

*Zen and the Art
of Orthopaedics
in West Virginia,
2025*

Registration Packet

April 25-26, 2025



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Welcome

February 2025

You are invited to join the West Virginia Orthopaedic Society and the West Virginia Association of Orthopaedic Executives for our annual “Spring Break” Meeting. This year’s meeting will take place on Friday and Saturday, April 25 and 26, at Stonewall Jackson Resort in Roanoke, West Virginia. The program is co-provided by the CAMC Health Education and Research Institute. The theme of this year’s meetings is “Zen and the Art of Orthopaedics in West Virginia 2025.”

Online conference registration is available at www.wvos.org, and payment can be made through PayPal. Hotel reservations must be made by **March 21** by calling 888.278.8150 or 304.269.7400 and asking for the WVOS room block. You can also make your room reservation [online](#). Rates are \$249 per person single/\$179 per person double on Friday night (plus taxes and resort fee) and includes your sleeping room, meals, onsite parking, in-park shuttle service, high speed internet access and Wi-Fi, use of fitness equipment, indoor/outdoor pool, sauna, steam room, paddle boats, canoes, kayaks, excursion boat, mountain bikes, basic fishing equipment and many other amenities. Please **call 888-278-8150 by March 21** and mention you are with WVOS to get our special rate. *We have negotiated special room rates of \$151 per night for Thursday night and Saturday night.*

This year, we are including a variety of social events for everyone, so bring your family and friends to enjoy the fun. We will have a golf scramble tournament Friday morning, April 25. The tournament is open to the **first 24 players**, and foursomes will be assigned by the WVOS tournament director. If you’re interested in playing, please contact [Karim Boukhemis](#) by **March 21**. Golf rates are \$59 per person. Lunch is available in Stillwaters Restaurant. After dinner, join us for “Fright Night Friday” to discuss cases with unexpected challenges that have made you think. We will have a special bourbon tasting, as well.

Bring a little extra cash and take the opportunity to buy \$20 raffle tickets to support the Josh Tuck Memorial Scholarship through the WV Association of Orthopaedic Executives; there will be a special prize for the winner. We’ll also have an additional opportunity for you to support the Orthopaedic Research and Education Foundation (OREF).

I hope you will make an effort to attend our meeting this year. Drs. John Taras, Ryan Murphy and Matt Bullock have created an excellent program for our members and other attendees. If you have any questions, please contact the WVOS office at 304.984.0308. Please register online or send your registration form and payment by **March 21, 2025**, to:
Diane Slaughter, CAE, APR, Fellow PRSA
WV Orthopaedic Society/WV Association of Orthopaedic Executives
PO Box 13604
Charleston, WV 25360-0604

Sincerely,
John Taras, M.D.
WVOS Spring Break Meeting Chairman
Chad Fisher, J.D.
WVAOE President



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Friday, April 25, 2025

A day for fun and business!

According to the December 24, 2021, issue of [OrthoEvidence](#), 41,692 physicians in the United States who logged golf rounds in the US Golf Association database as of August 2018 were included in an observational study assessing differences in golf habits and performance across specialties. The results of this observational study suggest that amongst golfing physicians in America, the majority of whom are men, orthopaedic surgeons are amongst the most frequent and best golfers around.

This study was limited by the self-reported golf performance, which could be subject to bias due to an overstating of their golf ability. Future research is required to understand whether golf performance is associated with superior patient outcomes and physician wellbeing.

Prove them right and be among the first 24 physicians, residents, practice administrators and exhibitors to [register for our golf event!](#)

8:30 a.m. **Scramble golf tournament**

4:00 p.m. **Exhibit Hall Opens** Lower Foyer

4:00 p.m. **Meeting of the WVOS Board of Directors** Greenbrier Room

6:00 p.m. **Dinner in Stillwaters Restaurant**

7:30 p.m. **Fright Night Friday:** Pecan Room

Cases that made you think
(cash bar featuring bourbon tasting)
John Taras, MD, Moderator



9:30 p.m. **Adjourn for Friday**

Saturday, April 26, 2025

Zen and the Art of Orthopaedics in WV, 2025

WVOS Program Committee: John Taras, MD, Ryan Murphy, MD and Matt Bullock, DO

7:30 a.m.	Registration/Breakfast with Exhibitors	Lower Foyer
8:00 a.m.	Welcome to WVOS 2025 Ryan Murphy, MD, WVOS Vice President	Pecan Room
8:05 a.m.	Morning Sessions John Taras, MD, Moderator	
8:10 a.m.	Upper extremity trauma case presentations Moderator John Taras, MD, WVU Orthopaedics, Morgantown Alexander Bitzer, MD, WVU Orthopaedics, Martinsburg Dan Grant, MD, WVU Orthopaedics, Morgantown	
9:15 a.m.	Malpractice awareness: Avoiding and dealing with getting sued Chris Valenti, JD, WVU Legal Department, Morgantown	
10:00 a.m.	Refreshment Break/Visit Exhibitors	Lower Foyer
10:30 a.m.	Dr. Frank Shuler Memorial Resident Presentations John Taras, MD, CME Conference Chair, Moderator , MD, WVU Orthopaedics Radiographic Outcomes of Ream Then Broaching Metaphyseal Cones During Revision Total Knee Arthroplasty Aria Darbandi, MD, Marshall Orthopaedics , MD, WVU Orthopaedics Preventing Infections in Extensor Mechanism Reconstruction: Best Practices With Synthetic Meshes Caleb Morgan, MD, Marshall Orthopaedics , MD, WVU Orthopaedics Robotic-Assisted Polyethylene Exchange: A Case Series Liam Cleary, MD, Marshall Orthopaedics	
12:00 p.m.	Lunch	Stillwaters
1:00 p.m.	Resident Awards John Taras, MD, West Virginia University	Pecan Room
1:20 p.m.	Robotic surgery in total joint replacement , MD,	
2:00 p.m.	Lower extremity trauma panel Elias Joseph, MD, West Virginia University John Lubicky, MD, West Virginia University Karim Boukhemis, MD, Marshall Health, Huntington	
3:00 p.m.	Refreshment Break and Visit Exhibitors	Lower Foyer
3:30 p.m.	Orthopaedic education panel with Q&A Matthew Dietz, MD, WVU Orthopaedics Ali Oliashirazi, MD, Marshall Orthopaedics	
4:15 p.m.	What happened to medicine in the legislature? Joe Prud'homme, MD, WVU Thomas, Charleston Ret Topping, MD, Davis Hospital, Elkins	
4:45 p.m.	Annual business meeting All attendees	Pecan Room
5:30 p.m.	Meeting adjourns	



Objectives:

The participant will be able to:

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Disclosures:

It is the policy of the CAMC Health Education and Research Institute that any faculty (speaker) who makes a presentation at a program designated for AMA Physician's Recognition Award (PRA) Category I or II must disclose any financial interest or other relationship; (i.e. spouses/partners, grants, research support, consultant, honoraria) that faculty member has with the manufacturer(s) of any commercial product(s) that may be disclosed in the educational presentation. Program Planning Committee Members must also disclose any financial interest or relationship with commercial industry that may influence their participation in this conference. The following disclosures have been shared: Dr. Dietz has grant or research support from Hereaus Medical, NIH, Peptilogics and G21 Scientific Advisory Board; Dr. Taras is president and owner of Union Surgical, LLC. Faculty relationships with industry, if any, will be made available on-site and disclosure made from the podium to the participants. All presentations are HIPAA compliant.

Accreditation:

In support of improving patient care, this activity has been planned and implemented by The West Virginia Orthopaedic Society (WVOS) and CAMC Health Education and Research Institute. CAMC Health Education and Research Institute is jointly accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME), the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE), and the American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC), to provide continuing education for the health-care team. Attendees are responsible for an online CE processing fee to receive CE credit. The processing fee is separate from any registration fees. On the day of the program, attendees will receive a unique log-in, URL link, and instructions. The CE credit processing fee per attendee is \$20 and is paid by participants through CAMC's online CE registration system.



Credit Hour Statement:

The CAMC Institute designates this live activity for a maximum of 8 hours for AMA PRA Category I Credit(s)[™] for Friday, April 25, and Saturday, April 26. Physicians should only claim credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.



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WVAOE Program Chair: Chad Fisher, JD

7:30 a.m.	Registration/Breakfast with Exhibitors	Lower Foyer
8:00 a.m.	Welcome to WVAOE 2025 Chad Fisher, JD, WVAOE President	Greenbrier Room
8:05 a.m.	Transitioning into retirement: The pot holes of the physician	
9:30 a.m.	Recruiting physicians to West Virginia: Selling the spouse on the Mountain State	
10:00 a.m.	Refreshment Break/Visit Exhibitors	Lower Foyer
10:30 a.m.	Mixing and matching orthopaedics and podiatry: Making it work Chad Fisher, JD, Marshall Health, Huntington	Greenbrier Room
11:15 a.m.	Managing satellite offices: Managing team culture and standards	
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Attendee: _____

Practice Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State, ZIP: _____

Email: _____

Phone:(_____) _____

Spouse/Guest: _____

Registration (including meals and all conference materials).

Select	Type		Saturday	Total Due
	2025 Paid WVOS Member (includes \$25 OREF contribution)		\$150	
	WVOS non-member		\$275	
	Allied health professional		\$150	
	MU/WVU resident		\$0	
	2025 Paid WVAOE Member (includes \$25 Josh Tuck scholarship contribution)		\$150	
	WVAOE non-member		\$275	
	Spouse/Guest		\$100	
TOTALS				

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