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COA Elects New Officers



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We are pleased to announce the election of COA Officers for 2020-2021:

- Lesley Anderson, M.D. – San Francisco
- Michael Klassen, M.D. – Monterey
- Russell Nord, M.D. – Fremont
- Dori Neill Cage, M.D. – San Diego

Congratulations to these leaders.

Have a question for COA's leaders? Send them to admin@coa.org.

SBA Releases Paycheck Protection Program Loan Forgiveness



Forbes

On Friday, May 15th, the Small Business Administration (SBA) released the application borrowers of a Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) loan must use to determine the amount of the loan that may be "forgiven" by their lender. While the application included instruction, the SBA failed to provide two additional items that would have greatly benefited borrowers.: [READ MORE](#)

Orthopaedic Systems Response to and Return from the COVID-19 Pandemic



The Orthopaedic Forum

The COVID-19 pandemic has become the dominant health-care issue of this generation and has reached every corner of the health-care delivery spectrum. Our three orthopaedic departments enacted a response to the COVID-19 pandemic within our organizations. We discuss our health-care systems' response to the outbreak and offer discussion for the recovery of the orthopaedic service line within large health-care systems. [READ MORE](#)

Editorial: Biology Over Bombs



Bob Slater, M.D. – COA Member

The COVID-19 pandemic has alarmed and outraged many and has impacted the world in astonishing ways. There has been a lot of focus on some subsections of the problems encountered. Tragically, the bulk of the

debate has missed one key element in the crisis. It has missed the opportunity to demand more from our leaders in the medical profession as a whole and even more so from our political leaders at all levels to invest more in biologic research so that this kind of debacle never happens again. [READ MORE](#)

Make the Most of your In-Person Visits



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As medical treatment is starting to resume in California, it is even more important to make sure that every in-person patient encounter is as effective and productive as possible to determine the next steps in treating your patients. [READ MORE](#)

Medicare and CA Workers' Comp — NEW Telehealth Rules



DaisyBill

Telehealth rules for both Medicare and CA workers' comp changed again, and this time providers really feel the love. Major reimbursement increases and expansion of audio-only services are just the beginning. For California workers' comp, these changes apply retroactively to March 1. Providers who submitted bills between March 1st - May 12th may be owed hundreds of additional dollars per bill. Sign up for this free webinar for up-to-the-minute instructions on how to deliver and bill for telehealth. [REGISTER](#)

COVID-19 Guidance

Understanding AAOS Member Needs During the COVID-19 Pandemic



AAOS

The COVID-19 pandemic has rapidly become the defining global health crisis of our time. With more than 1,300,696 cases, the United States leads the world among all countries impacted by this deadly disease. The pandemic has challenged the U.S. healthcare system like never before. It has impacted every aspect of the healthcare ecosystem dramatically affecting the availability of resources to treat patients as well as the health and well-being of medical professionals. Further, the widespread suspension of elective surgeries has severely impacted thousands of medical specialists, including musculoskeletal healthcare providers.

Recently, AAOS conducted a multi-pronged research study in an effort to better understand how the emergence of COVID-19 has impacted orthopaedic surgeons. Ultimately, the Academy will be guided by the qualitative and quantitative data from this research to meet the current and future needs of its members. [READ MORE](#)

What You Need to Know About Telemedicine Coding During the COVID-19 Pandemic



American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons

The Department of Health and Human Services Office for Civil Rights (OCR) has relaxed the guidelines regarding telemedicine services due to the COVID-19 public health emergency. OCR will not impose penalties in the event of noncompliance with requirements under the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act for physicians using applications such as Apple FaceTime, Facebook Messenger video chat, Google Hangouts video, or Skype. [READ MORE](#)

Other Articles

She Had Been in Pain for Decades. My Attending Solved It in 30 Minutes



Op-Med

It was a Friday at 4 p.m., the last appointment of another long week. Mary, the patient, was seated in a wheelchair. This was the first red flag — a sign this visit would last much longer than the allotted time. Dr. Miller, the attending physician, and I, the medical resident, immediately noticed that Mary had lines of orange

in her hair. They made her look like a vibrant, outgoing 70 year-old. We both complimented her style. "I have pain all over." This was the second red flag. The attending physician was a spine specialist who focused specifically on neck and back pain. She was probably seeing the wrong kind of doctor. [READ MORE](#)

Repeated Hits to the Head Tied to Early Death in NFL Players



Medscape

Repetitive hits to the head, not just concussions, during a professional football career are associated with a statistically significant and substantially increased risk for death, a new study suggests. [READ MORE](#)

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