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TO: Orthopaedic Surgeons Practicing in Ohio

FROM: Mark A. Snyder, President, Ohio Orthopaedic Society

SUBJECT: Membership in the Ohio Orthopaedic Society

On behalf of the Executive Committee and members, 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.

DID YOU KNOW -

- Medical liability insurance rates in Ohio have fallen for the last three 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?
- Allied practitioners have not expanded any scope of practice issues affecting orthopaedic surgeons in the Legislature for many years?
- The Ohio Orthopaedic Society is the only Medical Specialty Society that works exclusively on your behalf everyday in the Ohio Legislature and the Executive Branch of State Government?

Whether you are a solo practitioner, belong to a small or large group practice or are employed by a hospital or other medical facility you benefit from the efforts of the Ohio Orthopaedic Society.

In addition, The Ohio Orthopaedic Society Annual Meeting provides a forum for residents and members to present current scientific papers and receive continuing medical education credits while exchanging best practice ideas with their colleagues from throughout the State.

The Ohio Orthopaedic Society recently sponsored a forum for office administrators to help them better understand the complexities of the new federal health care initiative and how to improve "Best Use Practices" to maximize reimbursement for your services.

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

Please take the time to complete the enclosed membership application today.

If you have any questions or need additional information please call the Society Office.