

Our Academy Meeting
Focused on You

International Guide to the Annual Meeting

AAOS 2017 Annual Meeting

San Diego Convention Center
111 W. Harbor Drive
San Diego, California 92101

Meeting Dates: 14 - 18 March

Exhibit Dates: 15 - 17 March

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AMERICAN ACADEMY OF
ORTHOPAEDIC SURGEONS

The Annual Meeting is the Academy’s premier event and draws more than 30,000 participants including Academy Fellows, members, international guests, allied health professionals, and exhibitors.

The purpose of this guide is to provide you with the resources and information you need to maximize your Annual Meeting experience. The Annual Meeting offers an enormous variety of opportunities for attending educational sessions, seeing the latest products in the Exhibit Hall, engaging in self-directed learning in Academy Hall, and networking with colleagues. There are so many options available that members say investing time in planning your schedule up front will lead to a more fulfilling experience.

How is the meeting structured?

Education Sessions: 08:00 to 18:00

Session Length: Most sessions are two hours, however session lengths may vary by format or topic.

Unopposed Exhibit Time: Explore the Exhibit Hall without missing any education sessions. The following dedicated times have been set aside for you to view and discuss the latest technologies in orthopaedic surgery and attend product demonstrations in the Exhibit Hall.

| Wednesday, 15 March | | |
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| 10:00 – 10:30 | 12:30 – 13:30 | 15:30 – 16:00 |
| Thursday, 16 March | | |
| 10:00 – 10:30 | 12:30 – 13:30 | 15:30 – 16:00 |
| Friday, 17 March | | |
| NEW! 10:00 – 11:00 | 12:30 – 13:30 | 15:30 – 16:00 |

Planning Tools

The [Preliminary Program](#) is available now and previews the Annual Meeting. The Final Program will be available onsite only and includes more specific time, location, and faculty information about individual sessions and exhibitors.

Use these “At-A-Glance” guides to customize your meeting experience.

- **NEW!** [Education Tracks](#) identifies the session that best matches your interests and practice focus.
- The [Specialty Guide](#) identifies presentations by specialty area, day and time.
- The [Instructional Course Schedule](#) helps you focus on courses by day, time, and specialty.
- The [Specialty Day Preliminary Program](#) contains information about the offerings from the Board of Specialty Societies on Saturday, 18 March.
- Plan your visit to the [Exhibit Hall](#) before you arrive.



Use these resources to help organize your plan:

- [Education](#)
- [Exhibits](#)
- [Self-directed Learning](#)
- [Special Events](#)
- [Checklist](#)
- [Tips](#)

Meet your educational objectives and enjoy sessions in your preferred learning style. From highly-interactive to didactic to self-directed, a wide variety of educational formats enable you to enjoy a productive educational experience.

NEW! Beginning with the 2017 Annual Meeting, handouts will be available only electronically via *My Academy* app or through the registration site. Handouts for all Instructional Courses will be available electronically one week prior to the meeting.

| Session Type | Description | Lecture Based | Interactive | Ticket Required | Length | CME | You Should Attend If You |
|----------------------------|--|---------------|-------------|-----------------|---------------|-----|---|
| Ask an Expert | Case discussion with expert analysis. | X | X | | 45 minutes | No | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Want an expert opinion on a case. Are interested in an interactive experience. |
| Career Development Courses | Learn how to advance your teaching, research and presentation skills. | X | X | | 1 hour | Yes | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Want to further refine or develop your presentation skills. Are eager to learn how to create an environment beneficial to learning. Wish to expand your research expertise. |
| Case Presentation Courses | Round table discussion led by an expert. | | X | X | 2 hours | Yes | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Want small-group experience with expert faculty. Enjoy actively participating in case discussions. |
| Flash 5 | Fast and focused on hot topics, experts drill down to critical points in 5 minutes. | | | | 5 minutes | Yes | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Are pressed for time. Are interested in getting a high level view and key takeaways on a new subject area. |
| Instructional Courses | Tried-and-true techniques in orthopaedics. Experts present lectures and discuss cases. | X | | X | 2-4 hours | Yes | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Appreciate instruction from experts. Desire a refresher on scenarios that you do not encounter often. Want to brush up on your skills. |
| Orthopaedic Review Course | Experts emphasize general review of tried-and-true techniques. | X | | X | 8 hours | Yes | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Need to brush up on the basics. Are preparing for certification or MOC. |
| Orthopaedic Video Theater | Surgical videos and multimedia programs in DVD or online format. | | X | | Self Directed | Yes | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Benefit from detailed surgical procedures. Learn best individually. |
| Paper Presentations | Oral presentations on new research or an update to a continuing study with brief discussion. | X | | | 2 hours | Yes | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Are interested in Randomized Clinical Trials (RCTs). Wish to identify research that has a clinical relevance to your practice. |
| Poster Tours | Experts select their favorite posters in their areas of expertise. | | X | | 1 hour | Yes | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Want to interact with the experts in a unique small group setting. Want to stay on top of cutting edge research. |
| Posters | New or continuing research in poster format. | | X | | Self Directed | Yes | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Like to experience learning visually. Have interest in emergent research. |
| Scientific Exhibits | Audiovisual, interactive presentations illustrate a study or complex procedure. | | X | | Self Directed | Yes | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Feel that the interactive visual experience enhances your learning. |

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| Showdowns | Orthopaedic colleagues debating topics and techniques. You decide who wins! | | X | | 1 hour | Yes | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enjoy debates. Want to hear different points of view on controversial questions and issues. |
| Specialty Day | On Saturday, March 18, sixteen specialty societies present programs dedicated to the latest developments in ensuring superior patient care./ | X | X | X | 4-8 hours | Yes | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Desire additional instruction in your area of specialization. Are looking for an additional networking opportunity with other surgeons in your specialty. Aren't ready to leave sunny San Diego after Friday. |
| Symposia | Cutting edge topics featuring debates. | X | | | 2 hours | Yes | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Are interested in theory. Want to identify new trends and data. Enjoy debates. |
| Technical Skills Courses | Focus on positioning, approach, and step-by-step technical tips via videos, followed by discussion on key takeaways. | X | | X | 2 hours | Yes | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Are looking to improve your fundamental skills by watching how the experts perform common procedures. |
| Technology Theater | Technically oriented discussion on latest technology trends and applications. | X | | | 45 minutes | No | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Want to explore new technologies or get information to improve your office practice. |
| Ten Hot ICD-10 and CPT Coding Issues | Covers the hot issues in CPT coding including ICD-10 and use of modifiers. | X | | X | 3 hours | Yes | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Want to learn how to use technology to find the correct ICD-10 diagnosis in real time. Would appreciate pointers on identifying the category of any injury diagnosis in ICD10-CM. |
| The Way I See It.. | Experts share the "why" behind what they do with candid, personal thoughts. | X | | | 15-20 minutes | Yes | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Want insight into what motivates the experts. Want to be inspired by personal stories and realizations. |

Social Media

Follow the Academy on Facebook and Twitter to receive meeting news, updates, and reminders in real-time. Use #AAOS2017 to join the conversation!



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Specialty Day

Saturday, 18 March

This is a day set aside for scientific programs presented by organizations that are members of the Board of Specialty Societies (BOS). Each society had its own educational program within the Specialty Day program.

For additional information, please see the [Specialty Day Preliminary Program](#).

Halls A-H

Wednesday and Thursday: 09:00 – 17:00

Friday: 09:00 – 16:00

Extend your educational experience. Take this unique opportunity to:

- See, touch, and compare all of the latest surgical and diagnostic technology
- Attend demonstrations of the latest innovations
- Meet representatives from every major orthopaedic and device manufacturers, more than 600 exhibiting companies
- Discover new solutions for your practice
- See innovations in practice productivity
- Plan purchases for your hospital or practice

Locate exhibitors that you wish to visit and plan your Exhibit Hall time with the interactive Exhibit Hall Map at www.aaos.org/exhibits.

| Reasons to visit the Exhibit Hall | Where | When |
|--|---|--|
| <p>Unopposed Exhibit Time Explore the exhibit hall without missing any education sessions. The following dedicated time has been set aside for attendees to view and discuss the latest technologies in orthopaedic surgery and attend product demonstration.</p> | <p>AAOS Exhibit Hall</p> | <p>Wednesday, 15 March 10:00 - 10:30 12:30 - 13:30 15:30 - 16:00</p> <p>Thursday, 16 March 10:00 - 10:30 12:30 - 13:30 15:30 - 16:00</p> <p>NEW! Friday, 17 March 10:00 - 11:00 12:30 - 13:30 15:30 - 16:00</p> |
| <p>Get advice on your toughest cases from recognized experts. Talk directly to expert surgeons on your challenging cases. Benefit from their guidance on diagnosis, treatment options, and recommendations. Free educational sessions!*</p> | <p>Ask an Expert Hall A, Booth 138</p> | <p>Sessions are held Wednesday through Friday. Watch for the schedule at www.aaos.org/exhibits</p> |
| <p>Learn about the latest technology to enhance your practice. Attend presentations featuring new office efficiency software for your practice, apps, and social media engagement. Free educational sessions!*</p> | <p>Technology Theater Hall B, Booth 1455</p> | <p>Sessions are held Wednesday through Friday. Watch for the schedule at www.aaos.org/exhibits</p> |
| <p>Pick up your free AAOS Tote Bag</p> | <p>AAOS Redemption Centers Booths 660, 6055</p> | <p>Wednesday and Thursday, 09:00 - 18:00 Friday, 09:00 - 16:00</p> |
| <p>Enter for a chance to win valuable prizes! Win a iPad, go-Pro Camera, or an American Express Gift Card</p> | <p>AAOS Redemption Centers Booths 660, 6055</p> | <p>Thursday, 09:00 - 12:30, 13:30 - 17:00 Friday, 09:00 - 12:30, 13:30 - 16:00</p> |
| <p>Get your free AAOS T-Shirt</p> | <p>AAOS Redemption Centers Booths 660, 6055</p> | <p>Friday, 09:00 - 12:30, 13:30 - 16:00</p> |
| <p>See the latest orthopaedic journals, publications, and upcoming events Offered by leading publishers and educators</p> | <p>Publishers' Row Booths 1509 through 1325</p> | <p>Wednesday and Thursday, 09:00 - 17:00 Friday, 09:00 - 16:00</p> |
| <p>See exhibitors new to the AAOS Annual Meeting</p> | <p>First-Time Exhibitors Booths 124 though 347</p> | <p>Wednesday and Thursday, 09:00 - 17:00 Friday, 09:00 - 16:00</p> |
| <p>Enjoy a buffet lunch at a reasonable price Lunch, beverage, and dessert are included for a single price.</p> | <p>AAOS Bistro Booth 550</p> | <p>Wednesday through Friday, 11:00 - 14:30</p> |
| <p>Take a refreshment break Meet your colleagues for a complimentary refreshment break.</p> | <p>Refreshment Centers Booths TBD</p> | <p>Wednesday and Thursday, 15:30 - 16:00 Friday, 10:00 - 10:30</p> |
| <p>Stop by for a beverage and a special treat</p> | <p>Exhibit Hall Social Booths TBD</p> | <p>Friday, 14:30 - 15:30</p> |

* These free educational sessions are offered to benefit you, your staff, and your office practice. These sessions do not qualify for CME Credit.

Why visit Academy Hall?

- **Convenient, self-directed learning** at your pace: Make the most of your downtime between events by seeking out Posters, Scientific Exhibits, and Orthopaedic Video Theater videos in your area of interest.
- **Hands-on showcases** of the products you're looking for: Come to the Resource Center to explore this once-a-year showcase of Academy education resources, practice tools, and membership benefits. Consult with experienced AAOS staff who can answer questions, help you navigate Academy apps, and walk you through the wide selection of publications, courses, eBooks, digital content, self-assessment exams, and interactive programs created for you.
- **Friendly, knowledgeable AAOS staff** ready to serve you: Have a question about your AAOS membership, the *My Academy* app, or anything else related to the Annual Meeting? We'd love to see you in the Resource Center!
- **Authors** available to talk to you daily from 11:30 to 12:30 in the Posters and Scientific Exhibits for your chance to ask any clarifying questions you may have. Also check out a Poster Tour led by an expert in your specialty to get their take on the hottest topics covered this year. Times vary so consult *My Academy* app in February.
- Visit the **Guest Nation Booth** to learn more about India, the 2017 Guest Nation.



Special Events

Tuesday, 14 March – Communities in Motion

The community event features a series of interactive challenge stations highlighting specific bone and joint areas, and the importance of building strength, greater flexibility, and balance for each area of the body. Experts also will demonstrate exercises that participants can do on-site as well as adapt for at-home sessions.

To learn more about getting involved, visit www.ANationInMotion.org/Communities

Thursday, 16 March – Business Meetings

09:30, Ballroom 20

Members, come weigh in on the important issues facing your Academy.

Thursday, 16 March – Your Academy 2017

10:30, Ballroom 20

Hear from your leadership and discover the Academy's latest initiatives on your behalf. In response to your suggestions, this new program combines the Opening Ceremony and the Ceremonial Meeting into one format tailored to meet the interests of our members.

You will have a chance to hear the Presidential Address, welcome India as this year's Guest Nation, and hear a report from the Chief Executive Officer. Stay for the presentation of the Kappa Delta, OREF, Tipton Leadership, Humanitarian and Diversity awards, and the induction of the AAOS incoming president.

The event will conclude with [Presidential Guest Speaker](#), Steve Forbes, Chairman and Editor-in-Chief of Forbes Media remarks on "*New President – New era for healthcare? What we can expect*".

Before the meeting...

Take advantage of everything your Academy Meeting has to offer. Plan your meeting before arriving to San Diego.

Register for the AAOS 2017 Annual Meeting

Book your Annual Meeting Housing

Make your travel arrangements

Review the Preliminary Program to plan your schedule

Select which events from the AAOS Social Program your guests will want to attend

Plan your visit to the Exhibit Hall

Download the *My Academy* app (available February 2017)

During the meeting...

Check-in at Registration in Hall D Lobby in order to receive all the CME Credits you are about to earn

Familiarize yourself with the layout of the San Diego Convention Center using the *My Academy* map

Attend your scheduled sessions. Refer to My Agenda in the *My Academy* app

Help us maintain an excellent curriculum by completing the evaluation form on *My Academy* app for the ICL, Symposia and Poster Tours you attend

Spend time in Academy Hall, Sails Pavilion:

- Browse the Poster Exhibits

- Experience the Scientific Exhibits

- Watch videos in the Orthopaedic Video Theater

- Discover new educational resources in the Resource Center

- Stop by the Guest Nation booth to learn more about India, the 2017 Annual Meeting Guest Nation

Visit the Exhibit Hall

Share your meeting experience on Facebook and Twitter with #AAOS2017

After the meeting...

Look ahead to 2018 and continue the Annual Meeting experience online at your convenience.

Book your 2018 housing (Kiosks in Hall D Lobby offers a chance for members to book housing on-site)

Complete the Annual Meeting satisfaction survey

Claim your earned CME

Experience the 2017 Annual Meeting education all over again with these formats posted online:

- ePosters and eScientific Exhibits

- Podcasts

- Symposia Webcasts

Save the date for the AAOS 2018 Annual Meeting! 6-10 March 2018, New Orleans, Louisiana

General Tips

Official AAOS Hotels offer complimentary shuttle service to and from the San Diego Convention Center, starting Tuesday, 14 March at 06:30 through Saturday, 18 March at 18:00. There will be no service between 10:00 and 14:00.

Look for informational signs around the exterior of the convention center that list the routes and hours of operation or check the *My Academy* app or the Final Program for more details.

Download *My Academy* app before arriving on-site. Plan your schedule, get organized, connect with colleagues attending the meeting and utilize the My Agenda feature to sync your schedule with your personal calendar.

Maximize your time spent learning by taking advantage of the close proximity of activities in Academy Hall.

Earn CME Credit by learning during the Poster Tours.

Save money on the hottest titles in orthopaedic learning by taking advantage of special on-site promotions.

Renew your membership at the AAOS membership booth and learn how to tap into all of the resources the Academy has to offer.

Review any of the Posters or Scientific Exhibits by viewing ePosters and eScientific Exhibits online after the meeting.

Charge your device at convenient charging stations so you can stay connected all day.

Remember you can always find current job opportunities online at the AAOS Career Center.

Network with your colleagues in lounge areas throughout the meeting space. Bring your business cards to exchange with your new contacts or exchange a virtual business card using the *My Academy* app.

Free Wi-Fi allows you to stay in touch with your office and family.

Professional attire is appropriate at the meeting and to visit the exhibit area. Blazers or sport coats, button-down shirts, ties, and slacks or khakis are recommended. Remember to dress in layers; the meeting and exhibit space can be chilly. If you wish to wear traditional clothing from your country, you are most welcome to do so.

Travel Tips

The average temperature in the San Diego area in March is 19C, with an average high of 21C and an average low of 12C. Pack an umbrella for the possibility of showers during your visit.

Get visa and travel information at www.aaos.org/amintl. It is recommended to apply for your visa 90 days in advance of the meeting.

Review [additional travel information](#).

Education Tips

Identify your “can’t-miss” schedule by searching for sessions within your specialty or areas of interest.

14 Symposia will be recorded and streamed live at the Annual Meeting. Attend the symposia you can’t miss onsite at the meeting, and watch the webcasts later at your convenience.

Visit the Posters and Scientific Exhibits 11:30 – 12:30 and meet with the presenter or co-author to discuss their research and answer any questions.

Review any of the Posters or Scientific Exhibits by viewing ePosters and eScientific Exhibits online after the meeting.

Exhibit Hall Tips

Unopposed Exhibit Time allows you to explore the Exhibit Hall, view product demonstrations, and discuss the latest technologies with exhibitors without missing any education sessions. View the unopposed times and plan your trip to the exhibit hall by visiting www.aaos.org/exhibits.

Complimentary beverage breaks will be provided in the Exhibit Hall on Wednesday and Thursday at 15:30, and on Friday at 10:00 and 14:30.