



**ORTHOPAEDIC
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2024 - 2025 Incoming Fellowship Class

Dr. Weaver and I would like to take the opportunity to personally welcome each of you to your fellowship training and into the broader trauma community. You are about to embark on an exhilarating year. No doubt there will be high points, and also some challenges along the way, but we have found orthopaedic traumatology to be a fantastic and personally rewarding career choice. We are also excited to welcome you to the OTA. As an organization we are committed to raising the bar of fellow education, providing tools and information to help you in your future practice, and to create a forum to share your academic work. Please do not hesitate to reach out to OTA during your fellowship with any questions or concerns.

We want to share some exciting news in regards to the **2024 Annual Meeting** to be held in Montreal, Canada from October 23 – 26, 2024. The **cost of registration for the incoming fellows to attend the Annual Meeting is complimentary**. To be clear, this is only for the Annual Meeting registration fee; it does not include any pre-meeting courses, hotel, or flight expenses. On Thursday, October 24, there will be a luncheon specifically geared to the incoming fellows, formal invites will be forthcoming. We encourage you to attend, it is a chance to meet seasoned OTA faculty and address topics that are relevant during your fellowship year.

Instructions for using the discount code **COMPFELO**

- Registration [Link](#)
- Follow the step-by-step instructions to complete the registration process.
- Please note, the comp code will **only** work for Annual Meeting registration, it does not include the gold package (recorded content) or any pre-meeting events.
- When you get to 'Review / Check Out page, that is where you will enter the comp code.
- You may be asked to provide a confirmation letter stating that you are in fact a current fellow. The PDF version of the correspondence is attached and you can upload the letter confirming fellowship status.
- If you have already registered and paid for the Annual Meeting, please email connell@ota.org and a reimbursement can be issued.

Case Logs – **Access starts on August 1, 2024**

All fellows are required to keep a log of their cases during their fellowship year. You must keep a case log for your program to maintain OTA fellowship accreditation status. Accurate case reporting is critical to our ability to evaluate fellowship case volumes and case types across the country. We use this information in conjunction with forthcoming survey questions to better understand the range of fellowship experiences and to inform future fellows about programs.

When you are logging your cases enter the codes as if you were billing the case. This is a good opportunity for you to better understand how to code for your own cases when you start practice. If you have questions about which codes are appropriate check in with your faculty.

Please communicate with OTA if you are having any problems entering your cases. Additionally, we urge you to communicate any CPT codes that are missing from the OTA database.

You will need to log in to the Case Log System through the [OTA Website](#) (click on the My Account Login button on the top right side), if you have any problems with your log in, contact connell@ota.org or ota@ota.org. Once you have logged into your profile, you will see a menu of options, select case logs. From

there, another menu will appear and then you should select case log reporting. All this information is also found on the [Current Fellows](#) page of the [OTA Website](#).

Important Reminders:

- Please update the case log regularly. We recommend at least weekly.
- Do not enter patient identifying data such as name or complete medical record number
- ONLY record the cases where you are the **primary surgeon or first assistant**

If you are a fellow in an ACGME accredited program, you must use the ACGME case log system. Reporting must be completed by the end of the academic year, with case log submissions due to OTA by July 31st, 2023.

Educational Opportunities:

- **2024 Annual Meeting** – We hope to see you in Montreal, Quebec at the 40th OTA Annual Meeting.
- **OTA Spring Fellows Course**, in Boston, MA led by Course Chair, Dr. Paul Tornetta III, MD, PhD and Co-Chairs, Drs. Stephen Kottmeier & Daniel Horwitz, April 3 – 6, 2025.
- **OTA Online Trauma Access** through our online education, complimentary to OTA members.
- **Education Wednesdays** is found on the OTA Online page. Fracture night is complimentary and webinars are complimentary for members. Registration is required for all Wednesday education.
- **OTA Podcast** The OTA Podcast is your home for a conversation with leading experts in orthopaedic trauma, listen on Apple or Spotify without subscription.
- Details regarding other upcoming OTA Educational Events can be found on the [OTA Educational tab](#) of the website.

OTA Membership

It is our firm belief that all OTA Trauma Fellows, as future traumatologists, should become OTA members. The next application deadline is November 1, 2024. Please check out the membership information and requirements on our website under [Membership](#). The \$50 application fee will be waived if you apply for membership by November 1, 2024.

OTA wants to stay in touch with you throughout your fellowship process. **Take a moment and verify that this is the best email to reach you during your fellowship year.** If there is an alternate or preferred email you would like us to use, please send that information to Rachel O'Connell at oconnell@ota.org.

Good luck as you enter this next exciting step in your career!

Sincerely,



Emil Schemitsch, MD
OTA President



Michael Weaver, MD
OTA Fellowship Committee Chair

Cc: Program Director and Program Coordinator