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California Orthopaedic Association
CBones 2020 On-Line Annual Meeting/QME Course

Due to health and travel concerns involving COVID-19, the COA and CBones Annual Meetings and the QME course – will be held as an on-line course.

This will allow registered attendees to still have the benefit of the education and ability to earn their Category 1 and QME CME credits. If you register just for the Annual Meeting, you will receive **15 Category I CME hours** - of which **10 hours qualifies for the ABOS Self-Assessment credits for your MOC/MOL. The Category I CME hours will also meet your radiology/radiation safety and fluoroscopy CME requirement. If you register just for the QME Course, you will receive 6 hours of QME CME hours.**

An audio recording along with the PowerPoint slides will be made available to all registered attendees. No action is needed on your part. You will be notified when the on-line course is available. The goal is to have the on-line courses available at about the same time as the in-person meeting would have been held – around mid-April. These on-line courses are even more important now that gatherings are restricted and people are limiting unnecessary travel.

We encourage you to register and take advantage of this on-line education. [REGISTER HERE.](#) If you are already registered for meetings, no additional action is needed on your part. You will automatically be notified when the on-line courses are available.

COVID-19 /Telehealth Guidance

AMA publishes telehealth coding guide



California Medical Association

The American Medical Association has published new resources that provide special coding advice during the COVID-19 public health emergency. One resource outlines coding scenarios designed to help health care professionals apply best coding practices. [READ MORE](#)

Payor Telehealth Policies



Cheyenne Brinson, KarenZupko & Associates

Most commercial payors provide no cost sharing for services directly related to COVID-19. In this chart, the

answer "yes" to cost sharing is for telehealth services not directly related to COVID-19. [READ MORE](#)

Infographic: COVID-19 Flow Chart

MIT Medical

MIT Medical shares an in-depth infographic answering questions regarding what to do in case of exposure to coronavirus. [READ MORE](#)



The CORE Institute implements orthopedic walk-in clinics to ease burden in COVID-19 pandemic

Healio

To help ease the burden likely to be placed on emergency rooms, urgent care centers and hospitals with the possible influx of patients presenting with COVID-19 symptoms, The CORE Institute announced it will be providing walk-in orthopedic urgent care services at all of its clinical sites. [READ MORE](#)



COVID-19 malpractice coverage questions and answers

Aegis Malpractice Solutions, LLC

As the COVID-19 pandemic continues to move across the globe, many healthcare providers are wondering how their medical malpractice (professional liability) coverage will be impacted. In this article, we will summarize the consensus from the largest malpractice carriers in the United States, addressing some frequently asked questions from the healthcare community. [READ MORE](#)



6 communication tactics for the COVID-19 pandemic

Karen Zupko & Associates, Inc.

As practices grapple with rapid change over the last week, physicians and practice leaders are being barraged with information, issues, and staff concerns. In times like these, clear and accurate communication are the foundations of effective operations, patient care, and employee well-being. Here are six essential communication tactics to put into place now. [READ MORE](#)



AAOS Resources — COVID-19

AAOS

As states and the nation continue to grapple with the COVID-19 pandemic, I wanted to reach out to flag the [AAOS COVID-19 Member Resource Center](#). The frequently updated page includes a variety of information, including: practice management resources, a telemedicine guide, regulatory updates, advocacy priorities and recommendations regarding elective surgery. In particular, I'd recommend reviewing correspondence from AAOS to congressional leadership. Further, I also wanted to share a [list of policy options for states](#) to address COVID-19 that the AMA is compiling.



For a snapshot of state activity occurring across the country, I recommend this Stateside COVID-19 [State & Local Government Report](#). From activating retired physicians and licensure portability, to good Samaritan protections and [seeking Section 1135 waivers](#), states are undertaking a variety of efforts. [READ MORE](#)

Practical tips for implementing telehealth during the COVID-19 pandemic

Hooper Lundy & Bookman PC

"Direct-to-consumer" telehealth offerings have garnered significant attention in recent years, as patient-consumers seek real-time, on-demand interactions with their health care providers. This trend has been fueled by the recognition among patients, providers, and payers that telehealth can offer cost-efficient, high-quality care, though certain payers have continued to reimburse for telehealth services only under limited circumstances. COVID-19 has turned the telehealth landscape upside down as payers recognize the importance of the critical role telehealth plays in responding to the nation's COVID-19 outbreak. In particular, telehealth enables healthcare professionals to continue to see existing patients remotely during this time, as



well as provide much needed support to the hardest hit areas of the country from a distance (to the extent permitted by state licensing laws). [READ MORE](#)

[Opportunities to expand telehealth use amid the coronavirus pandemic](#)



Health Affairs

As more and more patients with symptoms seek treatment, the coronavirus could spread rapidly in healthcare settings. Telehealth offers unique capacity for remote screening, triage, and treatment, and it could be a powerful tool for reducing transmission of the disease to and among healthcare workers and patients who are not infected. [READ MORE](#)

[Impact of non-pharmaceutical interventions \(NPIs\) to reduce COVID-19 mortality and healthcare demand](#)



COA

The global impact of COVID-19 has been profound, and the public health threat it represents is the most serious seen in a respiratory virus since the 1918 H1N1 influenza pandemic. This article presents the results of epidemiological modelling which has informed policymaking in the U.K. and other countries in recent weeks. [READ MORE](#)

[UCLA engineers build surgical face shields using 3D printers and laser cutters for healthcare workers amid pandemic](#)



KTLA-TV

Engineers at UCLA are a part of a growing team working to make protective equipment amid the COVID-19 pandemic, as L.A. healthcare workers voice concerns over a lack of supplies and equipment. [READ MORE](#)

[Workers' Compensation Guidance](#)

[Webinar: Workers' Comp Telehealth Made Easy](#)



DaisyBill

With the sudden shift to telehealth due to coronavirus, DaisyBill is here to explain everything you need to know about telehealth for workers' compensation. [READ MORE](#)

[California workers' comp telehealth: 3 things providers should know](#)



DaisyBill

Telehealth was always the future. Suddenly, it's the present. Is your office ready for the pivot to remote treatment? California workers' comp providers may continue to treat ill and injured employees remotely during the COVID-19 outbreak. Treatment delivered via telehealth is 100 percent payable, using the appropriate billing codes and supported by proper documentation. Knowing the current guidelines and regulations is the first step for providers navigating this transition. [READ MORE](#)

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[Impacts of United's recent strategic terminations and emergence as a provider on the healthcare marketplace](#)



King & Spalding

UnitedHealthcare ("United"), the nation's largest health insurer, is using a dual strategy to put downward pressure on provider reimbursement rates: (1) strategic contract terminations, combined with (2) heavy investment in its own physician practice operations to allow it to directly compete in the market and drive down

rates. [READ MORE](#)

Believe it: Orchestra plays Beethoven 9th from their homes



Slipped Disk

The Rotterdam Philharmonic teamed up with a Dutch healthcare provider to film the finale of Beethoven's 9th with all the musicians playing their parts by video from their homes. It's an extraordinary achievement, overwhelming in the final minutes. [READ MORE](#)

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