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2018 NOLC

*More information on 2018 NOLC
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RECENT EVENTS

Dear Pennsylvania Residents,

As another successful year comes to a close we would like to congratulate the Pennsylvania Resident Class of 2018 and wish them the best of luck in their future endeavors. Additionally, we want to update everyone on recent POS events and ongoing resident opportunities.

Symposium on Opioid Addiction – Philadelphia, PA

This past May 17th at The Warwick Hotel in Center City Philadelphia, the Pennsylvania Orthopaedic Society (POS) organized the first of its kind Symposium focusing on the *Opioid Addiction Crisis in Pennsylvania* headed by POS Vice President Asif Ilyas, MD of the Rothman Institute. The Symposium brought state legislators, Health Department officials, and local Orthopaedic Surgeons together to discuss the challenges and work together to find solutions. The Symposium represented a giant step forward towards growing POS's credibility and significance among Pennsylvania's Legislature as well as physicians across the Commonwealth.



2018 Spring Meeting *Practical Sports Medicine* – Charleston, SC

The POS Spring Meeting, *Practical Sports Medicine*, was a great discussion of current topics in Sports Medicine with over 50 orthopaedic surgeons across the state of PA in Charleston. There were seven resident research presentations which garnered great discussion with **John Jennings, MD**, from **Temple University** winning the best paper award for his research, *Orthopaedic Surgery Resident Financial Literacy: An Assessment of Knowledge in Debt, Investment, and Retirement Savings*.



New POS Resident Representative

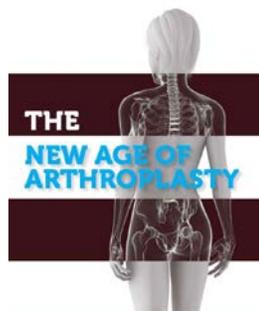
The Board of Directors will welcome a second Resident Representative this Academic Year. **James McKenzie, MD**, a **PGY-3 at Thomas Jefferson University**, will serve in this new position and work to improve the communication and organization of residents with the POS.

2018 National Orthopaedic Leadership Conference-Washington, DC

Fifteen Members of the POS went to Capitol Hill in Washington to meet with six members of the federal government, including Republican Senator Pat Toomey and Democratic Senator Bob Casey with their staff as part of the AAOS National Orthopaedic Leadership Conference (NOLC). Four Residents from across the Commonwealth participated including Nick Bonazza, MD, from Penn State Hershey Medical Center, Mitchell Fourman, MD, from University of Pittsburgh Medical Center (UPMC), Ahmed Siddiqi, DO, from Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine (PCOM), and Jim McKenzie, MD, from Thomas Jefferson University. Important federal policy issues including the promotion of E-prescribing of Opioids in Pennsylvania to help combat the Opioid Epidemic, the Good Samaritan Act, and Regulatory Relief for Coordinated Care were discussed. For further details on the 2018 NOLC and these policy issues please [CLICK HERE](#).



UPCOMING EVENTS



2018 Fall Meeting *The New Age of Arthroplasty* – Hershey, PA – October 25-27, 2018

Registration and abstract submission are now open for the fall meeting, *The New Age of Arthroplasty*, at the Hotel Hershey, starting on **Thursday, October 25th through Saturday, October 27th**. The deadline for abstract submission is **Tuesday, July 9th**.

Submitting an abstract with POS gives you and your program the opportunity to showcase your work. If your abstract is selected you have the opportunity to present as faculty at the meeting, as well as have the chance to win a cash prize. [CLICK HERE](#) to submit an abstract.



Program Co-Chairs, Hari Bezwada, MD and Dean Harter, MD have put together a program that is not only beneficial to practicing orthopaedic surgeons but also resident and fellow orthopaedic surgeons as well. The program will include arthroplasty on the shoulder, hip, and knee. Additional presentations such as, *Medical Contracts: In Search of the Holy Grail*, *What I've Learned in 40 Years of Practice*, and *How to Develop and Present an Effective Presentation*, will round out the program. [CLICK HERE](#) for more information.

Upcoming Events Links

Submit an Abstract
[Submit your abstract for a chance to win a cash prize](#)

Meeting Information
[Checkout more meeting information on the POS website](#)

Resident Opportunities Links

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In case you missed it

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RESIDENT OPPORTUNITIES

POS OrthoPAC

Our contributions to the PAC are essential to ensure the voice of Orthopaedic surgeons, on behalf of our patients, reaches the politicians in Harrisburg. We have an incredible team working on advocacy at the POS. They have made great strides and they continue to need our help. Below are just some of the legislative solutions POS OrthoPAC has been involved in, please support the [OrthoPAC online](#).

<u>Opioid E-Prescribing</u> Provides protection for physicians and their patients by requiring that opioids and other controlled substances be prescribed by electronic means reducing drug diversion due to paper prescriptions being altered, lost, stolen or sold.	<u>Workers' Comp</u> Representatives of the insurance industry have tried to reduce workers' comp fees since the late 1990s. POS has prevented these reductions by maintaining increases in comp fees since 1993.
<u>Act 146 of 2016</u> Places limits on insurer retroactive reviews. Physician Ancillary Services Advocating to prevent limitations on physician-owned surgery centers and other important ancillary services.	<u>MCARE Abatement</u> Reduced medical liability expenses over a five-year period by an average of 100k per orthopaedic surgeon.

Resident Benefits

As noted in the [fall newsletter](#), you have several benefits as a Pennsylvania resident. To learn more about these benefits [CLICK HERE](#). As always, please feel free to contact us at any time if there is something we can do to better serve you. You can reach us at maher@paorthosociety.org.