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## 2019 COA/CBones Annual Meeting

May 16-19 • Ritz-Carlton Laguna Niguel



### Agenda Highlight

**Cutting Edge: Biologics**  
Dr. Jason Dragoo leads the Biologics symposium and will focus on the A to Z in current biologic treatments from stem cells to amniotics allogenic tissue, applications and efficacy.



### Social Event Highlight

**COA Golf Tournament**  
Experience the sport of kings from one of the world's most prestigious luxury golf courses. Foursomes are limited. All skill levels are welcome to participate.  
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### Hotel Information

**Ritz-Carlton Laguna Niguel**  
One Ritz-Carlton Drive  
Dana Point, California 92629

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## Workers' Compensation News

COA previously reported to you that several major Workers' Compensation carriers - State Fund, Sedgwick, Liberty Mutual and York - were not correctly reimbursing for services performed in 2019. These payors continued to use the statewide average Geographic Practice Cost Indices (GPCIs) rather than the Medicare regional California GPCIs adopted by the Division of Workers' Compensation as of January 1, 2019.

Your payments should now be arriving correctly.

As a result of bringing these billing issues to the attention of the DWC, we are receiving reports that these payors are now calculating the reimbursement correctly.

As a COA Member benefit, COA has calculated the reimbursement rates under the Official Medical Fee Schedule (OMFS) for Physician and Non-Physician services for each region of the state.

You can find your calculated fee schedule at: <https://coa.org/practice-management-resources/workers-compensation/>

COA also urged the DWC to monitor to ensure that payors did not demand refunds of the overpayments.

To date, we have received no complaints that the payors are demanding a refund of the overpayments.

We also urged DWC to require the payors to automatically reprocess the claims that were underpaid and send the additional reimbursement to providers.

To date, we have not yet seen this happen, but we will continue to urge DWC to demand that the payors correctly reimburse providers.

If you have problems with Workers' Compensation carriers correctly calculating your reimbursement, let COA know and we will intervene on your behalf.

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### Share Orthopaedic Office — Toluca Lake/North Hollywood



Part-time shared orthopedic/medical office for lease. Common lobby, reception and administrative area. Currently 4 to 6 treatment rooms and 1 private office with x-ray facility plus a cast room.

All rooms have upper/lower cabinets. Private office has window. Available days are Monday, Wednesday, Friday and also Saturday. Free-standing office building with ample parking in Toluca Lake/North Hollywood on Riverside Drive.

For immediate showing and more information please contact Marina Mazanians at 818-209-6528 or [overload805@yahoo.com](mailto:overload805@yahoo.com).

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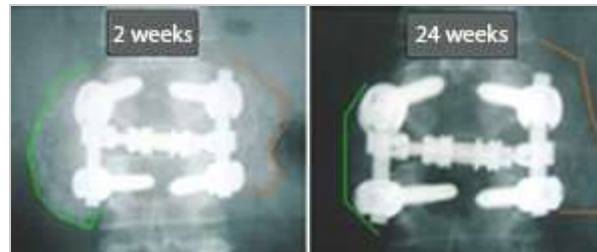
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