



# Washington State Orthopaedic Association

## Newsletter

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### WSOA Leadership

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### Board of Directors Message

*John W. Adkison, MD, WSOA 1st Vice President*

The WSOA board held a reception during the recent Washington State Medical Association meeting in Spokane. Three of your board members led an "open mike" format with some initial summary information on Washington orthopedist's most pressing political issues. We reviewed the current status of evolving legal action that would potentially eliminate the ability of orthopedic offices to have in house physical therapy. We also reviewed the history of some potential State legislation that would eliminate the ability of orthopedic offices to have in house MRI or CT machines.

These same topics and others will be reviewed in more detail at the upcoming November annual meeting. I can't think of two more important topics for an orthopedist trying to maintain a private practice in the State of Washington. Please come get informed and allow yourself and your colleagues to get engaged in our future.

The WSOA board is committed to furthering the concept of orthopedic unity stressed by our Academy. We will attempt to organize other regional gatherings of orthopedists to keep our membership better informed and to inform the board of issues that should be addressed by your State Orthopedic Society. Size matters- if it's important it needs the attention of your orthopedic colleagues united across the State! The barriers to a successful private practice in orthopedics demand that we share information. The WSOA is uniquely positioned to assist in this communication if our members will commit to a reasonable level of engagement in the organization.

I look forward to seeing you at the WSOA annual meeting.

### WSOA Board Meeting Minutes

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### WSOA-BFOA Legal Defense Fund

**Please Make Your Contribution Today!**

### Register Today

**WSOA Annual Meeting**  
November 15-16, 2008

**Nov. 15, 7:30-5:00pm,**

Bell Harbor International Conference Center  
Reception immediately following at the World Trade Center, Seattle

**Nov. 16, 7:00am**

continental breakfast followed by the Board of Directors/General Meeting. Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend!

Register today at [www.wsoa.org](http://www.wsoa.org) or [click here](#) for a registration form. [Click here](#) to view the meeting brochure.

For more information, call Darla White at 206-956-3642 or email [ddw@wsma.org](mailto:ddw@wsma.org)

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](#) Executive Administrator Darla White.

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## Health Care Notification Network

### Receive Drug Alerts Online Instead of Current Paper Process

If you have already enrolled in the HCNN, thank you. More information regarding the HCNN is listed below and you can also learn more by visiting [www.hcnn.net](http://www.hcnn.net) or calling 866.925.5155.

HCNN information:

- It's free for physicians and used only for patient safety notices. There is no advertising or other use of physician information.
- Use of the network is governed by the iHealth Alliance. Your email addresses will not be disclosed.
- Physicians can designate office staff members to also receive HCNN alerts to facilitate information flow and patient follow up.
- Physicians can opt out at any time.
- It's faster and more efficient than current paper-based patient safety alerts. Delays in delivery of alerts can increase liability risk.
- Physicians not enrolled in the HCNN will continue to receive FDA-mandated patient safety Alerts in paper via U.S. mail. But these paper Alerts typically come weeks after the Alert is delivered via the HCNN

***Consider forwarding this note to a colleague to help them improve patient safety and reduce liability risk.***

### PA's Now Eligible for WSOA Affiliate Membership

The WSOA Board of Directors recently approved the membership of physician assistants in the WSOA. Please encourage your PAs 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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