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State of the Society from the President

Snehal C. Dalal, M.D.



Dear Colleagues,

I am both excited and humbled to serve as the 2020-2021 President of the 75th year of the Georgia Orthopaedic Society. A large milestone for the society indeed – and how fitting is it that our resolve is tested during a time of political, medical, and social challenges?

The struggle is real, we always say. The last 12 months have been nothing short of challenges to our professional, social, political, and personal lives. I humbly submit that no words of mine will ease the struggle or loss within our GOS family. What one lacks in words can be made up with the resources, support, and experience of our group. Please visit the GOS website www.georgiaorthosociety.com or reach out to the Board of Directors to see how GOS can help meet your needs. If you do not find what you are looking for, please reach out with any inquires or suggestions on how the Society may serve you better. The perseverance of the members of our Society in the last year have allowed it to endure and we can use our strength to support our members in need.

The State of the Society remains strong financially, by membership, and mission. Our mission to develop Relationships, provide Education and promote Advocacy continue to be met and processes improved. What we must do now work to sustaining this trajectory.

RELATIONSHIPS

Our society strives to be a sounding board and source of support during these trying times. We continue to strive to represent and encourage involvement from all orthopedic surgeons throughout Georgia, urban and rural. In addition to geographic diversity, our society will continue to cultivate interest in orthopedics in our youth as a more diverse pool continue to show interest in the field of medicine. Please stay tuned to future emails to see how you can become more involved and contribute to the preservation of our profession.

EDUCATION

Despite having cancelled the in-person Annual Meeting, we had a very successful virtual meeting last year. A big thanks goes out to Program Chairman Brad Bushnell for orchestrating a quick overhaul of the agenda and providing an excellent collection of talks that were uploaded on our website. One hundred twenty-four registrants were able to access the talks on their own schedule and also claim CME credit. Thank you to all who participated and sponsored the event.

We continue to plan for an in-person Annual Meeting this year at our favorite venue, The Cloister at Sea Island. The meeting will be held October 7-9, 2021. We are working closely with The Cloister hospitality staff to provide the most responsible, safe, and enjoyable experience for all our attendees, sponsors, and their families. I am excited to be celebrating our 75th anniversary meeting, and also to be the first Indian-American President of the Society. I look forward to sharing some of my culture with you through some fun entertainment at the dinner/dance on Friday evening, an event you will not want to miss!

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My good friend and mentor, Jim Ninomiya MD, will be giving the Presidential Talk. Following his tenure at the Medical College of Wisconsin, he currently is the Professor of orthopedics at the University of New Mexico in Albuquerque. His decades of expertise in adult reconstruction/joint replacement will be a great foundation for any discussion of difficult cases you may bring to the meeting. He is an accomplished acrobatic pilot, a skill that grew from his service spanning over twenty years in the Air Force. I am sure we will enjoy hearing about his experiences and life lessons as a chief flight surgeon.

Every other year, the orthopedic residents from Georgia and surrounding states have enjoyed a day long seminar in the Spring. I want to extend my thanks to last year's speakers and GOS members who have volunteered their time to pay it forward by preparing our next generation of orthopedic leaders. Not only do the young surgeons learn about the business of medicine, they learn the importance of professionalism and organized medicine. Please reach out if you are interested in participating at the 2022 Senior Resident Conference.

ADVOCACY

The state's political landscape is ever changing, and that was evident after the Presidential and run-off elections. Rest assured, the Board and Political Action Committee continue to educate all of our state legislators and continue bipartisan support to those who are friends of the medical community and our patients. Bills on tort reform, COVID-19 liability, prior authorizations, and scope of practice continue to be vetted during the current legislative session. Please reference the article submitted by our lobbyist, Don Bolia.

We continue to work closely with the Medical Association of Georgia. For those who are not aware, their executive director of 15 years has moved onto another opportunity. We look forward to establishing an ongoing synergistic relationship with their new executive director once announced.

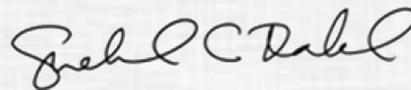
The Board and GOS members are committed to making a presence under the Gold Dome. Hopefully, some of you were able to join us in this year's virtual Physicians' Day at the Capitol on February 17th. Also, for two weeks during the legislative session our members will have served as Doctor of the Day. Due to COVID the AAOS had to cancel the annual NOLC meeting. Instead, we held virtual meetings in the Fall between GOS member key contacts and their Congressperson - an initiative headed by our very own Danny Guy MD.

LEGACY

Aristotle stated that the whole is greater than the sum of its parts. Our parts are the decent, qualified orthopedic surgeons in the state of Georgia. As physicians in the best specialty in medicine, we are undoubtedly committed to serve and act selflessly for our patients. We must also recognize that we must stay unified so that we may advocate for our profession and our patients. As a collective, we must learn from our history and realize that the success of our careers, and the Society, are owed to leaders who had a vision for the future. We shall seek pathways for our future physician leaders so that they may continue to practice their craft after many years of education and sacrifice.

GOS strives to be one of those pathways. Our Society's mission of developing Relationships, Education, and Advocacy efforts have laid good groundwork. However, I submit the work from the R-E-A is the beginning. We must ensure that our existence and resolve continue for generations to come. The GOS Board has created a non-profit GOS Foundation. Let us consider adding the last letter, L, for Legacy. REAL is defined as something that exists and not imagined. I would like all our members, especially those who have enjoyed their career over many years, to pay it forward and foster the future for our younger surgeons. Consider leaving your own Legacy by being involved and contributing to the GOS Foundation. Help make the idea of a Foundation into reality. Please stay tuned to future correspondence on how you can be involved. Let's have our members of the best state orthopedic society show the rest of the country how we can make a REAL difference.

I thank my GOS family for allowing me to serve in this role and I look forward to seeing you and your families at Sea Island in October!



Snehal C. Dalal, M.D.
GOS President

REPORT FROM THE GOS AAOS BOARD OF COUNCILORS

The AAOS annual meeting has been moved to August 31-September 3 due to Covid. Most attendees should be vaccinated by summer's end and hopefully we will have a successful meeting in San Diego. It will be the first time in many months that many of us attend an orthopaedic meeting in person rather than virtually. Our Board of Councilors' business and committee meetings will still be held virtually in March when we typically hold the Academy meeting. The National Orthopaedic Leadership Conference (NOLC) in Washington, DC has permanently been moved from June to September and will be held jointly with the AAOS Fall Meeting. At the NOLC your BOC representatives and some of your GOS Board members will bring issues chosen by the AAOS Office of Government Affairs before our Georgia elected officials on Capitol Hill.

Remember that your three BOC Reps are liaisons between Georgia Orthopaedists and the Academy, and we represent you on 3 separate BOC Committees. If you have any issues that you want brought before the Board of Directors, please send them to the email listed below our names.

Respectfully submitted,

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GOS WEBSITE – NEW ADDITON!

Your new and improved GOS website now has a HISTORY section. How appropriate for our 75th Anniversary. Please go to the Georgia Orthopaedic Society website www.georgiaorthosociety.com home page and follow the links. The History is presented in a timeline starting with 1897, the arrival of Dr. Mike Hoke who was the first orthopaedic surgeon in Georgia. You will find many of the events to be interesting, educational, and even humorous. Please take time to see how far your state orthopaedic society has come.

HISTORY OF THE GEORGIA ORTHOPAEDIC SOCIETY

2021 is the year GOS will commemorate its 75th anniversary, which will be celebrated at the GOS annual meeting, taking place at the Cloister on Sea Island, GA, October 7 - 10, 2021. The complete history of GOS will be presented in print for the first time in its 75th year history. Listed below is a timeline of key dates and events.

- 1897 The first orthopaedic surgeon in Georgia, Mike Hoke, MD, arrives in Atlanta. He was one of the founders of the Rite Hospital and the first medical director and chief surgeon.
- 1918 J. Hiram Kite, MD began working with Dr. Hoke and succeeded him as chief surgeon in 1928.
- 1919 A new 50 bed Scottish Rite Hospital for Crippled Children was built in Decatur, GA.
- 1927 Future president Franklin D. Roosevelt, who was afflicted with polio, established the Georgia Warm Springs Foundation, and hired Dr. Hoke to be chief surgeon.
- 1932 FDR In his first year as president had the "little white house" built in Warm Springs for his frequent visits with Eleanor.
- 1933 President FDR asked Dr. Charles Edwin Irwin to succeed Dr. Hoke as chief surgeon at Warm Springs. He established a training program which became a popular rotation for Duke and MCG residents. Dr. Irwin was widely published and was a skilled hand surgeon. He was the first Georgia orthopaedist to be invited to join the American Society for Surgery of the Hand. Ed and Mabel Irwin became dear friends with FDR and Eleanor.
- 1945 FDR died in the "little white house" while sitting for a portrait. Dr. Irwin gave the eulogy at the Warm Springs memorial service.
- 1945 The first orthopaedic residency program in Georgia was established at MCG in Augusta.
- 1946 Charles "Ed" Irwin founded the Georgia Orthopaedic Society, and the first meeting was held June 19, 1946 at Warm Springs with 12 founding orthopaedic surgeons present.
- 1946 The second Georgia orthopaedic residency program at Emory University was founded. The department chief was Robert P. Kelly, MD, one of the GOS founding members.
- 1948 First annual meeting on the Georgia coast at the King and Prince Hotel. The annual meeting did not leave the coast until 2004 when the Cloister closed for renovations.
- 1949 Dr. Irwin was in an MVA and fractured his femoral neck. No meeting was held that year.
- 1953 First constitution and Bylaws and the annual meeting was held for the first time at the Cloister.
- 1954 The first year an outside guest speaker was invited to the annual meeting.
- 1958 The annual meeting moved to the Cloister permanently and only left temporarily in 2004, 2005, 2007, and 2009. In those years, the meeting was held at the Ritz Lodge at Lake Oconee.
- 1958 Dr. Floyd "Ted" Blivens, MCG Residency program director, began the tradition of a Resident paper competition at each annual meeting. The award for first place was \$50.
- 1958 Dr. Irwin left Warm Springs and was recruited to Georgia Baptist Hospital in Atlanta by Dr. Wood Lovell. He set up a practice with Dr. Darius Flinchum to train residents.
- 1959 Dr. Wood Lovell was president of GOS and became medical director of the Scottish Rite in 1965.
- 1960 Dr. Ruth Waring was the first woman to become president of GOS. She and her husband Tom were both orthopaedic surgeons in Savannah and both were founding members of GOS.
- 1961 The first "Silver Bowl" trophy was given to the winner of the Diagnostic Quiz, which later became the Pathology Quiz in 1980.
- 1962 Dr. Jim Funk, founder of Peachtree Orthopaedic Clinic, was president of GOS. In 2005 the annual Distinguished Service Award was established and named after Dr. Funk.
- 1966 The third residency program in Georgia, the Georgia Baptist Medical Center, became a "full residency". It was established by Dr. Richard King and Dr. Wood Lovell.

GOS LOBBYIST REPORT

2021 Legislative Session



The 2021 Legislative session kicked off on January 11, 2021. The first week of the Legislative Session is often filled with ceremonial elections and addresses. While these things happened, the first week was also full of unknowns as legislators, lobbyists, staff, and visitors navigated new protocols designed to protect from COVID-19. Some of these precautions include temperature checks, required testing for legislators, social distancing guidelines, capacity limits, and others.

We expect that education funding and policy, election security, tort reform, budget recommendations, COVID recovery, and improved healthcare will be some of the top issues under the gold dome this year.

Through COVID, we have seen schools struggle with returning students to the classroom. We expect that legislators and agencies will address this and work on policies to assist as well as policies to increase the viability of virtual learning. Election security has been a national headline since November. We have already seen a number of bills dropped addressing voter ID, absentee voting, early voting locations and hours, etc. It is hard to anticipate which measures will cross the finish line, but we do know that legislators are motivated to create a bill that will enhance voter confidence.

In 2020, the legislature passed some key bills for the medical community. These include surprise billing, COVID-19 liability protections and PBM regulation. In 2021, we will continue these successes by working with a strong medical community and strong physician presence in the general assembly. Dr. Ben Watson and Representative Sharon Cooper retained their Chairmanships in the Senate and House Health Committees, respectively. In the Senate, Dr. Dean Burke has been named the new Chairman of Insurance. This is an important position, and it will be beneficial having Dr. Burke at the helm.

Below are some of the issues we will be working on during the 2021 legislative session:

Prior authorization

Physicians are seeking to improve the prior authorization process by establishing greater transparency in drug formularies and streamline the process through standardization and for a 'standard for review and approval' timeline by insurers.

Tort reform

There was a push for tort reform in 2020 but the bill failed to make its way across the aisle. We will take another shot at reform this year. In 2020 there was a coalition of over 50 organizations working on an omnibus bill. In 2021, we will see a more targeted approach aimed at pieces of tort reform including phantom damages and scheduling orders.

COVID-19 liability

This was a big win for the medical community in 2020. The bill enacted immunity for physicians from civil liability when COVID-19 impacted decisions or activities. There has been a bill dropped in 2021 by Representative Trey Kelley that will extend these protections for one year beginning on July 14th. We will be working with the healthcare coalition at the Capitol to ensure this bill passes and that physicians are protected from liability.

Scope of Practice

Every year physicians find themselves in a battle for scope of practice. We have seen this in the past from physician assistants, physical therapists, optometrists, APRNs and others. While we have not seen a scope bill yet, we are prepared to defend the medical license. With five doctors in the general assembly, we are in a good position to educate legislators and remain one of the most successful states in maintaining our scope of practice.

Thank you for allowing us to represent you at the Georgia Capitol. Our contact information is below. Please let us know if you have any questions or concerns.

Thank you!

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Please *Save the date*

and Join Us for the
75th Georgia Orthopaedic Society Annual Meeting

October 7 -10, 2021, at The Cloister on Sea Island, Georgia

We are pleased to welcome Presidential Guest Speaker

Jim Ninomiya, M.D.



Jim Ninomiya is a practicing orthopaedic surgeon who has spent his entire career in academic medicine. Specializing in adult reconstruction, after over twenty years at the Medical College of Wisconsin in Milwaukee, he is now a professor of orthopaedic surgery at the University of New Mexico in Albuquerque.

He grew up in New York City suburbs and then moved to Woodstock, New York where he went to the University at Albany and studied chemistry and then obtained a master's degree in organic chemistry. After working for IBM, he then attended the University of Vermont for medical school and residency. During this time, he did a two-year NIH sponsored research fellowship in the biochemistry of non-collagenous bone proteins. Following this, he did a fellowship in adult reconstruction and orthopaedic cell biology with Victor Goldberg at Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland.

He has served on a number of NIH study sections and reviews manuscripts for JBJS, the Journal of Orthopaedic Research Arthroplasty, and others. He has served on the program committee for the Orthopaedic Research Society and currently is on the board of the Society of Military Orthopaedic Surgeons, and is a member of the Judiciary Committee for the AAOS.

In his spare time, he enjoys flying aerobatics as well as going cross-country between meetings. He also plays the French horn and was actively involved in many musical ensembles throughout his career. Finally, he also enjoys photography, and hiking and has taken great pleasure in exploring and photographing the beautiful New Mexico landscapes.

He has also served for over twenty years in the Air Force, and most recently was a chief flight surgeon in the Wisconsin Air National Guard at the rank of colonel. He has travelled around the world for humanitarian and educational purposes for the Air Force, and considers this a unique and memorable highlight of his career.

He is most proud of his career in the Air Force, where he believes the camaraderie and sense of purpose are unequalled as a civilian. His presentations will include his experiences as a practicing orthopaedic surgeon, as well as his unique training and experience as a military orthopaedic surgeon.

Reserve your room today!

Go online and key in <https://book.passkey.com/e/50164740> no code is needed!

You can also call **855-421-0041** and mention you are attending the GOS annual meeting to receive the great low rate of \$407.00 per night. **Meeting registrations will be available online June 1st.**

Don't miss this opportunity to hear great speakers, enjoy time with colleagues, and receive a minimum of 9 -10 CME credits.

Come and celebrate the 75th Anniversary of the Georgia Orthopaedic Society Annual Meeting!

GOS WELCOMES NEW MEMBERS

Jerad Allen, M.D., Atlanta

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Shomari Ruffin, M.D., Hiram

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George Sich, M.D., Hiram

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Jacob Stirton, M.D., Blairsville

*Benjamin Collier Watson, D.O.
Columbus*

CALL FOR ABSTRACTS!

The GOS program committee is now accepting abstract submissions for the 75th GOS Annual Meeting.

Deadline to submit materials is **May 1st, 2021**. Please submit your abstract online at the GOS website:
www.georgiaorthosociety.com

RESIDENTS COMPETITION OF PAPERS

The Georgia Orthopaedic Society is pleased to announce that it is hosting a Residents' competition of papers at the GOS Annual Meeting, which will be held October 7-10, 2021, at the Cloister on Sea Island, Georgia.

We will be offering first, second and third place paper awards. All three papers will receive a monetary prize. The prize awards will be as follows:

1st place--\$1500; 2nd place--\$1000; and 3rd place--\$500.

Important guidelines for paper submission and qualification are listed below:

- The primary author must be a resident.
- A resident may only submit one paper. Additional abstract submissions will not be accepted.
- The resident must be a member of the GOS in order to submit an abstract. There is no cost to join. Click here to access the application: <https://georgiaorthosociety.wildapricot.org/Residents-Join-GOS> It takes two minutes to complete.
- All three award recipients will be expected to present their papers at the GOS annual meeting. In the event of an emergency, only a co-author who is of resident or attending status current GOS member can present in their place.
- **The deadline for the resident research paper submission is May 1st, 2021.**
- **ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTATION REQUIRED: FOR CME purposes, it is mandatory that the AAOS Financial Disclosure Form is completed. You can complete or update your current disclosure on the AAOS website: <http://www7.aaos.org/education/disclosure/verifyUser>.**

**Please submit abstract to this link: <https://georgiaorthosociety.wildapricot.org/event-4076541> If you have any questions, please call or email Liz Neary, GOS Executive Director, at 478-474-2754, lnearygos@gmail.com.

If your paper is not selected as the winner of the Thomas E. Whiteside's, MD, Residents Award, then the Program Committee of the Society will review it for presentation during the general session or for poster presentation much like that of the AAOS. A decision should be made regarding the winner of the competition by early June.

GEORGIA ORTHOPAEDIC SOCIETY'S F. JAMES FUNK, JR., M.D. DISTINGUISHED SERVICE OF THE YEAR AWARD

The GOS board has opened nominations from membership for the 2021 GOS F. James Funk, M.D., Distinguished Service Award. This award is presented to one who has demonstrated an exemplary commitment to musculoskeletal-focused humanitarian activities and contributed significantly to improving the practice of Orthopaedic surgery. Nominees do NOT have to be GOS members nor do they have to be Orthopaedic surgeons. The nominee should simply meet the above criteria and be worthy of this distinguished service award.

When submitting your nomination, please provide a brief narrative as to why you believe your nominee deserves this award. **Please make your nominations soon as they will no longer be accepted for the 2021 award after July 1st, 2021.** The award will be presented at the 2021 Annual Meeting of the Georgia Orthopaedic Society (October 7 - 10, 2021). It will be the 75th anniversary so please save the date on your calendars!

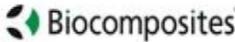
Please submit your nomination online at <https://www.georgiaorthosociety.com/james-funk-award>

THE GEORGIA ORTHOPAEDIC SOCIETY WOULD LIKE TO THANK THE FOLLOWING COMPANIES FOR THEIR SUPPORT OF THE 2020 VIRTUAL GOS ANNUAL MEETING

TIER I

<p>DePuy Synthes <i>Darin O'Tuel</i> dotuel@its.jnj.com 508-880-8100</p>	<p>DePuy Synthes, part of the Johnson & Johnson Medical Devices Companies, provides one of the most comprehensive orthopaedics portfolios in the world. DePuy Synthes solutions, in specialties including joint reconstruction, trauma, craniomaxillofacial, spinal surgery and sports medicine, are designed to advance patient care while delivering clinical and economic value to health care systems worldwide. As we celebrate 125 years of innovation, our commitment is to keep people moving.</p>	
<p>Smith & Nephew <i>Bob McGlamery or Karla Hines</i> Bob.McGlamery@smith-nephew.com Karla.Hines@smith-nephew.com 770-642-3933</p>	<p>Manufacturer/Distributor of Medical Devices/Implants & Instruments (Reconstructive, Trauma, Sports Medicine)</p>	
<p>United Orthopedics <i>Karen Carter</i> kcarter@untedortholic 770-541-0100</p>	<p>United Orthopedics, Veritas Surgical Solutions and Team 1 are Arthrex Distributors for the state of Georgia. As independent regional distributors authorized to sell Arthrex products we work with surgeons and healthcare professionals to help treat their patients better. Arthrex is a world-class leader in the orthopedic industry.</p>	

TIER II

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<p>Biocomposites americas@biocomposites.com</p>	<p>At Biocomposites, we are distinct in that our team of specialists is singularly focused on the development of innovative calcium compounds for surgical use. Our innovative products area at the forefront of calcium technology and range from bone grafts to matrices that can be used in the presence of infection. We are proud to be driving improved outcomes across a wide range of clinical applications, in musculoskeletal infection, trauma, spine and sports injuries, for surgeons and patients alike.</p>	
<p>Catalyst OrthoScience <i>Bob Jacobs</i> 239-325-9976</p>	<p>The Catalyst CSR Shoulder System is a canal-sparing, bone-preserving total shoulder replacement designed to allow surgeons to accurately restore normal shoulder anatomy to a new level of consistency and precision. This is done primarily in two ways: 1) designing a novel implant that replicates the non-spherical shape of the humerus and 2) utilizing patented new instruments designed to position the implant to replicate the native joint line. In addition, the instruments simplify the most difficult steps of the operation and streamline the surgical procedure.</p>	

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<p>CBIZ <i>Nelson Guzman, CIC, CRM</i> nguzman@cbiz.com 404-791-8822</p>	<p>CBIZ offers a GOS Malpractice Discount of up to 25% for qualified members willing to complete risk management. Claim Free GOS members may also be eligible for an additional 25% discount in claim free credit. CBIA Insurance Services has over 30 years of experience helping physician practices find the best Medical Malpractice insurance coverage at the lowest premium possible. We represent multiple insurance carriers, allowing us the flexibility to provide the best value. Please click on our logo for your GOS discounted quote.</p>	
<p>EMG Solutions <i>Quinn Millington</i> quinn@emgsolutions.com 3334-224-1239</p>	<p>EMG Solutions partners with hospitals and clinics to provide high quality electrodiagnostic studies in-house. Scheduling is hassle-free and reports are read and returned within 24 hours. EMG Solutions currently works with many large, medium and small orthopaedic and specialty practices in Georgia, Alabama, Tennessee and Kentucky. This solution allows physician practices and hospitals to control patient flow and generate additional in-house revenue.</p>	
<p>MAG Mutual</p>	<p>For nearly four decades, MagMutual has been a leading provider of medical professional liability insurance. Today, we deliver comprehensive coverage for the practice, business and regulation of medicine to more than 30,000 physicians and healthcare organizations nationwide. Our focus on innovation enables us to provide exceptional service, extensive support and financial benefits that result in improved outcomes and stronger PolicyOwners™.</p>	
<p>NuVasive <i>Jeff Blumenthal</i> jblumenthal@nuvasive.com</p>	<p>NuVasive is the leader in spine technology innovation, focused on transforming spine surgery and beyond with minimally disruptive, procedurally integrated solutions designed to deliver reproducible and clinically-proven surgical outcomes. The Company's portfolio includes access instruments, implantable hardware, biologics, software systems for surgical planning, navigation and imaging solutions, magnetically adjustable implant systems for spine and orthopedics, and intraoperative monitoring service offerings. For more information, please visit www.nuvasive.com</p>	
<p>Wright Medical <i>Donnie Durham</i> Donnie.durham@wright.com</p>	<p>Wright Medical Group N.V. is a global medical device company focused on extremities and biologics products. The company is committed to delivering innovative, value-added solutions improving the quality of life for patients worldwide. Wright is a recognized leader of surgical solutions for the upper extremities (shoulder, elbow, wrist and hand), lower extremities (foot and ankle) and biologics markets, three of the fastest growing segments in orthopaedics.</p>	
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2021 GOS CALENDAR

JANUARY 11

GA Legislative Session
Atlanta, GA

TBD

GOS Summer Board Meeting
Conference Call

AUGUST 31 - SEPTEMBER 3

AAOS Annual Meeting
San Diego, CA

SEPTEMBER 26 - 29

NOLC
Washington DC

SEPTEMBER 26 - 29

AAOS Fall BOC Meeting,
Washington DC

OCTOBER 7 - 10

GOS 75th Annual Meeting
The Cloister, Sea Island, GA

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RESIDENCY CHALLENGE

The AAOS Orthopaedic PAC (OrthoPAC) would like to recognize the following residency programs for achieving Gold, Silver, and Bronze status in the 2020 Residency Challenge. The challenge is designed to encourage residents throughout the country to become members of the OrthoPAC and for residency programs to achieve the highest rate of participation. Those programs which obtain 100% participation and Gold status will be recognized at the annual Resident Leadership Reception at the 2021 AAOS Annual Meeting in San Diego, CA. [Learn more about how residents can get involved...](#)

Gold (100% PAC participation)

- Atlanta Medical Center
- Columbia University
- Mayo Clinic
- University of Connecticut
- University of Hawaii
- University of Iowa
- University of Puerto Rico

Silver (70% or higher PAC participation)

- Maimonides Medical Center

Bronze (50% or higher PAC participation)

- Albany Medical Center
- New York University



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