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A Note from the WSMA

The WSMA has arranged for a meeting with Representative Tom Campbell (R - 2nd Legislative District) to discuss his [proposed legislation](#) that if passed by the Washington State Legislature would require pre-surgical testing for MRSA of any surgical patient at least two weeks prior to surgery. Our goal would be to have a thoughtful discussion about addressing the issue of multidrug resistant organisms in a surgical setting.

It is important to note that a bill introduced by Rep. Campbell last year requiring hospitals to report MRSA ICU cases passed the legislature with little or no opposition by either party. This new bill is also likely to be favorably received. It is therefore important for us to meet with and discuss our concerns with Rep. Campbell prior to the start of the 2010 Legislative Session.

Date: October 6, 2009

Time: 6:00 - 8:30 (Dinner to be provided)

Place: SeaTac Hilton

If you have any questions, please contact Tim Layton or Len Eddinger at 360-352-4848.

Also, if there are other groups or individuals that you think we should invite please let us know. At this time we are seeking physician participation from representatives of the following organizations: Washington Association of Neurological Surgeons; Washington State Orthopedic Association; Northwest Academy of Otolaryngology - Head and Neck Surgery; Washington Society of Plastic Surgeons; American College of Surgeons, WA State Chapter; Washington State Urology Society; Washington Chapter, American College of Cardiology; Northwest Society of Colon and Rectal Surgeons; Washington Academy of Eye Physicians and Surgeons; Infectious Diseases Society of Washington.

Thanks,

Tim Layton, JD, MPA
Director of Legal Affairs
Washington State Medical Association

Apply Now for OREF CDP Grants

October 13 is the deadline to apply for Orthopaedic Research and Education Foundation (OREF) Clinician Development Program (CDP) grants to fund 2010 continuing medical education programs in hip and knee arthroplasty, 2010-2011 general medical education fellowships in eight subspecialty/practice categories, and 2010-2011 residency enhancement programs. The CDP provides a way for industry to support essential educational programs for orthopaedic surgeons through institutional and individual grants while complying with best practices for independence and transparency. OREF is solely responsible for inviting

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and reviewing applications, determining qualified candidates, and selecting recipients.

WSOA Board Meeting Minutes

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WSOA-BFOA Legal 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.

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

AAOS News

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.

Supplier Sponsorships

As an ongoing effort to offer our members value added benefits, the WSOA is in the process of creating an on-line directory of medical suppliers. We will also be offering sponsorship opportunities in our monthly newsletter. Each monthly sponsor will receive article space to draw attention to their goods or services. Please feel free to pass this information on to suppliers you think might have an interest in this opportunity. For information contact Darla White at 206-956-3642 or email at ddw@wsma.org

Physicians 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.

Go to www.wsoa.org and download the application. Fax completed applications to 206-441-5863 or mail to WSOA, 2033 6th Ave. Suite 1100, Seattle, WA 98121

Save the Date!

WSOA Annual Meeting

Nov. 13 & 14

Marriott Waterfront Seattle

Complimentary registration for ALL MEMBERS!

Please RSVP by calling 206-956-3642

To make room reservations at the Marriot please call 1-800-228-9290 or 206-443-5000.

Be sure to ask for the WSOA special room rate of just \$139/night.

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

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Contact Information

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