



Over 1,400 participating sites contracted and 14,000 registered surgeons across all 50 states.

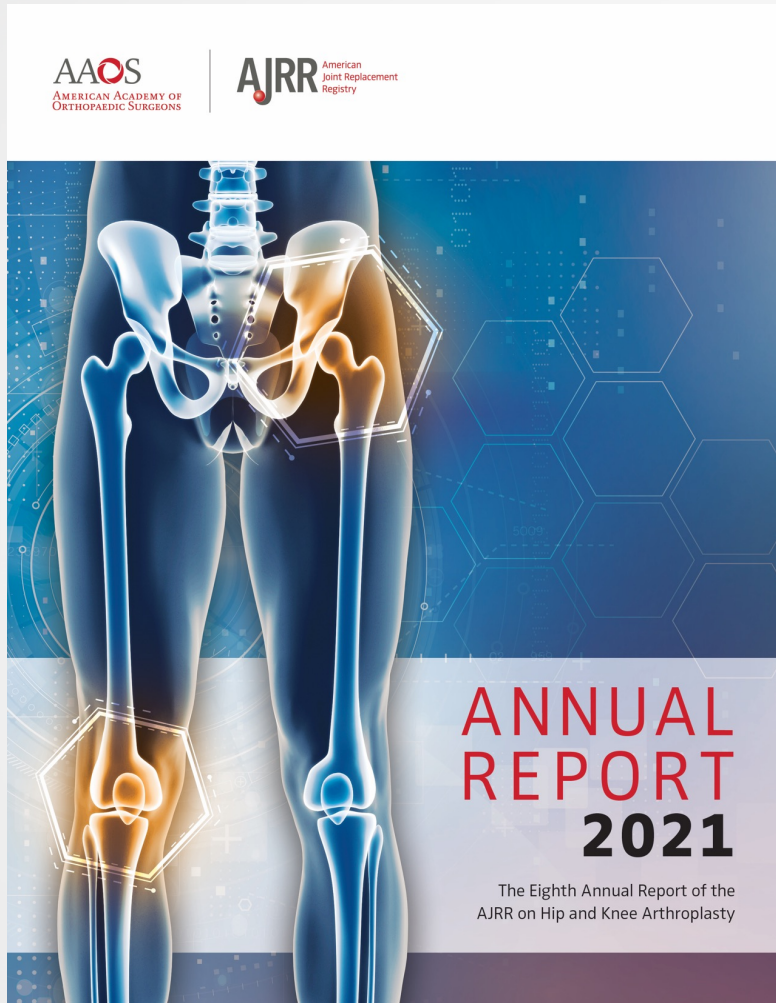
**Procedures by State**



The Registries Portfolio contains data representing over 2,700,000 procedures.



# Integration of Medicare Data



- Access to **Medicare claims** linked by full identifiers for longitudinal tracking
- Follow outcomes of Registry patients occurring at non-Registry participating institutions
- 2012-2020 Medicare data for all patients represented in Registry
  - Inpatient claims (148 data elements)
  - Outpatient claims (122 data elements)

# Biologics Initiative

AAOS commitment to provide evidence-based information on Orthobiologics, helping to guide orthopaedic surgeons and vastly improve patient care



# Biologics Dashboard – UI Update

- UI at launch – User must select values for tissue, graft, processing, use sequentially to see output

Search Biologics Dashboard

1

TISSUE

2

GRAFT

3

PROCESSING

4

USE

START OVER

GLOSSARY

Adipose

Amniotic membrane

Blood

Bone

# Biologics Dashboard – UI Update

- UI Update – Non-sequential. User can use filter for any of the 4 required input columns in any order
- Selecting any value on the table automatically applies that value as a filter
- When only one scenario remains the output automatically loads, reducing the number of clicks required

Select any tissue, graft, processing, and/or use in the columns below to apply filters. When all values are defined, the status will be shown automatically.

TISSUE	GRAFT	PROCESSING	USE
<div>Filter</div>	<div>Filter</div>	<div>Filter</div>	<div>Filter</div>
Adipose	Allograft	Removal of cells	Any use
Adipose	Allograft	Isolation of cells (SVF)	Any use
Adipose	Allograft	Any	Arthritis and tendonitis
Adipose	Autograft	Isolation of cells (SVF)	Any use
Adipose	Autograft	Cleansing, rinsing, sizing and shaping	Autograft use within the same surgical



# AAOS Specialty Society Research Support Fund

- Collaborative effort
- AAOS provides initial seed money targeted for research
- Up to \$250,000 in matching funds available each year



# Society Partnerships | Partnership Principles

*The AAOS is committed to developing interactive and vibrant partnerships that will:*

- **Provide AAOS Member Value:** All partnerships deliver value to AAOS members.
- **Align with the AAOS Strategic Plan:** All partnerships support the AAOS Strategic Plan and enhance partner value.
- **Reinforce Effective Communication:** Partners will establish and maintain clear, effective, and accountable two-way communication.
- **Thrive on Professionalism and Mutual Value:** Interactions are centered around professionalism, respect, collegiality, trust, and appreciation of the relationship's mutual value.
- **Negotiate Equitable, Clear, and Consistent Agreements:** Partnership agreements are equitable and comprehensive.
- **Establish Effective Processes with Assigned Accountabilities:** Partnership processes and roles are clear and utilized to increase efficiency and mutual accountability.
- **Review and Track Progress:** Every partnership creates and tracks metrics that are reviewed, communicated, and revised as necessary. Lessons learned are documented and shared.

# Board of Councilors / Board of Specialty Societies - Leadership



Claudette M. Lajam, MD,  
FAAOS  
BOC Chair



Alexandra E. Page, MD,  
FAAOS  
BOS Chair

# Board of Councilors - Representatives



Bonhomme Joseph Prud'homme, MD, FAAOS



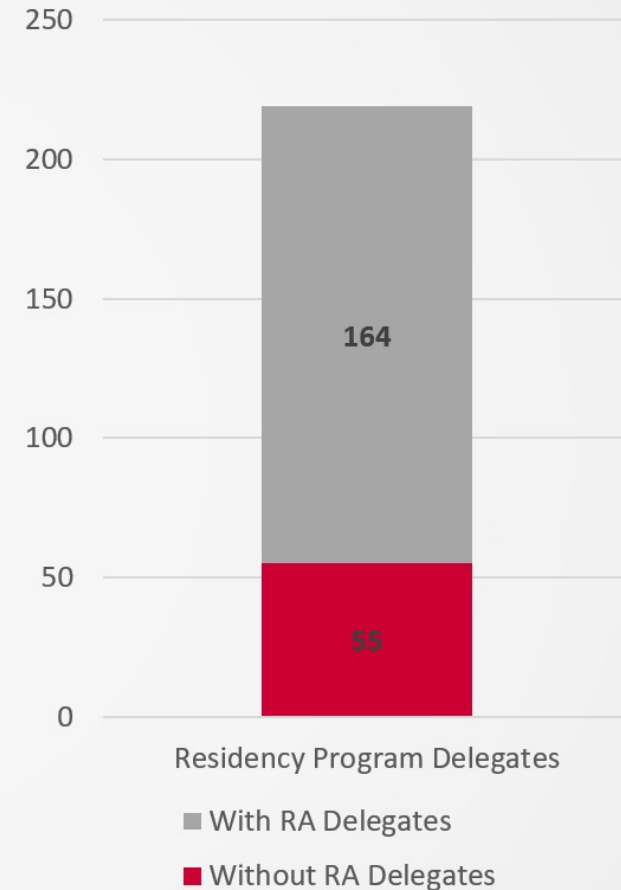
# Resident Assembly Delegates

Resident Delegate	Residency Program
Patrick M. Luchini, MD	West Virginia University



Contact: [residentassembly@aaos.org](mailto:residentassembly@aaos.org)

Each orthopaedic residency program selects a delegate to represent the program and its residents in all Resident Assembly matters.



# State Orthopaedic Society Health Policy Action Fund

*Assists state orthopaedic societies in responding to various legal, legislative and regulatory issues affecting the practice of orthopaedics and patient care on the state-level.*

- ✓ In 2021, \$90,000 in grants awarded
- ✓ Nearly \$500,000 in last five years





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ORTHOPAEDIC  
SOCIETY

75 YEARS *of*  
HISTORY  
1946-2021

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ORTHOPAEDIC  
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Founded 1946

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\*\*\*CALL FOR ABSTRACTS\*\*\*

The GOS program committee is now accepting  
abstract submission for the 2022 GOS Annual Meeting.  
Deadline May 1st, 2022

SUBMIT ABSTRACT

2022 GOS Thomas E. Whitesides, M.D.  
Resident Research Competition  
Deadline May 1st, 2022


SUBMIT RESIDENT ABSTRACT

GOS 2022 Membership Dues

Please update your membership profile and  
pay your 2022 GOS Dues!

RESERVE YOUR ROOM TODAY!

GOS ANNUAL MEETING  
October 6-9, 2022



1. Click [HERE](#) and make your reservation as an attendee. No  
code is needed. GOS rate is \$410.00 a night.

2. Call 855-421-0041 - Cloister reservation dept. and ask for  
the GOS rate of \$410.00

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## AAOS Now

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Commentary

Your AAOS

# Benefits of Membership Are Invaluable

Value is a word used in many contexts these days. When applied to healthcare in general, value has become a formula used to equate the outcome of care versus the cost to provide that care.

All payers would like to get the most from each dollar spent on care, and those who provide the care seek the best compensation for services provided. Finding common ground among stakeholders in the value debate remains a challenge. At the AAOS Annual Meeting in San Diego, I spoke about the need for our AAOS advocacy and quality teams to work in tandem to represent the needs of both our patients and our members—a task that requires a strong commitment from our AAOS volunteer staff as we strive to be the leaders in this space.



# Orthopaedic Advocacy Week (May 24-28)



Letters to Policymakers: **582**



Meetings with Legislators: **202**



Regulatory Sign-Ons: **81**



OrthoPAC Dollars Raised: **\$269,111**



# Making Your Voice Heard



U.S. HOUSE VOTE SCHEDULE						
JUNE 2022						
STENY HOYER MAJORITY LEADER						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 District Work Period	2 District Work Period	3 District Work Period	4
5	6 No Votes	7 Votes Postponed until 6:30 PM	8 Votes	9 Votes	10 Last Votes 3:00 PM	11
12	13 Votes Postponed until 6:30 PM	14 Flag Day Votes	15 Votes	16 Last Votes 3:00 PM	17 No Votes	18
19 Anniversary Father's Day	20 Anniversary (Observed) No Votes	21 Votes Postponed until 6:30 PM	22 Votes	23 Votes	24 Last Votes 3:00 PM	25
26	27 District Work Day	28 Committee Work Day	29 Committee Work Day	30 Committee Work Day		

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### Payment Policy Changes

Protect Patient Access to Specialty Medicine.



### Prior Authorization

Remove Barriers to Timely Access to Care.



### Dr. Lorna Breen Health Care Provider Protection Act

Dr. Lorna Breen Health Care Provider Protection Act (S. 610/H.R. 1667) was introduced in the Senate and U.S. House of Representatives. Dr. Lorna Breen was an emergency physician in New York on the frontlines of the Covid-19 pandemic. Dr. Breen contracted COVID-19 and then went back to work but had trouble making it through her sometimes 18-hour shifts, leading to exhaustion and later committed suicide. This legislation, is named in her honor and the commitment to the medical profession she demonstrated while serving on the frontlines of the global pandemic.

Similar legislation will help reduce and prevent mental and behavioral health issues, and burnout, as well as increase access to evidence-based care for health care professionals, medical students, and other health care professionals, especially those who were overwhelmed by the COVID-19 pandemic. This legislation was introduced in the Senate HELP Committee in May of 2021.

The legislation would work to:

- Provide grants for training health profession students, residents, or health care workers to reduce and prevent suicide

- Disseminate best practices for reducing and preventing suicide and burnout among health care professionals

- Launch a national education and awareness campaign to encourage health care workers to seek treatment

- Provide resources for employee education, peer-support programming, and mental and behavioral health

- Fund a federal study into health care professional mental health and burnout, as well as ways to provide appropriate care

### Legislation Matters:

Mental illness is a well-known barrier to seeking care among the general population. However, it can have an even stronger impact among health care professionals. For most health care professionals, seeking treatment for mental health sparks legitimate fear of resultant loss of income, or other meaningful career setbacks.

Health care professionals need to be able to freely seek mental health treatment and care without the fear of professional setbacks, so that their mental health care needs are not hidden away and suffered through.

### Needs:

Health care professionals can help advance mental health by cosponsoring Dr. Lorna Breen Health Care Provider Protection Act (S. 610/H.R. 1667)

To learn more or to contact Cavan Jones in the AAOS Office of Government Relations at 715-347-0141, visit [www.aaos.org/dc](http://www.aaos.org/dc) or [@AAOSAdvocacy](https://twitter.com/AAOSAdvocacy)

# What's at Stake?

- COVID-19 Relief
- Graduate Medical Education funding
- Student loan deferment
- MSK research funding
- How you get paid (MACRA, MIPS, Bundles)
- How you practice (Private, Employed, Academic, Govt.)
- What you can do, and who else (Scope)
- Who you can treat (Networks, Medicare)
- What you can own (Hospital, Imaging, ASC)
- How you are insured (Liability, Medical)



# Medicare Payment Reform

## 2021 Results

- 2% Medicare sequester cut phased in fully by Q3 2022
- 4% PAYGO cut delayed until Jan 1, 2023
- Congress lowered conversion factor update from 3.75% to 3%

## 2022 and Beyond

**Short Term Focus:** Avert cuts for another year

**Long Term Focus:** Advocacy for longer term payment reform

**Ask:** Build narrative for importance of reform

# Legislative Action Snapshot: Part 1

## Medicare Cuts

- **Language to mitigate cuts passed into law December 2021**
- Sequester phased in
- Conversion factor now 3%
- PAYGO implementation delayed

## Prior Authorization

- **Improving Seniors' Timely Access to Care Act (H.R. 3173)**
- Reforms prior authorization in the Medicare Advantage program
- 276 cosponsors
- **Senate companion has 22 cosponsors**

## No Surprises Act Implementation

- Tri-agencies did not implement NSA according to Congressional intent
- **Federal judge ruled in favor of physicians following a TMA lawsuit**

## Physician Mental Health

- **Dr. Lorna Breen Healthcare Provider Protection Act (H.R. 1667)**
- Goal is to improve mental and behavioral health among healthcare providers
- Signed into law 3/18/22

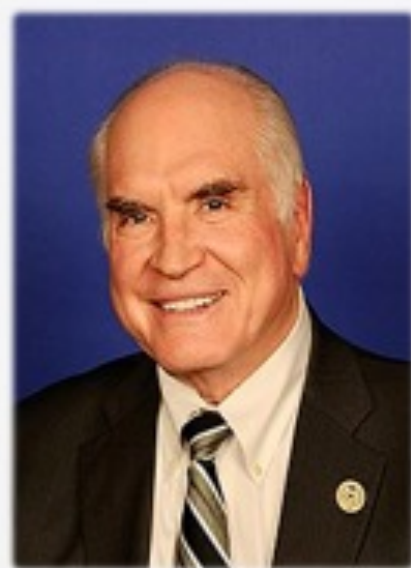
# Improving Seniors' Timely Access to Care Act

## H.R. 3173

-Lead sponsor: Reps. Suzan DelBene (D-WA) Mike Kelly (R-PA)

-281 Cosponsors:

119 Republican, 162 Democrat



## S. 3018

-Lead sponsor: Sen. Roger Marshall (R-KS) Krysten Sinema (D-AZ)

-22 Cosponsors:

11 Republican, 11 Democrat



# Legislative Action Snapshot: Part 2

## Physician-owned Hospitals

- **Patient Access to Higher Quality Health Care Act (H.R. 1330)**
- Lifts current moratorium on new and expanded physician-owned hospitals
- 32 cosponsors

## Telehealth

- **Telehealth Modernization Act (H.R. 1332, S. 368)**
- Ends geographic restrictions for Medicare beneficiaries
- Included in Cures 2.0

## Medical Liability Reform

- **Good Samaritan Health Professionals Act (H.R. 5239)**
- Protects those who are volunteering medical services in officially declared federal or local disaster zones

## Research Funding

- **Research Investment to Spark the Economy (RISE) Act (H.R. 869, S. 289)**
- Authorizes nearly \$25 billion to address research disruptions caused by COVID



# Regulatory Snapshot: Part 1

## Prior Authorization

- AAOS is working with multiple stakeholders to address burdensome prior authorization requirements from Medicare, Medicare Advantage, and commercial insurers.

## Surprise Billing

- New federal protections from surprise billing came into effect on Jan 1, 2022.
- AAOS joined in filing an amicus brief supporting the lawsuit—led by the American Medical Association and the American Hospital Association—that challenges the federal government's implementation of the No Surprises Act.

## Surprise Billing (cont.)

- A federal judge issued a decision and final judgment to set aside key parts of the rule that would disadvantage providers in the Independent Dispute Resolution Process.
- The Departments have withdrawn all guidance that references or relies on the sections of the rule which were invalidated.
- They also plan to release updated guidance documents, provide training for IDR stakeholders.

## Quality Payment Program Changes

- The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) has launched the MIPS Value Pathways (MVP) initiative by finalizing the Lower Extremity Joint Replacement MVP.
- Another MVP on low back pain may be of interest to CMS.

# Regulatory Snapshot: Part 2

## Value Based Care

- All Medicare beneficiaries to be in an accountable care relationship by 2030.
- Specialist models that are responsible for whole person care.
- Health equity will be included in all CMS policies.

## CMS Engagement

- In Feb., AAOS and other subspecialty societies sent a letter to CMS expressing concern over the process which edits are created and implemented in the National Correct Coding Initiative.
- CMS responded saying it would like to meet with AAOS representatives.
- CCRC representatives along with Drs. Savoie and Lundy participated in the CMS meeting on March 29.

## Ambulatory Surgical Center (ASC) Covered Procedures List

- Total Shoulder Revision, Total Ankle Revision, and Lumbar Spine fusion are approved for the Medicare Outpatient setting.
- CMS created a nomination process for adding procedures to the ambulatory surgical center (ASC) covered procedure list (CPL).
- Nominations for Calendar Year 2023 are now closed.

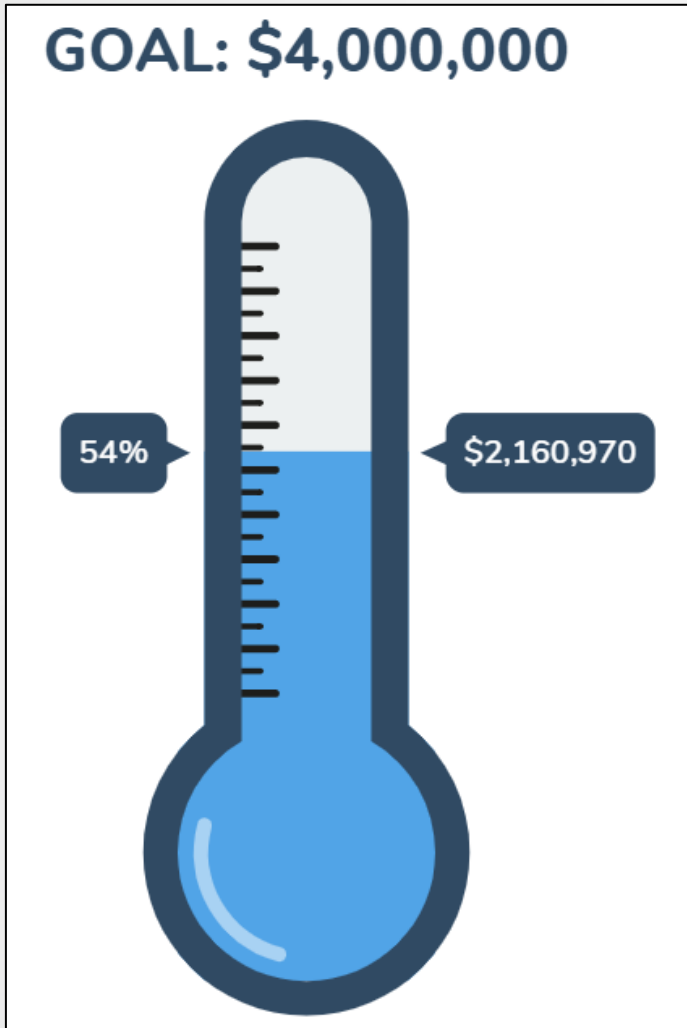
# What Do Physicians Have to Offer?

- Credibility
- Experience
- No one understands your business & patient needs better than **you!**



Resident Members of OrthoPAC with  
Congressman John Larson (D-CT)

# 2022 is a Critical Election Year



The fight doesn't stop! We need to raise **\$4 million** this year to **elect** and **reelect** members to federal office who **support** and **align** with our goals

- ✓ It's not about the amount, it's about having **skin in the game**
- ✓ A strong OrthoPAC is key to **opening the doors** and **building the relationships** to **protect** our **profession**, our **patients** and our **practices**



# Thank you to our 2022 OrthoPAC West Virginia Donors!

David Ede, MD, FAAOS

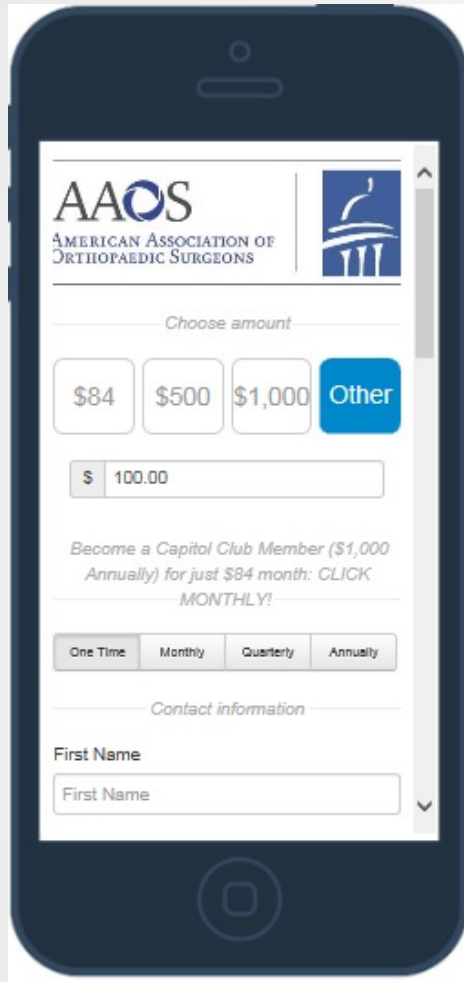
John Lubicky, MD, FAAOS

Bonhomme Prud'homme, MD, FAAOS

Shafic Sraj, MD

Capitol Club Member

# Join the Fight for our Specialty!

A screenshot of a smartphone displaying the AAOS (American Association of Orthopaedic Surgeons) mobile app. The app interface includes the AAOS logo at the top left and a stylized building icon at the top right. Below the logo, there is a section titled "Choose amount" with four buttons: "\$84", "\$500", "\$1,000", and "Other". Below these buttons is a text input field with a dollar sign and the number "100.00". Underneath the input field is a promotional message: "Become a Capitol Club Member (\$1,000 Annually) for just \$84 month: CLICK MONTHLY!". Below this message are four buttons: "One Time", "Monthly", "Quarterly", and "Annually". At the bottom of the app interface is a section titled "Contact information" with a label "First Name" and a text input field containing the placeholder text "First Name".

Text 'AAOS' to 41444 and follow the prompts

Or Venmo @OrthoPAC and include your name, city, and state

**Invest in YOUR future today!**

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# Dr. Lorna Breen Health Care Provider Protection Act

ly Delegates



Signed into Law 3/18

## What it does

Promotes mental and behavioral health among health care professionals

## Steps AAOS took to support

- Virtual Hill Day
- Podcast
- Letters of Support



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# Annual Meeting Highlights

Spring 2022



# Reaching New Heights at AAOS 2022

By all accounts, the AAOS 2022 Annual Meeting, held March 22 – 26 at McCormick Place in Chicago, was a resounding success.

The meeting packed five powerful days of education, innovation, and collaboration, with over 15,000 people convening to reach new heights in orthopaedic surgery.

Explore more highlights!

[aaos.org/2022highlights](https://aaos.org/2022highlights)

## 2022 ANNUAL MEETING BY THE NUMBERS



15.4K attendees



208K square feet of exhibit space



18 symposia



215 ICLs



737 papers and 1K posters

# Save the Date!

The AAOS 2023 Annual Meeting will be held March 7 – 11, 2023 at the Venetian Convention and Expo Center in Las Vegas, NV.



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**2023 Annual Meeting**  
March 7 – 11, Las Vegas, Nevada

Plan Ahead With Us at [AAOS.org/Annual!](https://AAOS.org/Annual!)

## AAOS 2023 Call for Abstracts

A graphic for the AAOS 2023 Call for Abstracts. It features a red background with a white geometric pattern on the left. On the right, a man in a suit and tie is speaking at a podium. The text "AAOS 2023 CALL FOR ABSTRACTS" is in large white letters, with "Now Open" below it. At the bottom, the AAOS logo and "2023 Annual Meeting March 7 – 11, Las Vegas, Nevada" are displayed.

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## Las Vegas Hotels Now Booking

A photograph of the New York-New York Hotel & Casino in Las Vegas at night. The Eiffel Tower replica is brightly lit, and the surrounding buildings and fountains are also illuminated.

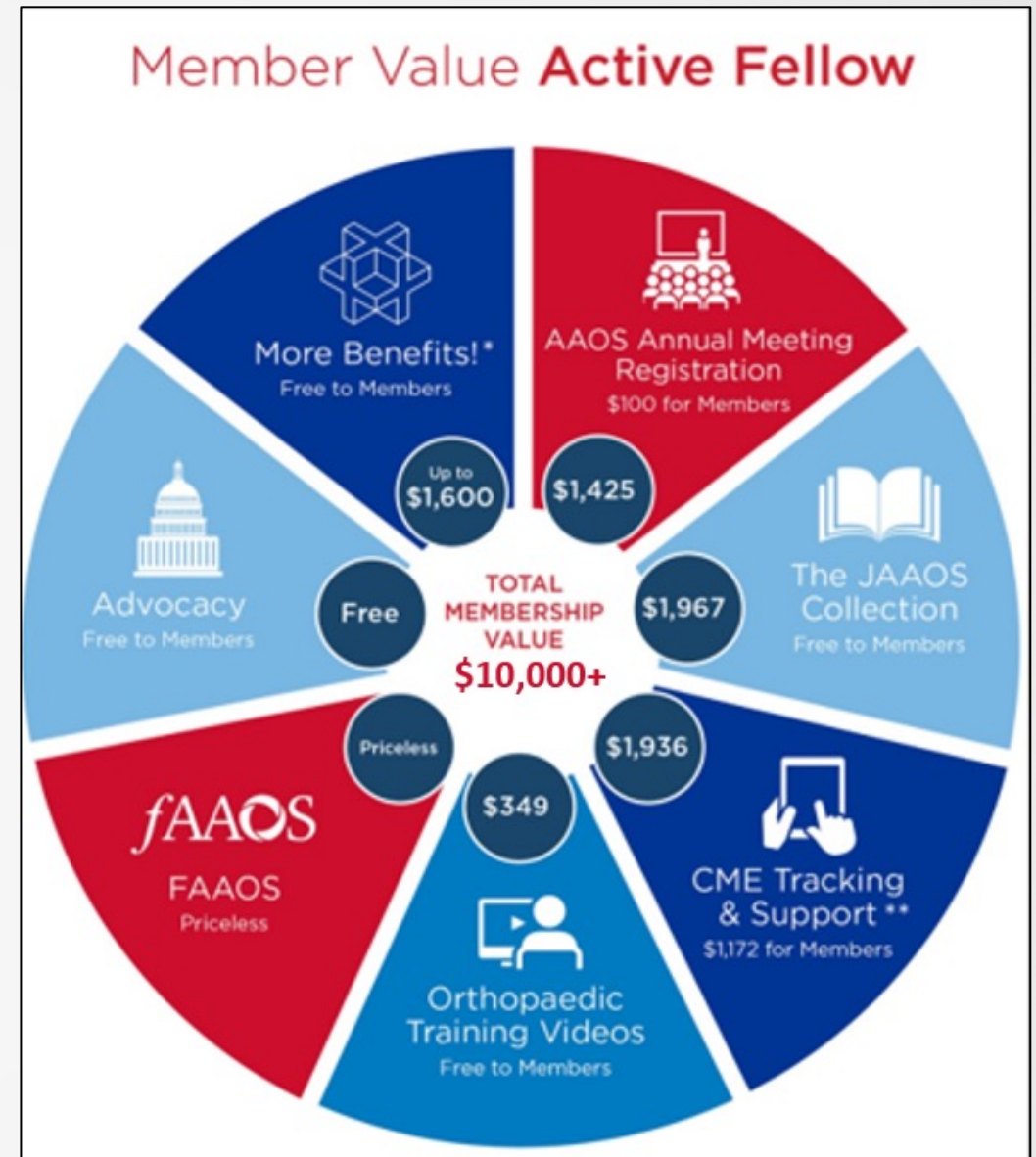
**PLAN AHEAD  
WITH US!**  
AAOS 2023

Las Vegas Hotels Now Accepting Reservations



# Membership – Value Quantified

- Enhancing benefits and removing barriers to entry and access for all Members
  - **Active Fellows receive value 10x cost of dues**
- New value propositions, member onboarding, engagement, and retention programs
- Completed first year of FAAOS program
- New Membership pages on [aaos.org](http://aaos.org)

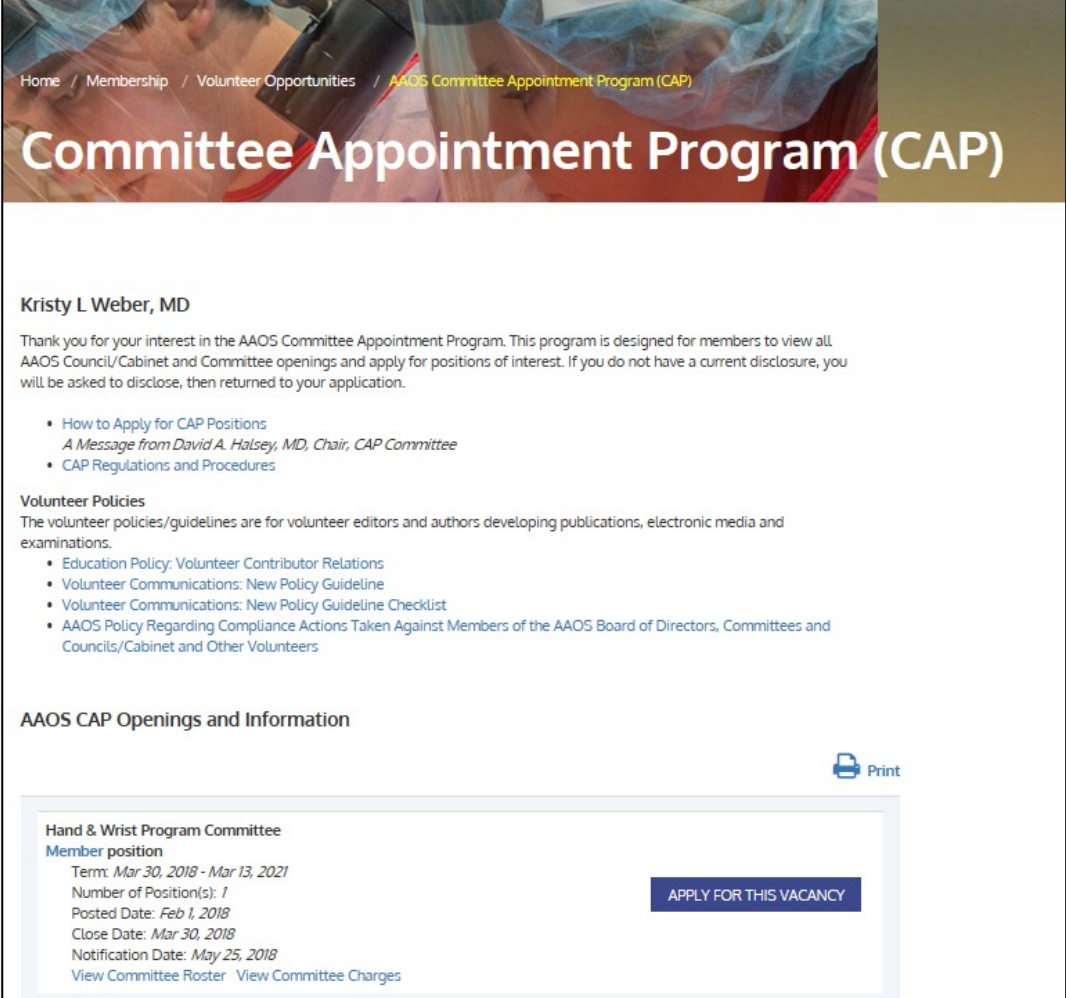




# What You Can Do to Stay Engaged and Active in Your AAOS

Tell us what's on your mind!

[www.aaos.org/feedback](http://www.aaos.org/feedback)



The screenshot shows the AAOS Committee Appointment Program (CAP) webpage. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links: Home / Membership / Volunteer Opportunities / AAOS Committee Appointment Program (CAP). Below this is a large header image with the title "Committee Appointment Program (CAP)" in white text. The main content area features a section for Kristy L Weber, MD, with a thank you message and a list of links: "How to Apply for CAP Positions", "A Message from David A. Halsey, MD, Chair, CAP Committee", and "CAP Regulations and Procedures". Below this is a "Volunteer Policies" section with a list of links: "Education Policy: Volunteer Contributor Relations", "Volunteer Communications: New Policy Guideline", "Volunteer Communications: New Policy Guideline Checklist", and "AAOS Policy Regarding Compliance Actions Taken Against Members of the AAOS Board of Directors, Committees and Councils/Cabinet and Other Volunteers". At the bottom, there is a section for "AAOS CAP Openings and Information" with a "Print" button. A specific opening for the "Hand & Wrist Program Committee" is highlighted, showing details like "Member position", "Term: Mar 30, 2018 - Mar 13, 2021", "Number of Position(s): 1", "Posted Date: Feb 1, 2018", "Close Date: Mar 30, 2018", "Notification Date: May 25, 2018", and a button to "APPLY FOR THIS VACANCY".

Home / Membership / Volunteer Opportunities / AAOS Committee Appointment Program (CAP)

## Committee Appointment Program (CAP)

**Kristy L Weber, MD**

Thank you for your interest in the AAOS Committee Appointment Program. This program is designed for members to view all AAOS Council/Cabinet and Committee openings and apply for positions of interest. If you do not have a current disclosure, you will be asked to disclose, then returned to your application.

- [How to Apply for CAP Positions](#)
- [A Message from David A. Halsey, MD, Chair, CAP Committee](#)
- [CAP Regulations and Procedures](#)

**Volunteer Policies**

The volunteer policies/guidelines are for volunteer editors and authors developing publications, electronic media and examinations.

- [Education Policy: Volunteer Contributor Relations](#)
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[View Committee Roster](#) [View Committee Charges](#)

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# Thank You!











