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Ortho News This Week

COA Mandatory Report Writing Course



COA
Evening – Friday, September 14 and Saturday, September 15

Physicians wanting to become certified as a Qualified Medical Evaluator (QME) are required to take a 12-hour Mandatory Report Writing Course. COA will be holding a Report Writing course the evening of Friday, September 14 and Saturday, September 15 in Huntington Beach to meet this requirement. Existing QMEs can also use the 12 QME CME requirements. To Register: <https://coa.org/coa-educational-offerings/>



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California November Ballot Measures



The Sacramento Bee
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Here comes the money. California ballot measure committees are gearing up for the general election, and millions are about to be spent over the next few months to persuade voters. Text of the Ballot Measures can be found on the California Secretary of State website: <http://www.sos.ca.gov/elections/ballot-measures/qualified-ballot-measures/>

After doctors cut their opioids, patients turn to a risky treatment for back pain



The New York Times
An injectable drug that the manufacturer says is too dangerous to use along the spine is growing in popularity for back pain as doctors turn away from opioids. The anti-inflammatory drug, called Depo-Medrol and made by Pfizer, is approved for injection into muscles and joints. Once a drug is approved, however, doctors may legally prescribe it however they see fit. And doctors have long given Depo-Medrol shots, or the generic equivalent, close to the spinal cord for painful backs, necks and conditions like spinal stenosis. **READ MORE**

In focus: Physician-led efforts to promote value



The Commonwealth Fund
Physicians are proposing new ways of delivering and paying for care that take aim at a key shortcoming of the nation's fee-for-service system: lack of payment for some high-value services. Their condition-specific models encourage adherence to evidence-based guidelines and reductions in avoidable hospitalizations and testing that has little benefit. Finding payer support for these models has proven challenging for some despite evidence of cost savings or improved health outcomes. **READ MORE**

Sutter Health CIO, 2 IT leaders depart



Becker's Hospital Review

Three executives leading IT operations, including the CIO, have left Sacramento, Calif.-based Sutter Health, a health system spokesperson confirmed to Becker's Hospital Review. The health system named Chris Van Pelt its interim CIO. [READ MORE](#)

Job Opening — Physician Assistant



Physician Assistant Needed—Dublin, CA

Posted 7/2018

Webster Orthopedics is seeking a full-time Physician Assistant to work with a very busy hand/upper extremity surgeon. You can anticipate spending 1-2 days per week in surgery as a first assist and 3-4 days in the office seeing patients, including holding your own clinic. Our office and surgical hours are Monday -- Friday, with no weekends or holidays and no overnight call for our PAs. This position is based in our Dublin, CA clinic, but will also see patients in our San Ramon, CA clinic and assist at several surgery centers in the Tri-Valley area.

Job Duties:

The PA is responsible for the evaluation, diagnosis and treatment of surgical and non-surgical orthopedic conditions, assisting in surgery, injections, performing H&Ps and providing health education to patients and families. Must have strong written and verbal communication skills and enjoy working in a fast-paced, multiple office environment. **We welcome new graduates as well as established PAs.**

About our Practice:

Webster Orthopedics has been serving the East Bay since 1939. We are a 15-physician group with offices located in Oakland, Dublin, Castro Valley and San Ramon. We are equipped with in-house MRI, Physical Therapy Centers, EMR, and digital x-ray. Our physicians provide a vast array of services in order to meet the ever changing needs of our patients.

Benefits:

Medical, Dental, Vision, 401k, PTO and paid holidays, no overnight/weekend call.

To Apply:

Please email resume and cover letter to HR@websterorthopedics.com with "Physician Assistant" in the subject line.

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