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As 2018 comes to a close, COA would like to wish its members, partners and other industry professionals a safe and happy holiday season. As we reflect on the past year for the industry, we would like to provide the readers of the COA Report a look at the most accessed articles from the year. Our regular publication will resume Friday, Jan. 4.

[Avoid an EHR-related malpractice lawsuit](#)



Medical Economics

From March 2: EHR-related malpractice woes are not a significant threat to practices, but the potential of a lawsuit still exists. A few years ago The Doctor's Company, a Napa, California-based medical malpractice insurance company, analyzed every claim in its database from 2007 to June 2014. Claims related to electronic health records (EHRs) were a factor in approximately 66 claims. [READ MORE](#)

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[Judge finds unreasonable delays, possible underground rules in QME denials](#)



WorkCompCentral

From Feb. 9: A judge in Southern California ruled that the Division of Workers' Compensation appears to have relied on unenforceable underground regulations when it denied applications for reappointment from two qualified medical evaluators and unreasonably delayed hearings when the doctors objected. [READ MORE](#)

[2018 total knee arthroplasty FAQs](#)



AAOS

From Feb. 2: Until recently, total knee arthroplasty (TKA) was included on the Medicare inpatient-only (IPO) list. The removal of TKA from the IPO has raised multiple questions. Because of the significant amount of confusion surrounding this issue, we are providing this list of frequently asked questions as an easily accessible resource. [READ MORE](#)

[6 key insights: American Board of Orthopaedic Surgery to launch new MOC program](#)



Becker's Spine Review

From May 7: The American Board of Orthopaedic Surgery will launch a new Maintenance of Certification option in January 2019, according to AAOS Now. Here are six things to know. [READ MORE](#)

[Loosey goosey](#)



Workers Comp Zone

From Oct. 29: Julius Young writes: "Over the years I've been amazed about the loosey goosey approach many attorneys have towards the QME process. Not sending medical records to the QME at all, sending too many medical records, sending medical records at the last minute, sending undisclosed sub rosa films, sending no cover letter with questions to be addressed, sending massive cover letters,

sending records and documents that were not served on the opposing party... I've seen it all. Disputes about when and what is sent to the QME appear to have been rising. Likewise, there appear to be more disputes about the need for replacement panels." [READ MORE](#)

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



Becker's Spine Review

From Nov. 12: 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](#)

When patients demand unnecessary medical tests



Medscape

From Sept. 14: What are the physician's ethical responsibilities when a patient demands an unnecessary or questionable medical test or procedure? Dr. Wilner's case vignette raises this question in the context of a 21-year-old woman with a 10-day history of intermittent numbness and tingling who feared she had multiple sclerosis. Although Dr Wilner's neurologic examination was within normal limits, both the patient and her mother demanded an MRI scan, which Dr. Wilner believed was unlikely to reveal significant pathology. Nevertheless, in the face of the "extremely demanding" patient and mother, the MRI was ordered — and, as anticipated, showed no significant abnormalities. [READ MORE](#)

Orthopaedic Surgeon passes away in a plane crash in San Diego



COA

From Feb. 23: An San Diego orthopedic surgeon, who served as a qualified medical evaluator, died when his private airplane crashed shortly after takeoff, according to news reports. Dr. John Seroki, 61, was embarking on a solitary flight to Yuma, Arizona, at 6:30 a.m. when his single-engine Cirrus SR22T crashed into a construction site in San Diego's Kearny Mesa neighborhood. [READ MORE](#)

Medical Board of California sees rise in complaints, disciplinary action



Medical Board of California

From Jan. 19: The Medical Board of California received more complaints and took more disciplinary action against physicians and surgeons in California during the last fiscal year than the two previous years. The Board also issued more licenses to physicians and surgeons during the same timeframe than it has in the past. [READ MORE](#)

How to bill for missed appointments



AAPC

From Aug. 10: A practice manager recently asked me about patients who miss appointments and how she should address this growing problem. As AAPC members know, when scheduled patients fail to show up for their visits, they cause an interruption in the scheduling process, which creates inefficiency in the office. And more simply, a patient who misses an appointment fails to get necessary medical care. According to an NIH study published in 2004, between four and twelve percent of appointments are missed each year. For mental health professionals, this percentage increases to as much as 50 percent. Is this a significant problem? Undoubtedly it is. [READ MORE](#)

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