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Dear Members and Colleagues,

What does it mean to be “happy”? (I know what you’re thinking, but please hang in there with me.....)

Why is it that burnout, depression and suicide are more common among physicians than most other professions? Among all medical specialties, surgeons appear to be especially at risk. To be honest, happiness has not been something I had spent much time thinking about until recently. Sure, I want to be a happy person. I presume most of us would say the same. But actually, defining what *happiness* is and how you get it is more difficult than one would think.

Arthur C. Brooks may be the world’s preeminent expert on the subject. There is no doubt that he is brilliant, motivated and determined. He earned a PhD in Public Policy Analysis from the RAND Graduate School while working as a military operations research analyst for the RAND Corporation. After an incredibly successful career in academics (he actually started his teaching career at Georgia State University), he served for 10 years as President of the American Enterprise Institute, one of the world’s most influential think tanks. He has written several best-selling books on leadership and success. He has served as a leadership advisor to the White House and dozens of major corporations. He has been named one of the World’s 50 Greatest Leaders by Fortune Magazine. At the age of 50, he had

accomplished all professional goals he had previously set for himself. So, why would he be unhappy or unsatisfied?????

Brooks has spent the past decade trying to answer that question. He currently teaches a class on the subject at Harvard Business School.

It is evidently quite popular among students. Unfortunately, I will never be able to take his class. However, after hearing several friends talk about the subject and watching our communities suffer the consequences of mental illness and societal division, I’ve spent some time reading about what Brooks has learned about happiness.

Although it may be somewhat surprising, money, power, pleasure and fame have little to do with happiness. On the contrary, happy people appear to have high levels of achievement in 3 fundamental domains: **purpose in life, enjoyment, and satisfaction.**

As orthopaedists, we are fortunate to have a fairly clear purpose in our professional lives- namely, to use our craft to improve our patient’s pain, function and overall quality of life. Likewise, we have abundant opportunities for enjoyment and satisfaction for a job well done in the clinic or operating room. So, we should all be happy, right?

Brooks goes on to emphasize that purpose, enjoyment and satisfaction are not the entire picture. In fact, among the most important ingredients of happiness are close relationships and

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friendships. Close relationships are “the glue” that holds those three important domains together. Such relationships are not automatic. They must be constantly maintained.

So what does this have to do with the Georgia Orthopaedic Society?

**IT’S RELATIONSHIPS!!!!**

Of the 3 Missions of the Georgia Orthopaedic Society, it is my opinion that the relationships we create and maintain with our statewide colleagues are the best and most important part of our society.

With that in mind, there is no better way to build and strengthen relationships than attending the GOS Annual Meeting at The Cloister Sept 29 - Oct 1. I promise it will make you more happy!! Through the efforts of our Executive Director Liz Neary and our Program Director, Walter McClelland, MD we have a phenomenal program for the Meeting. There is no doubt that this meeting is the pinnacle event for our society and continues to be among the most well attended and best state orthopaedic society meetings in the country. Please check out the social agenda [here](#).

We are fortunate that Dr. Michael Bolognesi (“Bolo”) has agreed to be our Guest Lecturer. Bolo has been a great friend and role model to many of us over the past 15-20 years. Having served as President of the American Association of Hip and Knee Surgeons (AAHKS) in 2020, he brings a wealth of experience including a “boots on the ground” clinical expertise and a tremendous knowledge of value-based care and global policy issues that will influence our profession for years to come. Despite his tremendous success, he is among the most approachable and “down to earth” people I know. We are also lucky that Dr. Peter Waters has agreed to be the visiting Hand Surgery Guest speaker. He brings a wealth of knowledge and insight into the clinical management of the upper extremity.

I look forward to seeing you soon at Sea Island!

Sincerely,



*Thomas L. Bradbury, M.D.*

GOS President

## Update from the Georgia Orthopaedic Society Foundation

As the recently elected President of the GOS Foundation (GOSF) board I want to acknowledge Wendell Duncan’s many contributions in the formation of the GOSF. Wendell was my personal friend of many years. Along with my able board members, I will do my best to honor all he was to the GOS by bringing his dreams for the GOSF to reality. We established 4 fundamental goals:

- 1) Exposing underrepresented minorities to the field of orthopedic surgery through mentoring: We will soon submit an IDEA grant application to the AAOS to help fund this project. More on this at the GOS annual meeting.
- 2) Resident research funding : we have funded both MCG and Emory with seed money for resident research and look forward to sharing the results of this funding at the annual meeting.
- 3) Health Policy Fellowship Initiative: in the next few months, we plan on selecting a GOS member or resident to expose them to health policy formation by partnering them with our head lobbyist Don Bolia. In addition to other opportunities, they will come to the state capital as well as legislative retreats to understand the process from inception of a bill to its signing into law.
- 4) Hall of Fame - we intend to honor those that have made



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special contributions to GOS and made it one of the strongest and most influential state societies in the U.S.

Lastly, I look forward to updating you at the annual meeting about a special initiative we hope to launch in honor of Wendell Duncan. I look forward to seeing all of you at the annual meeting in September. It’s my favorite meeting of the year!

Respectfully submitted,

*Steve McCollam, MD*

# GOS LOBBYIST REPORT

## 2023 Legislative Session



The 2023 Legislative Session adjourned sine die on March 29th. With new Leadership at the top in both Chambers – New Lt. Governor Burt Jones and New Speaker Jon Burns – the Session started slow and legislators appeared to be avoiding controversial issues that had dominated the past few years. This didn't last long, however, and we began to see issues come to the forefront including election reform, school safety, mental health and specific to the healthcare industry scope of practice and certificate of need reform.

It is important to note that 2023 is the first year of the biennial legislative Session so bills that did not pass this year are still viable for next session.

Here is an update on issues affecting the physician community:

### INSURANCE REFORM

**HB 295** – (Representative Lee Hawkins) This bill updates and revises some of the specific procedures, timelines and other matters from the “Surprise Billing Consumer Protection Act” from 2020. The changes are pro-physician and we are pleased to be able to support Representative Hawkins, the new Chairman of the House Health Committee. The bill was signed by the Governor at a signing ceremony on May 2nd.

**SB 20** – (Senator Kay Kirkpatrick) This bill requires insurers to follow network adequacy standards and would hold patients harmless where they must seek out of network care due to an inadequate network. The bill was signed by the Governor on May 2nd.

**SB 65** – (Senator Ben Watson) This bill addresses the Governor's request to allow Georgia to move to a state-based exchange. There were concerns about this bill being rushed and the state not being prepared but Commissioner King and Senator Watson were able to calm these fears and the bill ultimately passed overwhelmingly in both chambers. This was a Governor's priority.

### SCOPE OF PRACTICE

Scope of practice became a contentious issue for the legislature this year. Particularly in the anesthesia space, CRNAs launched a strong push for independent practice. Ultimately, no major scope of practice bills passed.

**SB 102** – (Senator Larry Walker) As the biggest threat to scope of the 2023 session, this bill would allow anesthesia to be administered by a CRNA who is not supervised by a physician after an order by a physician. The legislation would specify that anesthesia administered by a CRNA is the practice of nursing. The bill did not pass the Senate and was not taken up in the House.

**SB 197** – (Senator Chuck Hufstetler) This bill is a resurgence of the TIA bill from years ago. The bill prohibits deceptive or misleading terms or false representations by health care practitioners. It also prohibits the misappropriation of medical or medical specialty titles by health care practitioners in advertisement and representations. The bill passed and was signed by the Governor.

**HB 215** – (Representative Alan Powell) This bill would update the nurse licensure code by providing for licensure of APRNs and allow APRNs and PAs under a protocol agreement or job description, and to fill out documentation for a patient to apply for license plates and parking permits for persons with disabilities. This bill is an example of a compromise where physicians were able to work with the author to maintain appropriate physician oversight. Ultimately, however, the bill did not pass.

We will continue to watch for a bill from the physical therapists that will closely involve scope discussions for orthopaedic surgeons. Members of GOS met with health committee leadership during the session and prepared them for this scope battle but we did not see it in 2023.

### TORT REFORM

Georgia continues to rank very low in terms of the tort environment. Every year, there are tort reform efforts at the Capitol but, since 2005, there has not been much success. This year a few tort reform bills made traction, but we do expect this will be something the legislator will be tackling in 2024.

**SB 196** – (Senator Ben Watson) This bill would allow for the admissibility of seat belts as evidence in a civil trial. Senator Watson was disappointed that this bill failed to make it out of his own health committee. This bill was thought of as a bill to give us a preview of where we stand

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on larger tort reform votes. It is clear we have a lot of work to do!  
**SB 200** – (Senator Bill Cowser) This would provide for a process for a high-ranking government or corporate officer of whom a deposition is sought to seek a protective order. This bill did not pass but was added to SB 74 where the language did pass.

**HB 470** – (Representative Sharon Cooper) This bill would establish a CANDOR system that would allow for voluntary open communications related to healthcare that are protected from a future disclosure in a civil suit. This bill did not pass and is an issue Chairwoman Cooper has indicated she will be working on during the 2024 session.

### CERTIFICATE OF NEED

Certificate of Need reform is always an intense debate at the State Capitol. This year was no different! Lt. Governor Burt Jones was behind a Senate push to eliminate Certificate of Need requirements which ultimately did not pass. The debate threatened the success of other bills including the budget. While a compromise was met and a study committee was formed, we will certainly see the debate over CON in 2024.

The Senate Study Committee on Certificate of Need Modernization has met once – the meeting was primarily background on the issue and establishing the players including the hospitals and hospital association, individual ASCs, independent hospitals and others. We will be monitoring this committee over the summer and fall. We have met with Senator Kirkpatrick on our specific issues regarding LNRs and we will continue to have a voice as this committee moves toward its final report at the end of the year.

### LEADERSHIP

We previously mentioned the new leadership in the House and the Senate. Below is the full list of leadership as well as Chairmen that are related to healthcare issues. We are thankful to have longstanding strong relationships with these leaders. The Georgia Orthopaedic Society PAC has supported a number of these elected officials for many years.

#### House Leadership

Speaker - *Jon Burns* (Newington)  
 Speaker Pro-Tempore - *Jan Jones* (Milton)  
 Majority Leader - *Chuck Efstrotation* (Dacula)  
 Majority Whip - *James Burchett* (Waycross)  
 Majority Caucus Chairman - *Bruce Williamson* (Monroe)  
 Majority Caucus Vice-Chairman - *Houston Gaines* (Athens)  
 Majority Caucus Secretary/Treasurer - *Ginny Ehrhart* (Marietta)  
 Majority Caucus Chief Deputy Whip - *Rob Leverett* (Elberton)  
 Minority Leader - *James Beverly* (Macon)  
 Minority Whip - *Sam Park* (Lawrenceville)  
 Minority Caucus Chairman - *Billy Mitchell* (Stone Mountain)

Minority Caucus Vice-Chairman - *Karen Bennett* (Stone Mountain)  
 Minority Caucus Secretary - *Park Cannon* (Atlanta)  
 Minority Caucus Treasurer - *Shea Roberts* (Atlanta)  
 Minority Caucus Chief Deputy Whip - *Sandra Scott* (Rex)  
 Health Committee Chairman - *Lee Hawkins* (Gainesville)  
 Special Committee on Healthcare Chairman - *Butch Parrish* (Swainsboro)  
 Public Health Committee Chairman - *Sharon Cooper* (Marietta)  
 Appropriations Chairman - *Matt Hatchett* (Dublin)

#### Senate Leadership

Lieutenant Governor - *Burt Jones*  
 President Pro-Tempore - *John F. Kennedy* (Macon)  
 Majority Leader - *Steve Gooch* (Dahlonega)  
 Majority Whip - *Randy Robertson* (Cataula)  
 Majority Caucus Chair - *Jason Anavitarte* (Dallas)  
 Majority Caucus Vice Chair - *Matt Brass* (Newnan)  
 Minority Leader - *Gloria Butler* (Stone Mountain)  
 Minority Whip - *Harold Jones II* (Augusta)  
 Minority Caucus Chair - *Elena Parent* (Atlanta)  
 Minority Caucus Vice Chair - *Sonya Halpern* (Atlanta)  
 Minority Caucus Secretary - *Nan Orrock* (Atlanta)  
 Health Committee Chairman - *Ben Watson* (Savannah)  
 Insurance Committee Chairman - *Senator Larry Walker* (Perry)

Your lobbying team was proud to represent you at the State Capitol in 2023. Thank you for your continued involvement in your political action committee (PAC).

If you would like more information on the PAC or to donate, please click here <https://www.georgiaorthosociety.com/Advocacy>. With seats being won with razor thin margins our contributions are more important than ever!

Thank you for allowing us to represent you at the Georgia Capitol. Our contact information is below. Please let us know if you have any questions or concerns.

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## THE WINNERS OF THE 2023 THOMAS E. WHITESIDES, M.D., RESIDENT'S AWARD ARE:

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**\*First Place - Zaamin Hussain, MD – Emory University  
Department of Orthopaedics - Abstract title:  
Methylprednisolone Taper is an Effective Addition  
to Multimodal Pain Regimens after Total Shoulder  
Arthroplasty: Results of a Randomized Controlled Trial**

**\*Second Place – Kyle Bundschub, MD – Emory University  
Department of Orthopaedics - Abstract title: Extended  
Oral Antibiotic Prophylaxis: Defining its Role in All-  
Comers Undergoing Primary and Aseptic Revision Total  
Joint Arthroplasty**

**\*Third Place - Amalie Nash, MD - Emory University  
Department of Orthopaedics - Abstract title: Two-Year  
Outcomes and Graft Failure Rate Following Primary  
Anterior Cruciate Ligament Reconstruction Using  
All Soft Tissue Quadriceps Autograft in the Pediatric  
Athlete: A Retrospective Cohort Study of 540 Cases.**

Congratulations to Zaamin, Kyle and Amalie! Each winner will present his paper at the GOS annual meeting, September 28 - 30, 2023, and will receive the \$1500 – First place, \$1000 – Second Place and \$500 - Third place awards.

Thank you again for submitting a paper to the Society. If you are interested in presenting your paper **in poster format**, please email me at your earliest convenience and I will send you the poster instructions for the annual meeting. If you have any questions, please feel free to email me at [lnearygos@gmail.com](mailto:lnearygos@gmail.com) or call me at 478-474-2754.

**\*\* GOS Annual Meeting Registration fee is waived for  
ALL Residents!!**

## GEORGIA ORTHOPAEDIC SOCIETY'S F. JAMES FUNK, JR., M.D. DISTINGUISHED SERVICE OF THE YEAR AWARD

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The GOS board has opened nominations from membership for the **2023 GOS F. James Funk, MD, Distinguished Service Award**. This award is presented to one who has demonstrated an exemplary commitment to musculoskeletal-focused humanitarian activities and contributed significantly to improving the practice of Orthopaedic surgery. Nominees do NOT have to be GOS members, nor do they have to be Orthopaedic surgeons. The nominee should simply meet the above criteria and be worthy of this distinguished service award.

When submitting your nomination, please provide a brief narrative as to why you believe your nominee deserves this award. Please make your nominations soon as they will no longer be accepted for the 2023 award after **July 15th, 2023**. The award will be presented at the 2023 Annual Meeting of the Georgia Orthopaedic Society (September 28 – October 1, 2023). It will be the 77th anniversary so please save the date on your calendars!

Please submit your nomination online at <https://www.georgiaorthosociety.com/james-funk-award>



# HORIZON



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Please Save the Date and Join Us for the  
**77<sup>th</sup> GEORGIA ORTHOPAEDIC SOCIETY  
ANNUAL MEETING**

September 28 – October 1st, 2023  
at The Cloister on Sea Island, Georgia

**MINIMUM OF 9 - 10 CME CREDITS AVAILABLE**



GOS has reserved a group block at the Cloister on Sea Island, GA.  
You will receive a housing link immediately after registering for the meeting.  
Our group rate is \$413<sup>.00</sup> a night plus tax.

The GOS room block is for REGISTERED GOS annual meeting attendees/paid exhibitors ONLY.  
A maximum of 1 room is permitted per attendee and those staying in the room,  
must be a registered/paid GOS attendee and/or children living in same household.  
The reserved room will automatically be cancelled by GOS if this is used for a non-meeting attendee.

*\* Please note, due to other groups in-house over our meeting dates, the Cloister room block is currently full for Wednesday and Saturday night. The Cloister does have availability for Thursday and Friday night. We do not keep a waiting list, but you could check back with the hotel in September to see if they have any cancellations. There is availability at the hotels listed on the next page.*

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SEA ISLAND/ST. SIMONS ISLAND AREA**

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GOS room rate \$325 – Located just minutes from the Cloister on St. Simons Island  
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800-841-6268

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**77<sup>th</sup> GEORGIA ORTHOPAEDIC SOCIETY  
ANNUAL MEETING**

**TENTATIVE PROGRAM**

**All subspecialties combined into two half-day sessions.**

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 28<sup>th</sup>**

6:00PM ..... Registration/Welcome Reception

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 29<sup>th</sup>**

7:30AM ..... Registration

7:35AM-12:30PM ..... General Session

8:30AM ..... Family Hospitality with Breakfast – Located at Beach Club

12:30PM ..... Sports and Leisure (Golf, or Beach)

7:00PM ..... Oceanside Dinner/Dance (*Adults only, pre-registration required*)  
- Located at the Beach Club

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30<sup>th</sup>**

7:30AM – 12:30PM ..... General Session

1:00PM ..... Afternoon of Leisure

6PM ..... Cocktail Reception at the Beach Club

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**Registration is now open for the GOS 77<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting being held at the Cloister on Sea Island, GA,  
September 28-October 1, 2023. Click here to register <https://www.georgiaorthosociety.com/event-5155741>  
(website log-in is required).**

For assistance with your password and registration, please contact  
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