



Texas
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Join the Only Specialty Society Dedicated to Texas Orthopaedic Surgeons

Enhancing Orthopaedic Practices

Orthopaedic surgeons turn to TOA for news and analysis about public policy and business issues that often cannot be found elsewhere. TOA's newsletters and conferences focus on issues that are unique to Texas orthopaedic practices.

The Voice of Orthopaedics in Texas

TOA is the united voice of Texas orthopaedic surgeons. Lawmakers, patients, and the health care industry turn to TOA for expertise in the musculoskeletal arena. TOA represents orthopaedic surgeons in both Austin and Washington, DC.

What Has TOA Done for You?

ASC/Hospital/Ancillary Ownership

TOA defeated serious attempts in Austin and Washington that would have eliminated orthopaedic surgeons' ability to own facilities and ancillary services.

Stopping Unnecessary Mandates

TOA played an instrumental role in ending the state's requirement for surgeons to undergo nine hours of radiation safety training in January 2015. In 2017, TOA will focus on defeating a measure that would require physicians to check the state's prescription drug monitoring database before every Schedule II prescription is written.

Strengthening the Texas Orthopaedic Community

From scoliosis to sports medicine, TOA leads efforts on dozens of public policy issues that affect every specialty within orthopaedics.

Health care is one of the most regulated industries in America, and orthopaedic surgeons often face more public policy challenges than any other medical specialty. TOA plays a direct role in dozens of issues that affect the musculoskeletal system. The organization is often so successful in solving problems in their early stages that the issues go unnoticed.

Insurance Issues

Actions by commercial health plans are making it more difficult for orthopaedic practices to operate. TOA addresses harmful actions by commercial health plans, including unnecessary approval processes, attempts to weaken the state's prompt pay law, and proposals to eliminate the ability of physicians to balance bill for out-of-network services.

Scope of Practice

Podiatrists, chiropractors, and physical therapists are among the mid-level providers that are making aggressive scope of practice expansion attempts into areas that are beyond their education and training. TOA leads the efforts to stop inappropriate scope expansions.

Worker's Comp

Orthopaedic surgeons in other states view the Texas Workers' Comp program as the model for others to follow. However, recent changes to the Designated Doctor program resulted in a 67 percent decrease in the number of physician participants. TOA is leading the effort in 2017 to create opportunities for orthopaedic surgeons in the program.

Laws and regulations touch every aspect of an orthopaedic practice. Therefore, orthopaedic surgeons have no choice but to engage in the public policy process. TOA serves as the orthopaedic surgeons' voice in the legislative and regulatory arenas.