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Virtual COA 2020 Annual Meeting/QME Course



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Update

Orthopaedic Surgeons statewide – even as far away as Canada - are participating in COA's virtual Annual Meeting/QME Course -earning their CME hours. Surgeons are still signing up for the online meeting. **It's not too late. Contact COA if you want to register – 916-454-9884.**

If you are pre-registered for the meeting, we would encourage you to review the presentations and complete your evaluations/testing. You should have already received an email with the link to the meeting materials. Any questions should be directed to: admin@coa.org

New Member Benefit

We have added a new COA Member feature to the Annual Meeting/QME Course. Got a question for a faculty member? Let COA know – admin@coa.org We will forward your question onto the speaker, so you can have a further dialogue with our experts.

■ News From the Department of Consumer Affairs

DCA Impacts of Executive Order N-39-20



The Medical Board of California

On Monday, March 30, 2020, Governor Newsom issued Executive Order N-39-20, giving the Director of the Department of Consumer Affairs (DCA) the authority to waive professional licensing requirements for the healing arts boards under DCA during the COVID-19 State of Emergency. **[READ MORE](#)**

DCA Issues 5 New Waivers



Department of Consumer Affairs

The Department of Consumer Affairs (DCA) recently issued new waivers allowing supervision, physician examinations, and training requirements for specific license types to be conducted via appropriate electronic means. Previously, such actions required in-person or face-to-face interaction. **[READ MORE](#)**

Pfizer and BioNTech Dose First Participants in the U.S. as Part of Global COVID-19 mRNA Vaccine Development Program



Pfizer
Pfizer Inc. and BioNTech SE recently announced that the first participants have been dosed in the U.S. in the Phase 1/2 clinical trial for the BNT162 vaccine program to prevent COVID-19. The trial is part of a global development program, and the dosing of the first cohort in Germany was completed last week. [READ MORE](#)

Executive Order and Analysis of Pending CA COVID-19 Presumption Bills



Hanna Brophy
Governor Newsom just announced an Executive Order creating a temporary rule. It applies to employees working between 3/19/2020 – 7/04/2020. Read more for the highlights, while we await his office's publication of the actual order. [READ MORE](#)

Complimentary Access to OrthoEvidence Videos



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Thanks to a partnership with OrthoEvidence, COA members have complimentary access to videos like "3 Critical Considerations for Resuming Elective Surgery."

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Why the Coronavirus Is So Confusing



The Atlantic
In a pandemic characterized by extreme uncertainty, one of the few things experts know for sure is the identity of the pathogen responsible: a virus called SARS-CoV-2 that is closely related to the original SARS virus. But much else about the pandemic is still maddeningly unclear. [READ MORE](#)

DEA Guidelines for Prescribing During COVID-19: How Do You Continue Opioid Prescriptions without an In-person Visit?



By Dr. Scott Pritzlaff, University of California-Davis School of Medicine, Sacramento, CA

Dr. Scott Pritzlaff, University of California-Davis School of Medicine, Sacramento, Calif., shares guidelines for prescribing opioids during the COVID-19 pandemic. [READ MORE](#)

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