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Many names are familiar as outstanding orthopaedics educators, authors, researchers, and practitioners; others are eminently talented surgeons who will undoubtedly become the profession’s future leaders. All generously share their knowledge and experience to bring you the finest collection of coding materials.

Here’s the chance to get to know the eighteen members of the Coding, Coverage, and Reimbursement Committee.

Dr. Filler is an orthopaedic surgeon based in Los Angeles. He brings a wealth of experience and knowledge to his position as Chairman of the AAOS Coding, Coverage, and Reimbursement Committee. He is a past chairman of the Board of Councilors and an ex-officio member of the Guidelines and Technology Oversight Committee.

He authored numerous tests and articles, some of which have been published in the Southern Medical Journal and The Journal of Bone and Joint Surgery. He is a member of several professional organizations, at AAOS, he served as Treasurer and a member of the Council on Advocacy.

Dr. Filler attended medical school at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor. He completed an internship at the Los Angeles County Hospital and his residency at the New England Deaconess Hospital. His clinical interests include hand and upper extremity surgery.

Dr. Heiner is a Professor of Orthopaedic Surgery at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. He specializes in orthopaedic oncology and adult reconstruction.

His research efforts are currently focused on proximal femoral allografts in revision total hip arthroplasty. He has conducted basic science research in neoplastic disease and collagen markers, bone morphogenetic proteins, and gene markers in soft tissue sarcomas. Among his accomplishments as an AAOS volunteer, he has served as a faculty member for an Instructional Course Lecture and had a scientific exhibit at the 2008 Annual Meeting.

Dr. Heiner graduated from Northwestern University Medical School in Chicago. He completed an internship and residency at the University of Rochester (N.Y.) Medical Center and was fellowship-trained in musculoskeletal oncology at Ohio's Case Western Reserve University.

Dr. Inglis is a senior attending Orthopaedic Surgery at Harborview Medical Center in Seattle. He specializes in spine and has authored multiple articles and texts on the subject, including Spinal Cord Medicine: Principles and Practice. On the AAOS Coding, Coverage, and Reimbursement Committee, Dr. Inglis represents the National Spine Foundation.

Dr. Inglis graduated from Cornell University Medical College. He completed his orthopaedic residency at the Hospital for Special Surgery in New York. He is fellowship-trained in both orthopaedic biomechanics and custom prosthesis design, as well as in primary and revision total joint replacement.

Dr. Kauffman is a practicing orthopaedic surgeon in Lebanon, Tenn. Prior to starting his own practice, he was on the faculty at the University of California, San Diego and part of the spine fellowship program. He specializes in spine and has authored multiple articles and texts on the subject, including Spinal Cord Medicine: Principles and Practice.

Dr. Kauffman is a practicing orthopaedic surgeon in Lebanon, Tenn. Prior to starting his own practice, he was on the faculty at the University of California, San Diego and part of the spine fellowship program. He specializes in spine and has authored multiple articles and texts on the subject, including Spinal Cord Medicine: Principles and Practice.

Dr. McIntyre is a partner at Westchester Orthopaedic Associates in White Plains, New York. He specializes in shoulder, knee, elbow, wrist, and ankle arthroscopy.

As author of articles such as “Bone Call Repair with Ultrasonic Suture Welding Technology” and “Making the Electronic Medical Record Work for the Orthopaedic Surgeon,” Dr. McIntyre shares his knowledge of orthopaedics with his peers and patients. He chairs the Health Policy and Practice Committee of the Arthroscopy Association of North America and serves as the Chief of Orthopaedics and a medical board member at the Westchester Ambulatory Surgery Center, as well as an advisor for shoulder arthroscopy to Tenon Medical.

Dr. McIntyre is a graduate of the College of the Holy Cross (Worcester, Mass.) and earned his medical degree from the New York Medical College. He completed his residency at the Long Island Jewish Hospital. Shortly thereafter, he studied arthroscopy and sports medicine with Dr. Richard Gargari at Orthopaedic Research of Virginia in Richmond.
Dr. Nagle is a practicing orthopaedic surgeon at Buckeye Orthopaedic Associates Ltd. in Richmond, Va. His special interests include arthroscopic surgery of the upper and lower extremities and sports medicine.

In addition to his Academy volunteer activities, Dr. Nagle is on the Board of Directors of the Orthopaedic Association of North America (AAOS). He is also the AAOS representative to the Board of Specialty Societies (BOS) and chairs the BOS Health Policies Committee. He recently served as a faculty member for the Academy’s 3rd Annual Orthopaedic Practice Management Course.

After graduating from medical school at Ohio State University in Columbus, Ohio, Dr. Beach completed an orthopaedic surgery residency at Washington University in St. Louis. He then went on to do sports medicine/orthopaedic fellowship at Orthopaedic Research of Virginia.

Dr. Beach is a practicing orthopaedic surgeon at the Chicago Center for Surgery of the Hand. Upper extremity and hand surgery are among his clinical interests.

Dr. Nagle contributed to both Making Rhein’s Only and Surgical Techniques in Orthopaedics DVDs and served as an Academy course director. He authored 54 articles and numerous text chapters, and he is the co-editor of Techniques in Hand and Wrist Arthroscopy. He is the Director of the Practice Division of the Governing Council of the American Society for Surgery of the Hand (ASSH) and has served on the Board of Directors of the American Association for Reconstructive Microsurgery and the Chicago Society for Surgery of the Hand. In addition to his role as the AFFH Adviser to the AMA-CPT Editorial Panel and the BOS-Relative Value Update Committee, he is the Chairman of the ASSH Coding and Physician Reimbursement Committee.

Dr. Nagle completed his orthopaedic residency at Northwestern University Medical School where he currently holds the position of Professor of Clinical Orthopaedic Surgery. He also completed a hand surgery and microsurgery fellowship in Louisville.

William R. Beach, MD

Dr. Blasier is a Professor of Orthopaedics as well as the Residency Program Director for the Department of Orthopaedic Surgery at the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences. He also serves as the Director of Pediatric Orthopaedic Traumatology and Vice-Chief of Pediatric Division of Orthopaedic Surgery at the Arkansas Children’s Hospital. His current focus is on health payment policy, and his special interests include management of spinal deformities and pediatric trauma.

Within the Academy, Dr. Blasier has been a presenter at the Annual Meeting, a member of the Practice Management Examination Editorial Board, and a contributor to the Surgical Management of Pediatric Long Bone Fracture Monograph and the Orthopaedic Knowledge Opinion platform. He has lectured on the Academy’s course software at the Electronic Skills Pavilion at the Annual Meeting.

Dr. Blasier earned his medical degree and completed his residency at Wayne State University in Detroit. He then went on to a fellowship in pediatric orthopaedics at the University of Manitoba. This year he completed an online MBA from Capella University in Minneapolis.

Dale Blasier, MD, MBA

Dr. Creevy is the Assistant Professor of Orthopaedic Surgery and Vice-Chairman of the Department of Orthopaedic Surgery at Boston University Medical Center. His interests include trauma, sports medicine, and arthroscopy.

Just recently, Dr. Creevy served on the faculties for the 9th Annual Boston Orthopaedic Trauma Symposium and the Academy’s 3rd Annual Orthopaedic Practice Management Course.

Dr. Creevy earned his medical degree and completed his orthopaedic residency at Boston University School of Medicine. He received fellowship training in sports medicine from the University of Pennsylvania, Graduate Hospital. Further expanding his knowledge, in 2001 Dr. Creevy earned his Masters of Science in Health Care Management from Harvard University.

Richard J. Friedman, MD, FRSCS

Dr. Ouzounian is a practicing orthopaedic foot and ankle specialist in Tamarac, Calif. He has been in solo practice for nearly 20 years. Dr. Ouzounian has been actively involved in coding and reimbursement for the AHC and the American Orthopaedic Foot and Ankle Society since 1995. He has represented numerous organizations and currently holds positions as an advisor to the AHC Relative Value Update Committee (RVUC) and as the BOS Relative Value Reimbursement Advisor. He also currently holds a 4-year seat for the AHC on the Practicing Physicians Advisory Council of the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services.

Dr. Ouzounian has contributed to numerous Academy publications, most recently as the editor of the 2007 Practice Management Self-Assessment Examination. He has held an elected position on the California Orthopaedic Association Board since 2002.

Ouzounian, MD

William R. Creevy, MD, MS

Dr. Friedman is Clinical Professor of Orthopaedic Surgery at the Medical University of South Carolina (MUSC) in Charleston, Medical Director of Charleston Orthopaedic Associates, and an Adjunct Professor of Biomedical Engineering at Clemson University. He is also Chairman of the Department of Orthopaedic Surgery at Spartanburg Memorial Hospital in Spartanburg, S.C. Friedman’s areas of interest include total joint replacement — hip, knee, shoulder, elbow, and upper extremity disorders; sports medicine; and arthroscopic surgery.

A past member of the Steering Committees for both the North American and the International Hip and Knee Registries, as well as consultant to the Orthopaedic and Rehabilitation Devices Panel of the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, Dr. Friedman is the founder of the Orthopaedic Research Laboratory at MUSC.

Dr. Friedman received his MD from the University of Toronto Faculty of Medicine and completed residencies in surgery at Johns Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore, Md., and Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston. He completed an orthopaedic surgery residency at the Harvard Combined Orthopaedic Residency Program and a clinical fellowship in orthopaedic surgery at Harvard University.

Brian J. Galnat, MD

Dr. Friedman is a practicing orthopaedic surgeon at the Sabey Medical Clinic and a clinical instructor at Tufts University in Boston, Mass. His special interests include hip and knee surgery, joint replacement, and spine surgery.

Among his many accomplishments, Dr. Friedman contributed to the Academy’s Instructional Course Lectures, Volume 53, and appointed Clinical Assistant Professor at the Boston University School of Medicine. He has also served on the board of directors of the North American Spine Society and is a charter member and past president of the New England Spine Study Group.

Dr. Friedman graduated from the Mount Sinai School of Medicine in New York. He completed a general surgery internship before moving on to his orthopaedic surgery residency at Boston University.

Frank R. Voss, MD

Dr. Galnat is the Chief of the Section of Orthopaedic Surgery and the Medical Director of the Center for Bone and Joint Health at Chatham University Hospital in Charleston, S.C., and he is an Assistant Professor of Orthopaedics at the University of South Carolina. He is also a practicing orthopaedic surgeon with the Charleston Orthopaedic Center. He is also an Assistant Professor of Orthopaedics at Thomas Jefferson University. He specializes in surgery of the shoulder and the knee.

At the Academy, Dr. Galnat is a member of the Board of Councilors and a scientific exhibitor at past Annual Meetings.

Dr. Galnat graduated from the Medical College of Virginia. His orthopaedic surgery residency was at Thomas Jefferson University Hospital, and he completed a shoulder and elbow fellowship at the Hospital for Special Surgery in New York.

Dr. Galnat is a pediatric orthopaedic surgeon at Cape Fear Orthopaedic Clinic in North Carolina. He has previously served as a Professor and Chairman of Orthopaedic Surgery at the University of Missouri.

Dr. Greene represents the Pediatric Orthopaedic Society of North America on the Academy’s Coding, Coverage, and Reimbursement Committee. He has also served as an author and editor for many Academy publications, including the Essentials of Musculoskeletal Care, Clinical Measurement of Joint Motion, and Instructional Course Lectures, Volume 53.

Dr. Greene completed medical school and his residency in orthopaedic surgery at the University of North Carolina, followed by a fellowship in pediatric orthopaedics at Nationwide Children’s Hospital in Columbus, Ohio.

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Dr. Voss is the Associate Professor of Orthopaedic Surgery at the University of South Carolina School of Medicine, where he is also the Director of Medical Education for the Department of Orthopaedic Surgery and the department’s site-visitor Hip and Knee guidelines, and is among his special interests.

Some of his articles can be read in the American Journal of Orthopaedics, The Journal of Orthopaedic Trauma, and The Journal of Arthroplasty. He is also an active member of the Health Care Policy Committee for the American Association of Hip and Knee Surgeons and has served on the Subcommittee on Anatomy-Imaging Evaluation of the AAMO Evaluation Committee.

Dr. Voss earned his medical degree from Harvard Medical School. He completed a preliminary general surgery residency at Brigham and Women’s Hospital followed by an orthopaedic surgery residency with The Harvard Combined Orthopaedic Program. He also completed fellowship training in reconstructive surgery at the Rush-Presbyterian-St. Luke’s Medical Center in Chicago.