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DATE: September 10, 2018
TO: Ohio Orthopaedic Surgeons
FROM: Scott D. Weiner, M.D., President, Ohio Orthopaedic Society
RE: Membership in the Ohio Orthopaedic Society

On behalf of the Executive Committee I would like to invite you to become a member of the Ohio Orthopaedic Society.

We are all aware of the challenges that face orthopaedic practices today not only in Ohio, but throughout the nation. The practice of medicine is rapidly changing and we must be prepared to provide the quality of care our patients expect and deserve. At the same time, we must keep an eye on the bottom line in our offices in a difficult regulatory and economic environment. This is why I believe we need to speak with one united voice in Ohio, both allopathic and osteopathic orthopaedic surgeons.

Benefits of Membership

Legislative:

- The Ohio Orthopaedic Society is the only organization in Ohio that works every day on your behalf in the Ohio Legislature and Regulatory Agencies to protect the integrity of the profession with offices 1/2 block from the Ohio Statehouse.
- The Ohio Orthopaedic Society opposes and has testified against legislation which if passed will dramatically expand the scope of practice of physical therapy in Ohio. This bill will allow a physical therapist to diagnose and treat a patient as well as order tests, including diagnostic imaging.
- Medical liability insurance rates in Ohio have fallen for the last five years saving you thousands of dollars in premiums.
- Lawsuits against physicians have decreased by one-third since Tort Reform was enacted by the Ohio Legislature.
- The Ohio Bureau of Workers Compensation pays orthopaedic surgeons an average of over 200% of Medicare rates, one of the highest in the country.

OrthoEvidence:

- Members receive free access to OrthoEvidence. OE is the global content provider of the best evidence in orthopedics. Through their website, they provide complete summaries of the best orthopaedic research, updated daily. OrthoEvidence has more than 4,000 reports summarizing the very best evidence in 13 different specialty areas including Trauma, Sports Medicine, Spine, Arthroplasty, Foot & Ankle, Shoulder & Elbow and more. These reports and more are now completely available to all OOS members.

Representatives:

- The OOS selects members to the AAOS Board of Councilors to represent Ohio in Washington, DC on issues affecting the practice of orthopaedics.
- The Ohio Orthopaedic Society has a representative on the Ohio Bureau of Workers Compensation Health Care Quality Assurance Advisory Committee, the State of Ohio Trauma Board and the Ohio State Medical Association House of Delegates.

Orthopaedic Research and Education Foundation

- The OOS now has a designated giving program in the OREF. This fund allows members to designate a portion of their contributions to support speakers at the Annual Meeting and provide scholarships to orthopaedic residents in Ohio.

Annual Meeting

- The Ohio Orthopaedic Society Annual Meeting provides a forum for residents and members to present current scientific papers and receive up to 7 CME credits at no additional cost.

Directory

- All members of the Ohio Orthopaedic Society are listed by City and County on the website to help patients locate a surgeon in their area to provide the finest orthopaedic care available.

**Please take the time today to join with your colleagues and
become a member of the OOS in 2019.**