

Moderator: **Paul Wakim, DO, FAAOS**
Sierra Ballroom Foyer

7:00 AM	Registration Breakfast/Networking with Exhibitors	
7:30 AM	Important Principles in Performing an Upper Extremity Evaluation	Richard Braun, MD
8:00 AM	Important Principles in Performing a Lower Extremity Evaluation	Tye Ouzounian, MD
8:30 AM	The Lumbar Spine Paradox - Rating Lower Extremity Residuals With Lumbar Spine Injuries	Ram Mudiyaam, MD Emile Wakim, MD Judge Robert Rassp
9:15 AM	Q&A	
9:30 AM	Break Networking with Exhibitors	Expo Hall
10:00 AM	Discussion with a Legal Expert - New Case Law	Dane Gilliam, JD
10:30 AM	Q&A	Bentley & More, LLP
10:45 AM	What We Need from a QME/AME How I Choose Which QME/AME to Use and Why Our Goal No Deposition Key Issues: History of Current/Past Injuries Related to Causation, Temporary Total Disability (TTD), Medical Maximum Improvement (MMI) Expectation, Impairment, Apportionment, and Future Medical Treatment	Gary Sax, JD, Defense Bradford & Barthel, LLP Dane Gilliam, JD, Applicant Bentley & More, LLP
11:25 AM	Q&A	
11:45 AM	Working Lunch	
12:00 PM	Exhibitor-Sponsored Educational Session - Quench Streamlining Medical-Legal Evaluations with AI: Empowering QMEs to Organize Records Efficiently	Michael Lesh, MD
12:45 PM	Mock Trial - Presiding Judge Robert Rassp Key takeaways for QMEs/AMEs Case 1 - Simple Spine and Lower Extremity Injuries Case 2 - Catastrophic Injuries Q&A	Judge Robert Rassp Dane Gilliam, JD, Applicant Gary Sax, JD, Defense
2:00 PM		
2:15 PM	Kite, Vigil and Other Controversial Cases When to Add or Combine Impairment Q&A	Judge Robert Rassp
2:30 PM		
2:45 PM	Avoiding Denials and Appeals by UR Reviewers	Ben Roberts - Genex
2:55 PM	MTUS Checklists - Upper Extremity and Shoulder Injuries	Basil Besh, MD
3:05 PM	Q&A	
3:15 PM	Break Networking with Exhibitors	Expo Hall
3:45 PM	How to Avoid Unconscious Bias When Performing an Evaluation	Lesley Anderson, MD
4:00 PM	Q&A	
4:15 PM	Required Elements in a Medical-Legal Report DWC Process of Reviewing Medical-Legal Reports/Checklist What Gets a QME/AME in Trouble? Q&A	Judge Robert Rassp George Parisotto, DWC Administrative Director
4:50 PM		
5:00 PM	Subsequent Injuries Benefits Trust Fund (SIBTF) - What is it? What a Physician Must Include in Their Reports Q&A	Scott Silberman JD Silberman & Lam, LLP Judge Robert Rassp
5:15 PM		
5:30 PM	Expo Hall Raffle - Win tickets to Universal Studios/ Warner Bros. Studios (Must be present to win.)	
5:45 PM	Adjourn	
6:00 PM	Surgical Site Infection Prevention: Implementing a Bundle Approach to Improve Surgical Outcomes - Complimentary Light dinner/refreshments	Michael Gardner, MD HMP Global Salon 8 (4th floor)

Moderator: Milton Little, MD

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James Chen, MD

Moderator: Ray Raven, MD, MHCI, MBA

Ezekiel Emanuel, MD

Michael Suk, MD, JD, MPH, MBA
Basil Besh, MD
Michael Klassen, MD
Ronald Navarro, MD

Dipak Reddy, AI IT MSP

Kimberly Workman, MD

Expo Hall

Moderator: Russell Nord, MD

Brad Graw, MD

Porter Jones

Robert Fields, MD

Russell Nord, MD

Moderator: James Chen, MD

Moderator: James Chen MD, Dustin Briggs MD, Adam Taylor MD

Moderator: Letitia Bradford, MD

Ray Raven, MD, MHCI, MBA

Anirudh Gowd, MD

Sean Rajae, MD

Moderator: Letitia Bradford, MD

Erica Taylor, MD

Nicole Mitchell, MBA, CDP

Caryn Lindsey, LCSW, PMH-C

Expo Hall

Michael Suk, MD, JD, MPH, MBA

Moderator: Michael Klassen, MD

Laura Fox, Blue Shield

John Diana, MD

Mark Vrahas, MD

Moderator: Guy Paiement, MD

Mike Purnell, MD

Tal David, MD

Nathan Hoekzema, MD

Kim Stone, JD

Registration

Breakfast/Networking with Exhibitors

Exhibitor-Sponsored Educational Session - Zimmer Biomet

Making Your Practice an Efficient Machine

Keynote Speaker

Innovation and Equity in Orthopedics ... Orthopaedic Care in 2030

Round Table Discussion

- What's the Future for Orthopaedic Surgeons in Private Practice or Employed Arrangements?
 - How Will it Affect Patient Care?
 - How Can We Help Shape the Changes?
 - How Can We Prepare for Change?
- Q&A

Protecting your Medical Records from Being Hacked – How to Reduce Your Risk?

Q&A

Smart Investing for Orthopaedic Surgeons

Break Networking with Exhibitors

Employment and Collaboration with Healthcare Systems -

Tools for Success and Mutual Benefit

Employed/Foundation Model

Collaborating with Hospitals and Healthcare Systems:

Navigating and Optimizing Incentives and Partnerships

Private Practice Alignment with a Hospital or Healthcare System - Pearls and Pitfalls

Know Your Worth - The Power of Benchmarking Data

Optimizing the Value that you Bring to Your Institution

Panel Discussion and Q&A

Exhibitor-Sponsored Educational Session - SYLKE

Mitigating the Risk of Medical Adhesive Related Skin Injuries

Working Lunch

Practical AI Applications in Orthopaedics

Artificial Intelligence in Healthcare: Fundamentals and Practice Application
Where We Came From and Where Are We Now?

Predictive Analytics - Machine Learning Predicting Hip Fractures

AI in the Operating Room - Accuracy and Efficiency

Q&A

Cultural Competency

Impact of Value-Based Care - Social Dependents of Health and How to get Paid

Why Does it Matter in Small Groups and Practices

What is the Role of an In-Clinic Social Worker, Why is This Important

Q&A

Break Networking with Exhibitors

The Future in Orthopaedics

Q&A

Blue Shield Episode of Care (Shared Savings) Program - It Really is Working . . .

Important Elements of the Program - How Surgeons Have Benefited
What's Been the Orthopaedic Participation in the Program?

Our Group Received Savings – What We Did to Earn Savings

Q&A

Presidential Speaker

Residency Programs - How They Help Enhance Your Practice and Elevate Orthopaedic Care

Empowering Physicians: Unleashing the Art of Advocacy in Your Practice

State Legislation Update

Adjourn

Presidential Reception



Sierra Courtyard
(Tickets required)

Clinical Day 1

Saturday May 3

Sierra Ballroom

6:00 AM	5K Fun Walk & Run - Meet in hotel lobby	Moderator: Milton Little, MD
7:00 AM	Registration	Moderator: Lincoln Yee, MD Sierra Ballroom Foyer
7:00 AM	Breakfast/Networking with Exhibitors	
7:30 AM	Resident Award Papers	Moderator: Milton Little, MD
7:35 AM	J. Harold LaBriola, MD Resident Award Shoulder Arthroplasty: Current Evidence and Techniques on Infection Prevention	Garrett Berger, MD, UCSD
7:40 AM	The Lusk Orthopaedic Institute for Children Resident Award Increasing Use of Reverse Total Shoulder Arthroplasty in Younger Adults Despite Higher Complication Rates	Cory Mayfield, MD, USC
7:45 AM	OREF Resident Award	Lee Grossman, MBA OREF, CEO
7:50 AM	Evaluation of a Pretrained Large Language Model as a Clinical-Decision Support Tool in Musculoskeletal Health	Ryan Halvorson MD, UCSF
7:55 AM	Q&A	
8:00 AM	Fact to Fixation - Regenerative Medicine	Donald Buford, MD
8:30 AM	Great Debates and Updates - Hand/Upper Extremity Distal Radius Fractures: To Fix or Not? Proximal Humerus Fractures: Watch, Fix, Replace? Humeral Shaft Fractures: Did Sarmiento Get it Right? Case Discussion Q&A	Moderator: Ryan DellaMaggiora, MD Justin Koh, MD Carol Lin, MD MA John Garlich, MD Meghan McCullough, MD
9:30 AM	Break Networking with Exhibitors	Expo Hall
10:00 AM	Great Debates and Updates - Trauma Periprosthetic Distal Femur Fractures: Decisions Tibial Plateau Fractures - But What About Your Total Knee Replacements? Young to Middle Aged Femoral Neck Fractures Case Discussion Q&A	Moderator: Charles Moon, MD Donald DeSanto, III, MD James Learned, MD Augustine Saiz, MD Michael Allen, DO
11:00 AM	Challenging Trauma Cases - General Orthopaedist How Intertrochs, Pertrochs, and Subtrochs Go Wrong? It's Just a Tibial Nail. What Can Go Wrong? Femoral Nails: Retrograde or Antegrade? Case Discussion Q&A	Moderator: Joshua Gary, MD Henry Goodnough, MD Damayea Hargett, MD Sarah Blumenthal, MD Jason Davis, MD
12:00 PM	Adjourn	
11:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Resident and Young Ortho Roundtable Discussion How to Adjust to Life as an Attending Lunch will be served. Press Room - 4th Floor	Johnny (Juntian) Wang, MD Rebecca Burr, MD Kelsey Bonilla, MD Meghan McCullough, MD Landon Polakof, MD Orrin Franko, MD
11:15 AM - 12:00 PM	Golf Tournament Meet in hotel lobby for transportation to golf course. Tee times start	Brookside Golf Club
7:00 PM	Seafood Buffet Gala Dinner	Club Room - Hilton Hotel

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Business Meeting - Election New COA Officers

Ray Raven, MD, MHCI, MBA

8:00 AM

Exhibitor-Sponsored Educational Session - Heron Therapeutics

A Strong Send-off: Pain & PONV in the Perioperative Setting

Alexander Sah, MD

8:30 AM

Resident Award Papers | COA Resident Awards

Moderator: James Chen, MD

8:32 AM

Fracture Lines and Patterns in Intra-articular Distal Femur Fractures

Brendan Shi, MD, UCLA

8:36 AM

Decompression and Fusion for Lumbar Degenerative Spondylolisthesis is Associated with Higher Early Morbidity and Risk of Perioperative Complications Compared to Decompression Alone
Post-surgical Follow Up in the Medicaid Orthopaedic Trauma Population

Abhinav Sharma, MD
UC Irvine

8:40 AM

Posterior Shoulder Instability in Adolescents: Distinct Presenting Clinical and Imaging Characteristics When Compared to Anterior Instability

Carson Fuller, MD
Harbor UCLA
Garrett Berger, MD
UCSD

8:44 AM

Lloyd W. Taylor Resident Award

A Biomechanical Comparison of Three Fixation Methods for Bennett Fractures

Seth Ahlquist, MD
UCLA

8:53 AM

Q&A

9:00 AM

Radiation Safety Unique to Orthopaedics

Isabel Newton, MD

10:00 AM

Latest Trends and Technologies In Joints

Moderator: Scott Ball, MD

What is the target in TKA?
Mechanical, Kinematic or Somewhere in Between?

Stefani Bini, MD

Hitting the target in TJA: Advances in Enabling Technologies in Hip and Knee Replacement Surgery

Alexander Sah, MD

The Periacetabular Osteotomy (PAO) – Contemporary Surgical Technique, Intraoperative Image Analysis, and Outcomes
Dual Mobility - Don't Stress Hitting the Target, Make it Bigger!

Patrick Whitlock, MD
Erik Zeegen, MD

Q&A

11:00 AM

Break

11:15 AM

Great Debates and Updates - Sports Medicine

Moderator: Natasha Trentacosta, MD

ACL repair: Where did we Come From and Where are We Going?

Jonathan Koenig, MD

Orthobiologics and Innovations in Non-Operative Sports Medicine

Keith Feder, MD

Orthobiologics and Augmentation in Operative Sports Medicine

Ronna Parsa, DO

Innovation and Augmentation in Shoulder Surgery

Sharon Hame, MD

Q&A

12:15 PM

Great Debates and Updates - Foot and Ankle

Moderator: Ajay Gurbani MD

Posterior Malleolar Fractures, Evolving Indications for When and How to Fix

Max Michalski, MD

Current state of Total Ankle Replacement, New Gold Standard Versus Fusion?

Eric Tan, MD

Achilles repair : Open Versus Percutaneous/MIS

Tom Harris, MD

Syndesmosis - Assessing Reduction and Types of Fixation

Arash Aminian, MD

Q&A

1:15 PM

Final Raffle (Must be present to win)

Adjourn

Thank you for attending!
See you in Santa Barbara! April 15-19, 2026