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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT – EXECUTING THE ‘PLAN’

Robert A. Probe, MD

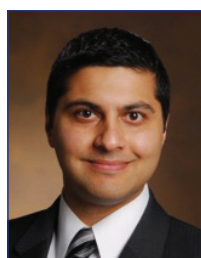
Members,

While the Mission of the OTA to provide “excellence in care for the injured patient” has not changed in 27 years, the complexity of the organization driving that mission has increased dramatically. The exponential growth in membership, research funding, educational offerings, and advocacy needs have all contributed to the need for organizational evolution.

During his presidential year, **Tim Bray** recognized this need and introduced a four Council Structure in which the 20 active OTA committees are grouped into one of our major areas of focus: Education, Research, Member Services and Governance. Chairing each of these Councils is a member of the Presidential line supported with other members of the Board of Directors. In addition to creating a cleaner organizational chart, the most tangible benefit of the reorganization has been a strengthening of the communication between the Board of Directors and Committees.

Superimposed on these structural refinements was the need to strategically coordinate the diverse set initiatives that have sprouted throughout the organization. The OTA has been so phenomenally successful because of the creativity, energy and bold volunteerism of our membership. While this asset is invaluable, it can become a liability

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MESSAGE FROM THE EDITOR

Hassan R. Mir, MD

It is with great honor that I have inherited the role of being the OTA Newsletter Editor from **Dr. Lisa Cannada**. Lisa has done a tremendous job as Editor of the Newsletter over the past 5 years. In reading through all of the previous editions, starting with the first in 1995, it becomes readily apparent that the success our organization enjoys today is built upon the foundation established by strong leadership and foresight on multiple fronts by several mentors in our field, and that the future looks bright for the OTA under the guidance of our current leaders. With regard to the Newsletter, it has changed over time with additional issues and content, but the touches added by each of the previous Editors, **Dr. Jeff Anglen**, **Dr. Craig Roberts**, and **Dr. Cannada**, and the OTA Staff have helped to turn OTA *Fracture Lines* into an award winning publication that is amongst the best medical subspecialty newsletters. I appreciate this opportunity, and will strive to maintain the high standards set by my predecessors and expected by our membership. Please feel free to contact me at any time with comments, suggestions, or requests for information to be included in upcoming editions at Hassan.Mir@Vanderbilt.edu.



ANNUAL MEETING PROGRAM COMMITTEE

James Goulet, MD, Chair

Dear Colleagues:

Please accept our invitation to the 28th Annual Meeting of the Orthopaedic Trauma Association (OTA) to be held in Minneapolis from October 3 – 6, 2012. The meeting will provide the most comprehensive and up-to-date program related to treatment of musculoskeletal injury available anywhere. A diverse spectrum of topics and the opportunity to attend a wide range of sessions including scientific presentations of original research, didactic lectures, small group discussions, and hands-on labs provide learning opportunities that meet the needs of all musculoskeletal health care professionals. Additional programs specifically designed for orthopaedic nurses, orthopaedic physician assistants & nurse practitioners, and for non-fellowship trained orthopaedic surgeons have been added this year.

We truly believe that anyone involved in the field, now including your orthopaedic nurses and physician assistants colleagues, will benefit from this year's OTA Annual Meeting. The preliminary program will be online in early June. Please consider joining us in Minneapolis!

Sincerely,

James A. Goulet

James A. Goulet, MD
Annual Meeting Program Chair



Individuals who donate \$2,500 to the OTA Research Fund will receive complimentary registration to the 2012 Annual Meeting and all pre-meeting courses/events.

Use this link to donate today!

ANNUAL MEETING INFORMATION

- [OTA 2012 Annual Meeting 'At-A-Glance' Schedule](#)
- [Annual Meeting Housing Reservations Open](#)

ANNUAL MEETING PRE-MEETING EVENTS

Basic Science Focus Forum

Wednesday, October 3: 7:25 am – 5:15 pm
and Thursday, October 4: 7:25 am – 11:00 am
Chair: **Theodore Miclau, III, MD**
Non-member Registration: \$250

Industry Symposia

Thursday, October 4: 11:15 am – 12:45 pm
Non-member Registration: N/C
See OTA's corporate sponsors' new products and/or surgical equipment demonstrations. (*Lunch included*).

Orthopaedic Trauma Boot Camp

Wednesday, October 3: 7:00 am – 5:00 pm
and Thursday, October 4: 7:00 am – 12:10 pm
Chair: **Robert F. Ostrum, MD**
Co-Chairs: **Steven J. Morgan, MD**
and **Daniel F. Horwitz, MD**
Non-member Registration: \$250



Target Audience:

This course is intended for the practicing orthopaedic surgeon who take emergency room or trauma call. Current techniques in operative care will be stressed with attention to appropriate soft tissue management and up-to-date implant selection. Case discussions will be used for interactive learning and audience participation.

Objectives:

- 1) Understand current indications for operative and non-operative treatment of fractures and dislocations.
- 2) Comprehend appropriate surgical techniques, approaches, and implant selections for fracture care.
- 3) Recognize the importance of careful soft tissue techniques.
- 4) Analyze critically ill traumatized patients and practice appropriate temporary stabilization procedures and establish protocols for transfer.

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Grant Writing Workshop

Wednesday, October 3: 7:25 am - 5:30 pm

Chair: **Brett D. Crist, MD**

Co-Chair: **Todd McKinley, MD**

Non-member Registration: \$200

Target Audience:

Junior faculty, fellows and interested chief residents who are going into trauma will benefit most by attending.

Objectives:

- 1) Identify the mechanics of writing a successful research grant.
- 2) Understand the grant review process.

International Orthopaedic Trauma Care Forum

Wednesday, October 3: 7:45 am – 5:00 pm

Chair: **William G. DeLong, Jr., MD**

Co-Chairs: **Andrew H. Schmidt, MD**

and **Saqib Rehman, MD**

Non-member Registration: \$50

Masters Level Trauma Coding Course

Wednesday, October 3: 8:00 am – 4:00 pm

Margaret Maley, Senior Consultant,

KarenZupko & Associates, Inc.

Chair: **William R. Creevy, MD, MBA**

Non-member Registration: \$200

Young Practitioners Forum

Thursday, October 4: 8:00 am – 12:50 pm

Chair: **Lisa K. Cannada, MD**

Non-member Registration: \$50

Orthopaedic Trauma for NPs and PAs Course

Thursday, October 4: 1:00 - 5:00 pm

Friday and Saturday, October 5 - 6: 7:00 am – 5:00 pm

Chair: **Michael T. Archdeacon, MD**

Co-Chair: **Daniel J. Coll, MHS, PA-C**

Non-member Registration: \$250

Target Audience:

This course is intended for PAs and NPs who are practicing in orthopaedics inpatient/outpatient or caring for orthopaedic injuries in ER/UC/General Trauma Services.

Objectives:

- 1) Integrate strategies for the care and management of patients with hip fractures.
- 2) Demonstrate and apply surgical skills for hip fracture fixation and stabilization.

- 3) Recognize the associations between automobile accidents and orthopaedic trauma, and identify common orthopaedic injuries in automobile trauma.
- 4) Discuss the soft tissue injuries encountered with tibia fractures, and critique treatment algorithms for tibial fx.
- 5) Compare and contrast fractures and treatment strategies for fractures about the ankle.
- 6) Recognize and review the treatments and complications encountered with amputation surgery.
- 7) Examine preoperative conditions that may compromise outcomes in orthopaedic trauma care.
- 8) Employ and critique surgical skills involved in tibial nailing, lower extremity external fixation application and fixation of pilon fractures.

Orthopaedic Trauma Nursing Course

Chair: **Paul J. Dougherty, MD**

Friday, October 5: 7:30 am – 4:35 pm

This one-day course runs concurrently with the Annual Meeting.

Non-member Registration: \$95

Target Audience:

Operating room nurses, perioperative nurses and surgical technicians.

Objectives:

- 1) Describe the role of teamwork related to successful and consistent patient care.
- 2) Discuss the increasing prevalence of osteoporosis and its influence on present and future patient care.
- 3) Demonstrate the principles of hip fracture surgical care.
- 4) Identify the basic orthopaedic trauma implants including intramedullary nail, plates and screws, external fixation.
- 5) Discuss the key factors involved in surgical site preparation and surgical instrument sterilization.

ATTENTION RUNNERS

The **31st Annual Medtronic Twin Cities Marathon Weekend** kicks off on Friday, October 5. There are events for every level runner, including family events. The marathon is run on Sunday morning. Register today to save a spot. If 26.2 miles are too many, consider running the 10-mile race Sunday morning (limited availability by lottery July 11-20). There is also a 5K run/walk and 10K race Saturday morning. Please email the OTA and let us know if you plan on running!

CALL TO ACTION

OTA 2012 SCIENTIFIC EXHIBIT – MINNEAPOLIS, MN

The OTA Classification and Outcomes Committee will be displaying a Scientific Exhibit at the OTA 2012 Meeting in Minneapolis, MN. This exciting display will be a multimedia presentation documenting how the classification was developed, and will provide an interactive experience with ongoing efforts to assess the reliability and performance of this classification against existing classification systems. Please make a point to stop by the Exhibit during the meeting to learn more about the OTA Open Fracture Classification and to rate open fractures!



FROM THE PRESIDENT, CONTINUED FROM PG. 1

Robert A. Probe, MD

without clearly defined objectives and priorities. During his year as President, **Andy Pollak** oversaw a comprehensive strategic planning process that has provided the organization a map capable of directing our resources and energies to most efficiently advance Orthopaedic Trauma Care.

Over this spring, Committees guided by Committee and Council Chairs have been working to define both short and long-term goals thought to support our areas of strategic focus. The Board of Directors plans to spend the summer studying and prioritizing these proposals and reconciling them against our projected revenues.

The Board is excited by the innovative ideas and programs that are coming from the Councils. We look forward to seeing you all in Minneapolis and sharing our 2013 work plan with you at the Annual Meeting. We expect it to be one that will bring real value in promoting excellence in the care of the injured patient.

RESEARCH COMMITTEE

Todd McKinley, MD, Chair

The OTA Research Committee met on February 8, 2012 and awarded \$59,304 in support of six resident research grants for the June 1, 2012 – May 31, 2013 funding cycle. [Click this link for grant details.](#)

The Research Committee is launching two new initiatives in 2012. An inaugural OTA/ORS Grant Writing Workshop is being offered as a pre-meeting event at the OTA Annual Meeting on Wednesday, October 3, 2012 from 7:30 am to 5:30 pm at the Minneapolis Convention Center. Through lectures and interactive small group discussions, the Workshop will guide junior faculty, Fellows and interested chief residents who are going into trauma in the process of identifying the mechanics of writing a successful research grant and an understanding of the draft review process.

Additionally, on September 15-16, 2012, a “Think Tank” Strategic Initiative Research Retreat will be sponsored by the OTA to identify productive clinical, basic scientific and economic/public health related research directions that will have the greatest effect on patients sustaining orthopaedic injuries. Small group discussions will define current state-of-the-art knowledge and near-term and longer-term future research directions which the OTA Research Committee will implement to determine funding directions in support of orthopaedic research.

Research Grant Application Deadline:

Based on invitation to submit a full proposal, the submission deadline is **July 9, 2012.**

Basic Science grants have been increased to \$50,000 per grant cycle.

Resident Grant Application Deadline:

January 1 – December 31, 2013 Funding Cycle

Deadline: **June 25, 2012**

Resident Grants have been increased to \$20,000.

[Resident grant proposal](#)

DISASTER COMMITTEE

Christopher T. Born, MD, Chair

The AAOS/OTA/SOMOS Disaster Response course (DRC) will be repeated in December in conjunction with the SOMOS annual meeting in Naples, FL and again at the March, 2013 AAOS meeting in Chicago. OTA members are encouraged to consider taking this course, which is mandatory, to be placed into the AAOS/OTA responder database. So far, over 100 surgeons have taken the course which is a full day of didactic lectures on working in the austere disaster environment including cultural and ethical considerations. There is also a half day wet lab that includes a review of basic upper and lower extremity flaps, fasciotomies and vascular injuries. The course allows for 8 hours of CME Category 1 credits.

The Disaster Committee continues to work with the International Committee of the AAOS to further develop the surge responder program. In addition, the Academy legislative offices have made contact with members of congress to press the need for legislative change in the way civilian responders are credentialed to work with government or the military. Also of concern is how AAOS/OTA responders might be covered under a federal umbrella for licensing and liability protection.

A review of the charges for the Disaster Committee is ongoing and recommendations will be forwarded to the OTA Board.

Detailed information regarding training, registration and opportunities are available online. [AAOS/OTA responder database](#)

OTA for suitable names to consider for an additional spot.

Willing volunteers must be Fellows in the ACS (FACS). If you are not currently FACS, yet have an interest in working on the COT in the future, please speak with your local FACS colleagues to begin the process so that you will be eligible for COT membership in the next year or two. COT membership carries with it responsibility to attend at least one of the two yearly meetings of the COT. One is a spring meeting typically mid-March and the other is associated with the annual ACS Clinical Congress meeting typically in October. The meetings seldom conflict with our AAOS and OTA meetings, but are often close on the calendar. Additionally, committee work for the COT is expected of all members, and ranges from Education to Disaster Preparedness to ATLS to VRC.

Over the recent years, the orthopaedic specialty group has made important contributions to the COT on behalf of the OTA and orthopaedic constituencies. The group is now recognized as an important partner of the COT and an extension of the OTA. Although we do not control appointments to the COT, our recommendations typically carry forward successfully. The initial appointment is for three years with an opportunity for a single reappointment for a second three-year term. Please notify Kathleen Caswell if you would like to be nominated to membership to the COT. If you have questions about the opportunity, the OTA office can connect you with the current orthopaedic members who can provide you details of the work and expectations. Contact the OTA at ota@aaos.org if you are interested by **June 4, 2012**.

ACS CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS

Wade Smith, MD, ACS COT Chair

The OTA needs members to become involved with the American College of Surgeons (ACS) Committee on Trauma (COT) orthopaedic specialty section. The COT is responsible for a host of trauma efforts nationally and internationally, from ATLS courses and the National Trauma Data Bank (NTDB) to verification of trauma centers by the Verification Review Committee (VRC) of the COT. We currently have eight orthopaedic representatives on the COT, and the COT Membership Committee is asking the

DISTINGUISHED VISITING SCHOLARS PROGRAM REQUEST FOR VOLUNTEERS

Roman Hayda, MD, Chair

The need for OTA member volunteers to help in the care of the injured soldiers at Landstuhl has not gone away. To volunteer in 2013, please contact ota@aaos.org. As you may remember, we are seeking capable leaders and teachers with at least 5 years of experience post boards to assist the military surgeons in caring for these complex injuries. Volunteers must be OTA members.



EDUCATION COMMITTEE

*William Ricci, MD, Education Chair and
Robert Ostrum, MD, Video Curriculum Director*

CALL FOR SURGICAL TECHNIQUE VIDEOS!

YOUR HELP IS NEEDED...

The OTA, in collaboration with the AAOS, is developing a web-based collection of orthopaedic trauma surgical skills videos which will reside on the AAOS OrthoPortal website (and be available to all at no charge). We are in need of high-quality educational surgical technique videos. If you have a video which you are willing to share, please indicate so via the following link. The video library will include topics currently covered in the [OTA Residency Core Curriculum Lectures](#), with a plan to expand the list (so submission of topics covered in the Residency Core Curriculum is encouraged, but we are not limited to this list).

[Submit Video Titles Here](#)

The Education Committee will follow up with instructions for video uploading. Expansion of online trauma education content is a very high-priority goal for the Education Committee this year. We need your help to achieve this goal!

FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE

Mark Lee, MD, Chair

OTA 2013 Match Timeline

- **May 22:** Deadline for Fellowship Program Match Enrollment Paperwork
- **June 4:** Match Applicant Registration Opens
- **August 28:** Target Deadline (those interested in pre-interviews and information sessions at the October OTA Annual Meeting encouraged to apply by this date)
- **October 29:** Application Deadline
- **December 3 – March 1:** Interview Period
- **March 5:** Rank Lists Dues
- **March 12:** Match Results Posted

Reminder of Fellowship Resources

- **Match Timeline and Deadlines**
 - **Registration** (register via the SF Match Website beginning June 4)
 - **Ortho Trauma Fellowship Programs at-a-Glance**
 - **Orthopaedic Trauma Fellowship Directory** (Resources for Fellows)
 - **Orthopaedic Trauma Match: Tips for Applicants**
 - **Finding Your First Orthopaedic Trauma Job**
 - **Preparing for Part II of the Boards** (Match Policies and Guidelines)
 - **Trauma Match Regulations** (OTA Fellowship Match Compliance Guidelines: Fellowship Program Requirements, Codes of Conduct)
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OTA FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM ACCREDITATION

Robert Probe, MD, OTA President

The OTA Fellowship Committee was charged by the OTA Board of Directors to develop criteria defining high quality educational standards and practices for orthopaedic trauma fellowship programs. The Fellowship Committee, with valuable input from many OTA Fellowship Program Directors, has developed a strong OTA Fellowship Accreditation Program which has been unanimously endorsed by the OTA Board of Directors.

[Approved OTA Fellowship Accreditation](#)

Participation in the orthopaedic trauma match, beginning with the 2014 match (for training beginning 2015), will require EITHER:

- OTA Fellowship Accreditation OR
- ACGME Accreditation.
(please see left column for detailed timeline)

I personally extend a sincere thank you to the Fellowship Committee for their dedication, time and expertise in completion of this complex initiative, as well as the many Program Directors who took time to review and provide input. Fellowship training strongly impacts each of us and our profession, and most importantly patient care. I believe we are taking an important step that will increase the future quality of orthopaedic trauma healthcare.

Implementation Timeline

- **May 2012:** Fellowship Programs notified of new accreditation process/match requirements

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- **March/April 2013:** Deadline to meet fellowship accreditation eligibility requirements (*note: April 2013 is program registration for the spring 2014 match, for fellowship training beginning 2015*) Programs not meeting accreditation requirements may register for the match, as there will be a one-year grace / probation period.
 - **March/April 2014:** All programs must achieve OTA or ACGME accreditation in order to register at this time (for the spring 2015 match, for fellowship training beginning 2016).
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HEALTH POLICY COMMITTEE

Michael Suk, MD, Chair

New Resource Available to AAOS Members:

[Private Carrier Coverage Chart](#) (AAOS member sign-in required) Orthopaedic Medical Coverage Determination Policies: Private carriers in the United States frequently issue medical policies related to various treatments and procedures that are intended to guide their respective plans on coverage decisions. The AAOS has compiled a summary of musculoskeletal medical policies issued by major national carriers (eg, Cigna, Aetna, United Health Care). We hope that orthopaedic surgeons find the materials a useful tool in determining what coverage policies the carriers they are contracted with have. This can help practices determine when they will need to obtain prior authorization as well as help present patients with Advanced Beneficiary Notices (ABNs).

- [BOS Washington Update: Affordable Care Act, MDUFA, and More](#)
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SOCIAL MEDIA SUBCOMMITTEE

Lisa Taitzman, MD, Chair

Are you using #SocialMedia effectively? The Social Media Subcommittee would like to hear from you. Please email Lisa Taitzman (taitzman@u.washington.edu) and let her know how you're incorporating social media into your practice.

WEBSITE SUBCOMMITTEE

Lisa Cannada, MD, Chair

A new and updated website is coming soon. The subcommittee has had a conference call and submitted ideas after reviewing every subspecialty society and other web sites to provide a new, updated user friendly website by the end of the year. If you have any ideas, please feel free to contact Lisa Cannada, LCannada@slu.edu.

SPRING COMPREHENSIVE FRACTURE COURSE FOR RESIDENTS 2.0 RECEIVED POSITIVE REVIEWS BY ATTENDEES

Matt L. Graves MD, Chair



In its continuing support of resident education, the OTA Education Committee offered the 2012 OTA Comprehensive Fracture Course for Residents 2.0 on April 26 - 28 at the Westin Lombard Yorktown Center in Lombard, IL. In the second year of the new course format, 117 residents attended, thanks to generous industry support providing scholarships for housing and registration fees. The new modular design maximized small group interactive sessions and multimodal learning experiences. Improvements were made in standardizing course content, creating clearly defined and easily assessed medical knowledge objectives, and formalizing the pre-course and post-course assessments. Emphasis was given to the application of basic principles learned in the pre-course streaming video modules. Early resident and faculty evaluations were positive and supportive for continuing the new format.

YOUNG INVESTIGATORS URGED TO APPLY FOR USBJI GRANT MENTORING PROGRAM

The United States Bone and Joint Initiative (USBJI) and Bone and Joint Decade Canada are dedicated to increasing research of musculoskeletal diseases. The USBJI has developed a grant mentoring program to provide early-career investigators an opportunity to work with experienced researchers in our field to assist them in securing funding and other survival skills required for pursuing an academic career.

This program is open to promising junior faculty, senior fellows or post-doctoral researchers nominated by their department or division chairs. It is also open to senior fellows or residents that are doing research and have a faculty appointment in place or confirmed. Basic and clinical investigators, without or with training awards (including K awards) are invited to apply. Investigators selected to take part in the program attend two workshops, 12-18 months apart, and work with faculty between workshops to develop their grant applications. **The next workshop is scheduled to take place November 2-4, 2012 in Chicago, IL.** The unique aspect of this program is the opportunity for attendees to maintain a relationship with a mentor until their application is funded.

Deadline to apply for the Fall 2012 Workshop is July 15, 2012. To apply for this program, please go to their website: [USBJI application](#).

Deadline to apply for the following Spring 2013 Workshop is January 15, 2013.

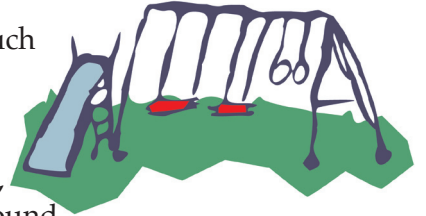
INSTITUTE FOR GLOBAL ORTHOPAEDICS AND TRAUMATOLOGY (IGOT)

IGOT received exciting publicity when it was profiled in a 6-minute segment in a [recent PBS Newshour](#). This feature highlights the importance of the work IGOT does, and illustrates the impact of our supporters' dollars and hard work in action. We are committed to ensuring that this support continues to generate the kind of impact that our partners and faculty demonstrated so eloquently in this segment.

PLAYGROUND BUILD

Hassan R. Mir, MD, Chair

Thank you so much for generously volunteering your time in support of the 2012 AAOS Safe, and Accessible Playground in San Francisco! This build would not have been as successful without you!



Commemorate the day by watching the [2012 highlights reel from Build Day!](#) This film was shown to Academy leadership and members at the Annual Meeting's Opening Ceremony on Wednesday, February 8 and shared with each of the 2012 build sponsors.

AAOS AND ABOS HELP YOU MANAGE YOUR MOC

Does MOC apply to you? Chances are, yes.

If you have a time-limited certificate, no matter when it expires, you should be somewhere in the 10-year Maintenance of Certification (MOC) cycle—and you should be registered as a participant in MOC. Even if you have a lifetime certificate, you should be registered as a participant in MOC—whether you plan to take the oral or written exam someday or not.

Here's why: Beginning in August 2012, the American Board of Medical Specialties (ABMS) and the American Board of Orthopaedic Surgery (ABOS) will post the names of physicians who have registered to participate in MOC. This information will be available to the public, hospital administrators, and state officials. If MOC participation is required as a condition of licensure or credentialing, your name should be on that list.

Registering is free and easy. Visit the ABOS website (www.abos.org) and click on the "How to Sign up for MOC" icon at the top of the screen. Follow the prompts to register as an MOC participant.

Making sense of MOC

Still have questions about your MOC status? Confused about where you are in your 10-year certification cycle? Wondering what all the talk about

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AAOS AND ABOS HELP YOU MANAGE YOUR MOC, CONTINUED FROM PG. 8

Maintenance of Certification (MOC) really means for you? Preparing for your recertification exam? Unsure of your certificate's expiration date? Call the ABOS at 919-929-7103 or visit www.abos.org to learn what you need to do to comply with the deadlines and requirements of your MOC schedule.

CME, Self-assessment, and Exam Preparation

If you need more CME or additional credits from a Scored and Recorded Self-Assessment activity—or if you are looking for study aids for the recertification exam—be sure to visit the AAOS online store at www.aaos.org/store. Select from a variety of AAOS CME and study programs, including 11 Scored and Recorded Self-Assessment examinations, *Orthopaedic Knowledge Update 10*, Comprehensive Orthopaedic Review with Study Questions, and a variety of electronic media learning programs.

Look for the Learning Portfolio

The AAOS and ABOS are developing a new online service to help you manage your CME requirements over the 10-year MOC cycle. The free program—the Learning Portfolio with MOC Manager—will stage your 10-year certification cycle and track your earned CME credits, provide an opportunity for you to claim CME activities you have completed, and offer recommendations for additional educational and test-prep opportunities based on your preferences. Watch for a rollout later this spring.

[Edited and repurposed from the AAOS Annual Meeting News, published 2/7/12.]

AAOS RESEARCH CAPITOL HILL DAYS

Lisa K. Cannada, MD

The OTA sponsored two patients and Lisa Cannada to attend Research Capitol Hill Days, March 14-15, 2012. The two patients were Casey Church, United States Army Staff Sergeant and Charles “Skip” Shank.

Casey was involved in a resupply mission in Afghanistan on September 2, 2009 when his helicopter was struck by a rocket propelled grenade (RPG). The accident caused significant injury from his left

hip to thigh. He had surgeries in Afghanistan, then Landstuhl and was transferred to Walter Reed. He was discharged from Walter Reed in May 2010 after several surgeries. He hails from Alton, IL and returned to the St. Louis area for further treatment. He had extensive, debilitating HO formation, which was removed by Dr. Cannada in Sept 2010. The HO was removed and has not returned. His goal is to return to living a normal life and get back to work.

Mr. Shank was riding his motorcycle on October 1, 2011 when he was cut off by a car. He sustained injuries to his pelvis, hand and a mangled right lower extremity. He underwent a right below knee amputation on October 10, 2011. “Skip” has returned to driving, working and is undergoing PT to get used to his new “leg”/prosthesis. He is a model patient in returning to a functional lifestyle after trauma.

The OTA team started with breakfast with Senator Richard Durbin (IL), Majority Whip leader. The team then spent the day going between the Senate and House buildings to have 9 meetings with Congressional and Senate Reps from Illinois and Missouri. Since more than 1 in 4 Americans has a musculoskeletal condition requiring medical attention, the message was clear: Continued and additional support of musculoskeletal research funding to address research priorities and to advance the science of orthopaedics and reduce the economic and societal loss of function and mobility is needed.



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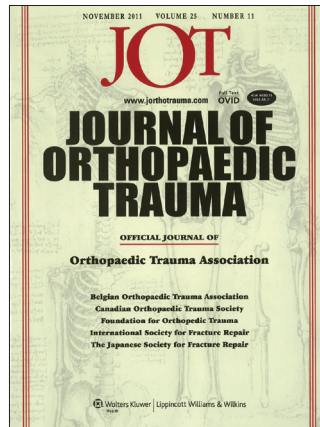
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As the leading orthopaedic trauma journal worldwide, JOT is devoted exclusively to the diagnosis and management of hard and soft tissue trauma, including injuries to bone, muscle, ligament, and tendons, as well as spinal cord injuries. The journal provides the most current information on diagnostic techniques, new and improved surgical instruments and procedures, surgical implants and prosthetic devices, bioplastics and biometals; and physical therapy and rehabilitation-information that influences how you and your colleagues practice every day, improving quality of care and outcomes for patients globally.

Additional Information

Visit jorthotrauma.com for more information about JOT, your source for the diagnosis and management of hard and soft tissue trauma.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The OTA is conducting a [Salary and Workforce Survey](#). The last one completed by the OTA was 2006. If you have not completed it, please do so at the above link.
It's your chance to contribute useful data. Results will be available on the Members Only page this fall.
- Interested in developing your leadership skills? [Apply today for the AAOS Leadership Fellows Program!](#) Application Deadline: **June 15**
- [OTA 2011 Annual Report](#) is now on-line.
- **OTA Membership Application Deadline: November 1**
Please encourage your colleagues to join!
 - [Benefits of Membership](#)
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- **Webinar: AAOS/OTA Femoral Neck Fractures June 19**
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[Webinar Program and Registration Schedule](#)
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