



# Washington State Orthopaedic Association

## Newsletter

June 2009

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### WSOA Board Meeting Minutes

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### WSOA-BFOA Legal

### President's Message

*Wally Kregel, MD, WSOA President*

At our strategic planning meeting we established short and long term goals for the WSOA that we are diligently working towards. These include:

- Updating our contact list, including email contacts, and identification of a key contact in your group or office with whom we may effectively communicate. Please contact Darla White, [ddw@wsma.org](mailto:ddw@wsma.org) or 206-956-3642 with this information if you have not already done so. We will do our best to pass along to our membership only those pieces of information that we feel are most important.
- Successfully concluding the BFOA vs. Columbia PT litigation
- Creating Value for WSOA members
- Educational opportunities
- Working with UW to establish a CME program in conjunction with grand rounds
- Creating a robust Annual Meeting Scientific Program
- Website enhancements:
  1. Place important information on legislative and regulatory issues on the website
  2. Create a central link for access to equipment representatives throughout the state
  3. Link to important AAOS and WSMA projects
  4. Create a Legislative Key Contact program for our state and National legislature.

Most of these projects are only accomplishable with your input, either through email, phone or in writing, and we encourage your participation on issues that you feel are important. We do not have paid lobbyists doing this for us at this time, and all of us are in full time practice with limited resources and time. Our contact information is available on the website at [www.WSOA.org](http://www.WSOA.org)

I would further encourage your support and membership in the WSMA, as this has been extremely helpful to the orthopaedic community. The WSMA is currently working toward resolution of issues related to health care reform, liability, advanced imaging and self-referral, administrative simplifications, and enhancements to the Medical Assistant Scope of practice. Please visit the WSMA website for more detailed information on these issues. The WSOA encourages you to get involved with the WSMA. A WSOA recognized spokesperson for physicians in our state is ideal. Please visit their website at [www.wsma.org](http://www.wsma.org), for more information on joining WSMA.

### Save The Date!

**Washington State Orthopaedic Association Reception**  
Complimentary to all WSOA Members

### Defense Fund

**Thank you to all who have so generously donated to the cause!**

**Please make your contribution today!**

Ten percent of your contribution will go towards a newly created WSOA Advocacy Fund to help with future advocacy and defense funds efforts. Send your check or credit card information to WSOA-BFOA Legal Defense Fund, c/o WSMA, 2033 Sixth Ave., Suite 1100, Seattle WA 98121. Or call the WSOA office at 206-956-3642 or [email](#) Association Executive Darla White.

Western Orthopaedic Association Annual Meeting  
WHEN: Friday, July 31, 2009  
WHERE: The Westin Hotel, Seattle  
TIME: 5:30-8:00PM

Come see old friends and make some new ones!  
Plenty to eat and drink!

Please RSVP to Darla White at [ddw@wsma.org](mailto:ddw@wsma.org) or call 206-956.3642

### Orthopaedic Surgeons Or Their Related Providers Who Act As Team Physicians

Governor Gregoire signed into law HB 1824 mandating guidelines for return to play after concussion or head injury. Orthopedic Surgeons or their nurses or PA's may be asked by coaches to clear student athletes to return to play. They should be aware of these guidelines and the need to know the appropriate evaluation for head injury prior to return to sports.

See the following [link](#).

Here are other informational sites on this topic: [www.cdc.gov](http://www.cdc.gov) or [www.biawa.org](http://www.biawa.org) The latter has pocket guideline and evaluation cards that can be printed out.

### 2009 PQRI Reporting Options Begin July 1: Is Your Practice Ready?

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) announced that it will hold another free conference call on the 2009 Physician Quality Reporting Initiative (PQRI) on July 17 from 2:30-4:30 p.m. Eastern time. [Registration](#) is required.

CMS is expected to provide an overview on access to the PQRI help desk, a review of the three PQRI reporting options available on July 1, and an update on 2009 PQRI-qualified clinical registries and take questions from participants.

The three PQRI reporting options are:

- Claims-based reporting on one measures group for 80 percent of applicable Medicare Part B patients for each eligible professional (including a minimum of 15 patients during the reporting period)
  - Registry-based reporting on at least three PQRI measures for at least 80 percent of applicable Medicare Part B patients
  - Registry-based reporting on one measures group for 80 percent of applicable Medicare Part B patients of each eligible professional (including a minimum of 15 patients during the reporting period)
- CMS recently posted the document "[Physician Quality Reporting Initiative \(PQRI\) & E-Prescribing: Implementation Advice for the Office Manager](#)." It describes the PQRI and offers advice on participating in the three 2009 PQRI reporting options.

CMS also announced a help line and e-mail resource for PQRI participants. You can call toll-free 866.288.8912 between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m. Eastern time, or send your PQRI questions to [pqri\\_inquiry@cms.hhs.gov](mailto:pqri_inquiry@cms.hhs.gov)

### Residents

Did you know your WSOA membership is complimentary?  
[Join today!](#)  
You'll receive complimentary registration to all WSOA CME/Annual meetings.  
Call our office for more information 206-956-3642

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### Update Your Contact

### Information

The WSOA feels it is critical to be able to keep its members up to date on important issues affecting your practice and patient care. Please be sure your contact information is current with our office. You may email contact information updates to Darla White, WSOA Association Executive at [ddw@WSMA.org](mailto:ddw@WSMA.org).

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### BFOA Lawsuit Update

The defense of physician employed therapists (and other allied health care providers) continues as the case of Columbia PT vs. Benton Franklin Orthopedics continues with an expected Supreme Court date this fall. Although legal counsel and the WSOA are pleased with the results to date, we have reached a critical point in funding this defense. WSOA accounts are dangerously depleted. We would not want to compromise our defense of physician rights this late in the process for lack of funds and are asking all physicians with employed therapists or P.A.'s to donate to preserve our right to employ these allied health care professionals.

### Save The Date!

#### WSOA Annual Meeting

Nov. 13 & 14  
Marriott Waterfront Seattle  
Complimentary registration for ALL MEMBERS!

Please RSVP to Darla White at [ddw@wsma.org](mailto:ddw@wsma.org) or call 206-956.3642

### In Memoriam

David "Bill" William Grainger, Jr

[Click here](#) for entire obit.

Please forward information regarding the passing of any WSOA members to Darla White at [ddw@wsma.org](mailto:ddw@wsma.org) so that we may share the information with your fellow colleagues.

### Physician Assistants - Join WSOA Today!

The WSOA Board of Directors has approved the membership of physician assistants in the WSOA. Please encourage your PA staff members to join. [Click here](#) for a WSOA physician assistant membership application. Once completed, fax it to 206-441-5863, or mail with your check or credit card information to 2033 Sixth Ave. Suite 1100, Seattle, WA 98121.

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