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OTA Coding and Classification Committee newsletter update 8/29/06 by J.L. Marsh, MD (Committee Chair)

In **coding**, the five of the eight OTA codes submitted to the AMA's Relative-Value Update Committee's (RUC) meeting one year ago in Chicago have now completed their review through CMS. The RUC recommended that four codes (20680 – removal of implant deep, 24430 – repair of nonunion/malunion humerus without graft, 27465 – femoral shortening, 27709 – osteotomy tibia and fibula) have RVU increases ranging from 10-75%. Based on the survey data, another code (27470 – repair nonunion/malunion femur without graft) was recommended for no change. CMS has accepted these RUC recommendations. Three of the codes (20692 – application of multiplane fixator, 27472 – nonunion/malunion femur with graft, 27720 – repair of nonunion tibia without graft) were deferred for CPT review. Ongoing work, which the committee plans to complete in the late fall, involves suggesting further trauma codes for CPT revisions or additions. A preliminary list has been compiled.



Cary C Schwartzbach, MD, a community member from Springfield, Virginia, helped with the photo shoot for upcoming PSA ad co-sponsored by the AAOS and OTA.

In **fracture classification**, the committee has agreed to a unified alpha numeric code proposed by the AO CTF committee which will eliminate the differences between the two group's codes that have existed since 1996 and move closer to a single universal fracture classification. This unified code will form the basis of the planned republication of the OTA classification. Twenty OTA members have reviewed the 1996 classification and submitted suggestions to improve it. The committee will collate these and, at a full day meeting prior to the annual meeting, decide which changes will be made. An introductory chapter reviewing fracture classification over the last ten years has been written. Publication is anticipated early in 2007. Through this publication we hope to reinvigorate interest in the language we use to communicate and record information about fractures and dislocations.

The OTA fracture **database** is offered as a member benefit. Check with Sharon Moore for a password smoore@aaos.org or ota@aaos.org and then log onto the website to look at this user friendly tool to help members with clinical research projects, research databases, multi-institutional collaborations and provide access to past fracture cases for educational purposes. A demonstration will be given at the annual meeting at 1:00 pm on Friday afternoon in the Camelback Mountain Room of the Arizona Biltmore Hotel. If you have focused questions about the database or if you are just curious about how it might be of benefit to you, please plan to attend.

Finally, the OTA Board has accepted a proposal by the Committee to **split the current committee** into two committees: one on *Classification and Outcomes* covering issues such as fracture classification, OTA database and outcomes and one on *Practice management* covering coding and other issues related to the finance and management of orthopedic trauma practice. It will also allow new members to be involved with both of these committees. Changes in the By-Laws are necessary and will be considered at the Members Business Meeting on Thursday, October 5 following the general session of the OTA Annual Meeting.



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Bylaws and Hearings Committee Meeting— Conference Call of July 27, 2006

Minutes:

Present: Lawrence X Webb, MD
George Russell, MD (stuck on an airplane but joined later)
Carlo Bellabarba, MD

1. No previous minutes to review.
2. Bylaws changes sent from the Board:
Break up of the “Coding and Classification Committee” into the “Classification, Database and Outcomes Committee” and the “Practice Management Committee” Proposed specific alterations of the Bylaws were written and approved by us and forwarded to the Board (see below).
3. Discipline Hearings: none thus far in 2006.
4. Annual Review of OTA Website.
Reviewed by our committee and found to be excellent.
5. Committee members felt that the current level of services provided by our committee was appropriate and had no suggestions as to how to expand the services beyond that currently provided.

Proposed Bylaws Changes (Rewritten Article X, sent to the Board for their approval for adoption):

ARTICLE X Appointed Committees

Section I. Classification and Organization

The Board of Directors may appoint one or more committees, each consisting of two or more members to serve at the pleasure of the Board of Directors.

The appointed committees of the Corporation shall be as follows: Annual Meeting Arrangements Committee; Archives Committee; Bylaws and Hearings Committee; **Classification Database and Outcomes Committee; Practice Management Committee**; Education Committee; Evaluation Committee; Fellowship and Career Choices Committee; Finance and Audit Committee; Fundraising Committee; Health Policy and Planning Committee; Past President Liai-

son Committee; Program Committee and Research Committee; Public Relations and Branding Committee; Strategic Planning and Board Development Committee. Each appointed committee will have a chairperson appointed by the Board of Directors. A majority of the members of an appointed committee shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business by that committee.

Section V. Classification, Database, and Outcomes Committee

The President, with approval from the Board of Directors, shall appoint six (6) members of the Corporation to the Classification, Database and Outcomes Committee for one three (3) year term each. The Committee members may serve one (1) successive three (3) year term. The Chairperson of this Committee will serve for three (3) years. The President, with approval of the Board of Directors will provide for changes to this Committee.

Section VI. Practice Management Committee

The President, with approval from the Board of Directors, shall appoint six (6) members of the Corporation to the Practice Management Committee for one three (3) year term each. Committee members may serve (1) successive three (3) year term. The Chairperson of this Committee will serve for three (3) years. The President, with approval of the Board of Directors will provide for changes to this Committee.

Section XVI. Strategic Planning and Board Development Committee.

The membership of the committee shall consist of the five 5 members of the presidential line: Second president elect, first president elect, president, immediate past president, and second past president. The President can appoint ad hoc members to the committee with approval of the Board of Directors for up to a three year term. The second past president shall be the Chair of the committee. The Board of Directors will provide the charges for this committee.

Respectfully submitted,

Lawrence X Webb, MD
Committee Chair

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TECHNICAL EXHIBITS & SCIENTIFIC POSTERS

Frank Lloyd Wright Ballroom and Foyer

Open: Thursday	2:00 pm - 5:00 pm
Friday	9:30 am - 4:00 pm
Saturday	9:30 am - 3:30 pm

Don't miss the opportunity to view
and discuss what's new in technology.

**NOTE: Cameras (including digital and video cameras)
may NOT be used in any portion of the meeting.**

SCHEDULE AT A GLANCE

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2006

Conference Center

<i>Rimrock Room</i>	6:30 am Daily	Speaker Ready Room (<i>Wednesday-Saturday</i>)
<i>Casa Grande Foyer</i>	7:00 am	BSFF Registration/ Information
<i>Casa Grande Room</i>	7:25 am	Basic Science Focus Forum
<i>Cameron Foyer</i>	7:00 am	Mass Casualty Registration/ Information
<i>Cameron Room</i>	7:30 am	Mass Casualty Management Course
<i>Grand Canyon Foyer</i>	7:30 am	Coding Course Registration/ Information
<i>Grand Canyon Room</i>	8:00 am	Masters Level Trauma Coding Course
<i>Grand Ballroom</i>	7:00 am Daily	Residents Course (<i>Wednesday-Saturday</i>)

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2006

Conference Center

<i>Casa Grande Room</i>	7:45 am	Basic Science Focus Forum continues
<i>Frank Lloyd Wright Ballroom</i>		
<i>Foyer</i>	6:30 am	Annual Meeting Registration/ Information
<i>McArthur Ballroom</i>	1:00 pm	ANNUAL MEETING BEGINS - Welcome
<i>McArthur Ballroom</i>	1:05 pm	POLYTRAUMA SYMPOSIUM
<i>Frank Lloyd Wright Ballroom Foyer</i>		
	2:00 pm	Technical Exhibits & Scientific Posters OPEN
<i>McArthur Ballroom</i>	2:15 pm	SESSION I – POLYTRAUMA
<i>Frank Lloyd Wright Ballroom & Foyer</i>		
	2:57 pm	Break, Technical Exhibits & Scientific Posters
<i>McArthur Ballroom</i>	3:30 pm	SESSIONS II & III – FEMUR & RECONSTRUCTION
<i>McArthur Ballroom</i>		
	4:26 pm	Award Presentations
	5:30 pm	Adjourn
<i>McArthur Ballroom</i>	5:30 pm	OTA Members' Business Meeting
<i>Squaw Peak Terrace</i>	6:30 pm	OTA Welcome Reception

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2006

Frank Lloyd Wright Ballroom

<i>Foyer</i>	6:30 am	Registration/ Information
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<i>Frank Lloyd Wright Foyer</i>	6:30 am	Scientific Posters
<i>Conference Center</i>		
<i>Canyon Room</i>	6:45 am	CASE PRESENTATIONS:
<i>Cameron Room</i>		• Upper Extremity Fractures I
<i>Grand Room</i>		• New Alternatives to Bone Grafting
<i>Sedona Room</i>		• Avoiding Complications-IM Nailing
		• Pelvis and Acetabulum Fractures
<i>McArthur Ballroom</i>	8:00 am	IRAQ-COMBAT CARE SYMPOSIUM

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2006, *continued*

McArthur Ballroom	9:15 am	Presidential Guest Speaker:
Frank Lloyd Wright Ballroom & Foyer	9:45 am	Break, Technical Exhibits & Scientific Posters
McArthur Ballroom	10:15 am	SESSIONS IV, V & VI – FOOT & ANKLE and PEDIATRICS & SPINE
Frank Lloyd Wright Ballroom & Foyer	12:16 pm	Lunch, Technical Exhibits and Posters
McArthur Ballroom	1:15 pm	DISTAL RADIUS FXs SYMPOSIUM
Conference Center Aztec Room Gold Room	1:15 pm	SKILLS LABS: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Locked Plating-Proximal Humerus Fxs• Locked Plates for Diaphyseal Fxs
Canyon Room Grand Room Sedona Room Cameron Room	1:15 pm	MINI-SYMPOSIA: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Update in Navigation• Tibial Non-Unions• Research Grant Writing• Fracture Dislocations of the Talus
Frank Lloyd Wright Ballroom & Foyer	2:30 pm	Break, Technical Exhibits & Scientific Posters
McArthur Ballroom	3:00 pm	SESSIONS VII & VIII – PELVIS and BASIC SCIENCE
	5:25 pm	Adjourn
Sedona Room	6:00 - 7:00 pm	OTA International Reception
	6:00 - 7:00 pm	OTA Military Reception (<i>By invitation only</i>)

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2006

Frank Lloyd Wright Ballroom Foyer	6:30 am	Registration/ Information
Frank Lloyd Wright Foyer	6:30 am	Scientific Posters
Conference Center Canyon Room Sedona Room Cameron Room Grand Room	6:45 am	CASE PRESENTATIONS: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Upper Extremity Fractures II• Management of Diaphyseal Non-Unions• Foot and Ankle Fractures• Katrina - We (OTA) Were There
McArthur Ballroom	8:00 am	SHOULDER SYMPOSIUM
McArthur Ballroom	9:05 am	Guest Speaker: <i>Richard F. Kyle, MD, AAOS President</i>
McArthur Ballroom	9:15 am	SESSIONS IX & X – GERIATRICS and INJURY PREVENTION
Frank Lloyd Wright Ballroom & Foyer	10:15 am	Break, Technical Exhibits & Scientific Posters
McArthur Ballroom	10:45 am	SESSION XI – TIBIA
McArthur Ballroom	11:33 am	President's Message: <i>Michael J. Bosse, MD</i>
McArthur Ballroom	12:00 pm	Border Lecture: <i>Marvin Tile, MD</i>

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2006, *continued*

<i>Frank Lloyd Wright Ballroom & Foyer</i>	12:30 pm	Lunch, Technical Exhibits and Posters
<i>McArthur Ballroom</i>	1:15 pm	FOOT & ANKLE SYMPOSIUM
<i>Conference Center</i>	1:15 pm	SKILLS LABS:
<i>Casa Grande Room</i>		• Distal Humeral Fixation
<i>Flagstaff Room</i>		• Hip Fractures in the Elderly
<i>Mesa Room</i>		• Tibial Plateau Fractures
	1:15 pm	MINI-SYMPOSIA:
<i>Grand Room</i>		• Evidence-Based Medicine
<i>Canyon Room</i>		• Changing Management-Open Fxs
<i>Sedona Room</i>		• Medical Legal Issues
<i>Frank Lloyd Wright Ballroom & Foyer</i>	2:30 pm	Break – LAST OPPORTUNITY TO VISIT Technical Exhibits & Scientific Posters
<i>McArthur Ballroom</i>	3:00 pm	SESSION XII – UPPER EXTREMITY
<i>Frank Lloyd Wright Ballroom & Foyer</i>	3:30 pm	Posters & Technical Exhibits Close
	4:24 pm	Adjourn – <i>See you in Boston, Massachusetts, October 18 - 20, 2007</i>

BOARD OF DIRECTORS/COMMITTEES SCHEDULE AT A GLANCE

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2006

<i>Conference Center</i>		
<i>Grand Room</i>	11:00 am	Education Committee Meeting
<i>Mesa Room</i>	12:00 Noon	Fellowship Fair
<i>McArthur Ballroom</i>	5:30 pm	OTA Members' Business Meeting

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2006

<i>Conference Center</i>		
<i>Prescott Room</i>	6:30 am	Women in Orthopaedic Trauma Breakfast
<i>Papago Room</i>	7:15 am	OTA Public Relations Meeting
<i>McArthur Rotunda</i>	11:00 am - 5:00 pm	Career Fair
<i>Conference Center</i>		
<i>Prescott Room</i>	12:15-1:15 pm	Young Trauma Practitioners Lunch
<i>Camelback Mountain Rm.</i>	1:00 pm	Database Users Meeting
<i>Conference Center</i>		
<i>Sedona Room</i>	6:00-7:00 pm	International Attendee Reception

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2006

<i>Conference Center</i>		
<i>Kaibab Room</i>	6:30 am	Fellowship Committee Breakfast Mtg.
<i>Papago Room</i>	12:30 pm	2007 RATTIC Planning Mtg./Lunch
<i>Cameron Room</i>	3:30 pm	Exhibitors/OTA Vendor Policy Mtg.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2006

<i>Terrace Suite</i>	7:00 am-5:00 pm	OTA/AO Fracture Classification Update
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J-1 Visa Waiver Survey Results

1. Are they coming to a hospital near you to provide orthopaedic trauma call coverage?

1. Are you aware of the federal J-1 visa waiver program which places physicians in underserved areas of the USA?			
		Response Percent	Response Total
Yes		44.9%	22
No		55.1%	27
Total Respondents			49
(skipped this question)			0

2. Has your state requested/utilized its annual limit (30 per state) of J-1 visa waivers?			
		Response Percent	Response Total
Yes		2%	1
No		4.1%	2
Don't know		93.9%	46
Total Respondents			49
(skipped this question)			0

3. Are J-1 visa waivers being used in your state to place physicians at hospitals to provide coverage for orthopaedic trauma call?			
		Response Percent	Response Total
Yes		4.9%	2
No		95.1%	47
Total Respondents			49
(skipped this question)			0

4. Are you aware of J-1 visa waivers being used in any state to place physicians to provide orthopaedic trauma call coverage?			
		Response Percent	Response Total
Yes		10.4%	5
No		89.6%	43
Total Respondents			48
(skipped this question)			1

5. Do you support the use of J-1 visa waivers to place physicians to provide coverage for orthopaedic trauma call?			
		Response Percent	Response Total
Yes		36.2%	17
No		63.8%	30
Total Respondents			47
(skipped this question)			2

6. Do you support dropping the language proficiency component of ECFMG examination?			
		Response Percent	Response Total
Yes		4.2%	2
No		95.8%	46
Total Respondents			48
(skipped this question)			1

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Announcements

1. The bylaws as proposed by Dr Webb's bylaws committee were approved by the OTA board of directors and will be voted upon by the membership at the Business Meeting Oct 5 - 5:30 pm at the Arizona Biltmore McArthur Ballroom. The members will also be voting on officers who begin their term in February 2007.
2. If you would like to serve on a committee for the OTA, please email your areas of interest to www.ota@aaos.org. Please list your top three choices in order of preference.
3. Michael J. Bosse, MD, OTA President, Jeffrey O. Anglen, MD, OTA President-Elect, and the OTA board of directors cordially invite all OTA members and their guests to attend the annual OTA dinner/reception February 17th, 2007 beginning at 6:30 pm to be held aboard the Midway Ship that includes the San Diego Aircraft Carrier Museum.
4. Pre-Registration for the OTA 2007 Specialty day is available until January 4, 2007 on the AAOS website page 29 of the Specialty Day program from <http://www.aaos.org/education/anmeet/anmeet.asp>

The Registration Form is available to AAOS members starting on October 4 and on October 11 for non-AAOS members.

If you miss advance registration and attend Specialty Day Only...the on-site registration will be on Friday February 16, 7:30 am – 4:30 pm and Saturday 7:30 am – 4:30 pm.

Midway Magic is real. No other carrier served our country for 47 years, spanning victory in WWII, Korea, the Cold War, Vietnam, the era of detente and Desert Storm. More than 200,000 Americans shared in the odyssey, setting new standards of naval air operations that remain to this day. As one of San Diego's newest event venues, the Midway will provide a magical experience for our guests, capturing the beauty of the San Diego Bay and paying tribute to our city's rich naval heritage.

