



Need additional help with QME Evaluations?
Let us take care of it!

- scheduling appointments • obtaining records
- expert Med-Legal billing • quality assurance for claims

MEDICAL LEGAL EXPERTS
800-411-1006 ext. 707
medicallegalexperts.com

November 9, 2018




COA Report

California Orthopaedic Association

Home | About | Members | Annual Meeting | Education | Advocacy | [Subscribe](#) | [Archive](#) | [Advertise](#)

Ortho News This Week

The orthopedic surgeon in charge of the culture at Tesla's medical clinics: Meet Dr. Basil Besh



Besh

Becker's Spine Review

During its quarterly earnings call, Tesla CEO Elon Musk said the company had hired an orthopedic surgeon to oversee its medical clinics. It has been revealed that Basil Besh, MD, chair of the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons Board of Councilors, is that surgeon, according to TeslaRati. Dr. Besh is a hand, wrist and elbow surgeon with more than 15 years of experience treating patients. He has also served as president of the California Orthopaedic Association and on the board of directors for the Western Orthopaedic Association. [READ MORE](#)



DEVELOPED FOR ORTHOPAEDICS BY ORTHOPAEDISTS

Electronic Health Records
Practice Management
Surgical Coding

exscribe
Orthopaedic Healthcare Solutions

[SEE MORE](#)

Site-neutral payments finalized despite hospitals' objections



Health Leaders Media

Despite objections from powerful hospital groups and lawmakers, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services on Friday finalized a site-neutral payment policy for outpatient clinic visits. The change, which came in the 2019 Outpatient Prospective Payment System (OPPS) final rule, calls for hospital outpatient departments to be paid at a rate equivalent to the Physician Fee Schedule (PFS) for clinic visits. That's 40% less than their current reimbursement. [READ MORE](#)

Answers to 5 common coding questions



AAOS

Question: Our orthopaedic surgeon recently performed a single-level anterior cervical discectomy and fusion and reported Current Procedural Terminology (CPT) codes 22853 and 22845 for the intervertebral biomechanical device and anterior instrumentation. When I look up the device name, it includes the description "low profile," and I don't see documentation for, or the name of, a separate plate in the operative note. The physician told me the vendor said it is okay to report both codes. Is this correct? [READ MORE](#)

COA Report

Connect with COA



[Recent Issues](#) | [Subscribe](#) | [Unsubscribe](#) | [Advertise](#) | [Web Version](#)

Colby Horton, Vice President of Publishing, 469-420-2601 | [Download media kit](#)
Nicolette Penner, Content Editor, 469-420-2604 | [Contribute news](#)

California Orthopaedic Association

1246 P Street | Sacramento, CA 95814 | 916-454-9884 | [Contact Us](#)

[Learn how](#) to add us to your safe sender list so our emails get to your inbox.

Powered By **MULTIBRIEFS**
7701 Las Colinas Ridge, Ste. 800, Irving, TX 75063