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## A Message From The GOS President

*Kelly Homlar, M.D.*



Dear Colleagues,

I am humbled and proud to serve as the 2021-2022 Georgia Orthopaedic Society President. It is a great honor to be a part of such a strong state society. At the annual meeting last October, GOS

celebrated its 75th Anniversary. 75 YEARS of service to Georgia orthopaedic surgeons and the patients to whom we provide care! As a labor of love, Dr. Wendell Duncan was gracious enough to collect and publish a printed history of the first 75 years of GOS. This was handed out at the annual meeting, and I thoroughly enjoyed reading through it. If you have not seen it, you can find it on the website. It is amazing how much GOS has grown and accomplished in 75 years.

Recently, a colleague asked me – “Why should I join GOS? What is the value?” I realized that my answer to this question has changed over time, and I have acquired a deeper appreciation for GOS through the years. When I first joined, I was fresh out of fellowship and coming back to Georgia to start an orthopaedic oncology practice. I joined because I wanted to meet people and expand my network. At the first annual meeting I attended, I met referring orthopaedic surgeons from across the state and I could finally associate a face with a name. It was great to compare notes with surgeons in all practice settings and subspecialties and I even ran into some old medical school classmates. It was a great networking event!

That first annual meeting was also my first exposure to The Cloister at Sea Island. My husband and I came with two toddlers in tow. Let me assure you, after seeing the candy shop, the beach club, the pools, and so many other kids running around...this meeting quickly became a family favorite and an annual tradition. My three girls are now forever spoiled in regards to what they think a hotel experience should entail!

The relationship and education missions of the society were immediately apparent after attending my first meeting.

Several years later, I was asked if I had any interest in joining the Board as the Public Relations chair. As we do in early practice, I said “yes” without really knowing what to expect. I had no idea what an eye-opening experience this would be. With it came opportunities such as the Georgia Physicians Leadership Academy, MAG Doctor of the Day at the Capitol during the legislative session, and numerous discussions with our lobbyist, Don Bolia, and fellow board members including AAOS Board of Councilors, Legislative Chair and MAG Representative, about issues affecting our profession and our patients. One of the most striking issues I remember was when the Prescription Drug Monitoring Program was just being created in Georgia. While well intended, the bill initially included a provision that physicians not reporting would be subject to a felony penalty – including 1-5 years in prison – and/or a fine of up to \$50,000! With input from GOS, the bill was revised to differentiate between “knowingly and intentionally” not reporting and “negligently” not reporting and changing the penalty to a misdemeanor in cases of negligence. Without physician input from GOS, MAG, and others,

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who knows how the law would have come out - certainly none of us are looking to become felons!

Spending time at the Capitol, you quickly realize that lawmakers must make decisions on issues about which they may not have significant background knowledge. It is extremely helpful to have physicians in Congress and physician societies such as GOS to help offer insight and education when needed. We know that it is important to have a strong representation at the national level (and certainly AAOS does an excellent job representing us nationally), but it is equally important to have strong representation in Atlanta under the gold dome. And it is reassuring to know that on the state level, our GOS lobbyist and Board is monitoring every bill that is introduced, paying close attention to those that could affect our practice and/or our ability to provide quality care to our patients, and intervening when needed with grassroots efforts or when asked to provide perspective to lawmakers. It was through those experiences that I really gained an appreciation for the 3rd mission of the society – advocacy.

This past year I was able to attend the National Orthopaedic Leadership Conference (NOLC) in Washington, D.C.. The AAOS, its Board of Councilors, and state society presidents and executives all convened to discuss national healthcare issues affecting musculoskeletal care. Our Georgia delegation (which even included a guest appearance by AAOS President and former 2008-2009 GOS President Danny Guy) met with both US Senators and the majority of US representatives from Georgia. Topics emphasized were prior authorization, physician wellness, funding for musculoskeletal research, big medicine, and the future of healthcare. Here in Georgia, the 2022 legislative session is now underway. Issues to look for are prescription pricing, tort reform, mental health funding, surgical smoke evacuation, among others. Check out the members only section of the website for weekly updates from our lobbyist, Don Bolia.

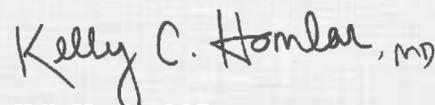
My colleague, while questioning the value of GOS, may argue that these advocacy efforts would still continue without his membership. But, the health of the society depends on the members and without active, engaged members, we can't be as effective in our mission. I realize that many people may not necessarily enjoy politics and may not want to be directly engaged, but by supporting your state society, you are supporting those who are willing to get in the fight for issues that affect us all! The oft quoted remark "If you don't have a seat at the table, you're probably on the menu" holds especially true in this evolving era of healthcare.

I would also point out to my colleague, that as a residency program director, I am proud that GOS supports Georgia residency programs by offering free membership in the society, no registration fee for the annual meeting, sponsoring a resident research competition, holding breakfast sessions biannually with residency programs to discuss healthcare policy and advocacy issues, sponsoring a free regional senior resident meeting with didactic lectures on practical matters with the goal of helping with their transition into practice, and, of course, networking opportunities.

And, now with the GOS Foundation, we aim to do even more for our members – to support research endeavors aligned with our mission, provide opportunities for leadership and advocacy training, and promote diversity and inclusion with sponsoring shadowing opportunities. I am proud that the society is alive and well in all of our three missions - advocacy, relationships, and education.

But I'll be honest, my favorite part of the GOS is the annual meeting. Last year's meeting was a great success coming back from the ongoing uncertainties of COVID-19. It was wonderful to be back at the Cloister with friends! Secretary-treasurer Brad Bushnell and President Snehal Dalal ran an excellent meeting. Guest speaker James Ninimiya, MD was unable to travel due to COVID restrictions, but was able to join us virtually. We had some wonderful academic talks and memorable discussions including 'things that get you sued' and even 'management of an active shooter'.

This year's meeting will be October 6-9, 2022. I hope you attend. Our guest speaker will be Dr. Ginger Holt, Professor, Vice Chair of Education, and Chief of the Musculoskeletal Oncology Section at Vanderbilt University Medical Center in Nashville, TN. Dr. Holt is a gifted educator, an engaging speaker and honestly is a hoot to be around. You will enjoy getting to know her! As always, social events and opportunities will abound with golf, tennis, running, shooting, spa, beach, fishing, cocktail party, and Friday night dinner party. With the Georgia peak of the Omicron variant looking to be receding, I am optimistic this year will be the year we all finally get to have more fun, more travel, and make up for lost time – let's do it with one of the best annual meeting celebrations yet! Join us in Sea Island in October.



*Kelly Homlar, M.D.*

President, Georgia Orthopaedic Society

The GOS 75-year History now in print and can be found on the GOS website at this link  
<https://georgiaorthosociety.wildapricot.org/history>



## THE GEORGIA ORTHOPAEDIC SOCIETY FOUNDATION

It took a few years to get the Foundation up and running but we finally received our tax-exempt status in July, 2021 and we rolled out the Foundation at our GOS annual meeting in October. We offered charter membership for \$250 and we are proud that 86 of our GOS members joined and gave over \$28,000 total – with several members giving even larger amounts!

Our purpose is to support education and research in Georgia. With four Orthopaedic residency training programs, one of our initiatives is to support and encourage research from our residents. We will co-support financially the annual Whitesides Residents Paper Competition at the Cloister, the Funk Distinguished Service Award, as well as the biennial Senior Residents Conference. Also, the GOSF has created a Hall of Fame which honors those iconic surgeons and individuals who have advanced the society and the profession through their leadership, service and/or dedication to educating orthopaedic surgeons in Georgia.

We have selected as our first major initiative a program that will hopefully increase diversity among our orthopaedic surgeons in Georgia. You may be aware that our AAOS has done likewise. The AAOS membership consists of only 6% women and it's

even less in Georgia. Orthopaedic surgeons of color are far less than 6%. We are initiating a mentorship program for freshman medical school students in Georgia. The summer after their freshman year, students of underrepresented minorities will shadow a Georgia orthopaedic surgeon for a month and receive a stipend. We have been losing these students to other specialties, such as cardiovascular surgery, and it's time for them to choose orthopaedics.

Please go to our new website: [www.GOS-Foundation.org](http://www.GOS-Foundation.org) and please consider joining our GOSF with a tax-exempt donation.

Respectfully,  
**The GOSF Board of Directors**

*J. Wendell Duncan, M.D., President*  
*Jim Barber, M.D., Vice President*  
*Brad Bushnell, M.D., MBA, Secretary-Treasurer*  
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### REPORT FROM

## THE GOS AAOS BOARD OF COUNCILORS

The AAOS Board of Councilors represents all of the Orthopaedic State Societies and plays an important role giving the AAOS Board of Directors “grassroots” feedback and input. 2022 is the 50th Year Anniversary for the BOC. Your three representatives from GOS to the BOC met in San Diego at the AAOS Annual Meeting in September 2021, then again in Washington D.C. last October for the combined National Orthopaedic Leadership Conference (NOLC) and Fall Meeting of the BOC. A good review of the advisory opinions and work done in each of the seven committees can be found in the Fall edition of the BOC. Now located in the “News” section of the GOS website -<https://georgiaorthosociety.wildapricot.org/news-publications>.

The advocacy efforts of our Orthopaedic PAC did stellar work for us during this past year fighting against the remaining Medicare payment cuts, promoting prior authorization reform, physician owned hospitals (POH), addressing surprise billing and other issues. Visit [AAOS.org/advocacy](http://AAOS.org/advocacy) to read specific position statements and update on these current issues. The Orthopaedic PAC is the only national political action committee specifically representing Orthopaedic Surgeons before Congress. You can participate by donating online at [aaos.org/advocacy/PAC](http://aaos.org/advocacy/PAC) or you

can **text AAOS to 41444** and follow the prompts. Finally, you can **venmo @orthopac** with your name, city and state.

Finally, I want to acknowledge Wendell Duncan for the outstanding work and leadership through the Board of Councilors over the past years. He represented us well, serving as Chairman of the State Orthopaedic Societies Committee and impacted us all with his “servant’s heart” and leadership style. As he rotates off of the BOC this spring, we are thrilled to welcome Snehal Dalal to serve going forward.

Please visit the above links to learn more or email us anytime!

Respectfully submitted,  
**Lee McCluskey** for the GOS BOC Representatives

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## A Message from the President of GAOE!

Dear Colleagues,

These are indeed exciting times for our organization. Emerging from the heights of the pandemic, GAOE expanded our programs and services through our educational webinar series and held two successful meetings in 2021. As we anticipate 2022, I am excited to share our vision for further expansion.

The Board of Directors, in consultation with orthopaedic practice administrators in neighboring states, has decided to open our organization to members in Alabama and Tennessee. We have significantly benefited from our South Carolina peers joining the organization, and we feel this expansion will inject further resources, experience, and enthusiasm. To be more inclusive of our new state partner groups, we will be rebranding the organization to the Southeastern Association of Orthopaedic Executives. We hope you share our enthusiasm with this effort to enhance participation and resources that bring value to your membership.

The Board of Directors understands the unique role we play in providing professional and personal development to managers, team members and C-suite leaders. To that end, we want to make it easier to leverage the organization's resources and education for your teams.

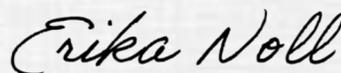
This year we are offering a Group Membership Platform to facilitate dues savings for multiple memberships through a

single invoice. Like the AAOE membership structure, discounts increase as more team members enroll.

If you want to take advantage of this cost-effective regional resource as an investment in staff development and future leadership, contact **Shelly Hakes** at [shakes@cobbmanagement.com](mailto:shakes@cobbmanagement.com) to sign up for the Group Membership Platform please click on link for dues info - <https://files.constantcontact.com/3922a742701/2651f4d4-3054-4063-b004-84826027b756.pdf>. If you elect not to participate in the Group Membership Platform, we will distribute individual dues statements in January, or you can join at <https://www.gaoe.org>

Don't hesitate to contact me if you have questions. Please spread the word to colleagues throughout the region about the benefits of membership. We look forward to announcing our new structure and new members from Alabama and Tennessee at our annual meeting in Hilton Head, SC November 3-5, 2022.

All my best,



*Erika Noll*

President,

Georgia Association of Orthopaedic Executives  
COO, Peachtree Orthopedics

## GOS WELCOMES NEW MEMBERS

*Chad Beck, M.D., Rome*

*Joshua Bell, M.D., Newnan*

*Richard Boe, M.D., Atlanta*

*Fred Finney, M.D., Atlanta*

*Elan Jack Golan, M.D., Atlanta*

*Sandra Hobson, M.D., Atlanta*

*Rishin Kadakia, M.D., Atlanta*

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*Dell McLaughlin, M.D., Atlanta*

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*Mac Sims, M.D., Augusta*

*Tobias von Bergen, M.D., Stockbridge*

*Clark Walker, M.D., Sharpsburg*

*Zaneb Yaseen, M.D., Warner Robins*

# GOS LOBBYIST REPORT

## 2022 Legislative Session



The 2022 Legislative session began on Monday, January 10th. Many issues have quickly risen to the forefront including gun rights, education, voting rights, vaccine politics and others. In addition, this is a redistricting year, so legislators are voting on new municipal maps for cities, counties, and school boards across Georgia. Also, there has been no shortage of discussion about healthcare and expanding access to healthcare in Georgia. There is a lot to do in the remaining 25 days!

See below for some highlights for the medical community.

### Scope of Practice

A recurring effort at the General Assembly is the expansion of the scope of practice for non-physician healthcare providers. We always remain alert for these bills that encroach on the physician patient relationship and patient safety. There are a couple bills we are watching in this area right now.

HB 369 (Representative Alan Powell) – Allows for APRN and PA prescribing of Schedule II drugs under a protocol agreement. This bill was dropped in 2021 and is still alive for the 2022 Legislative Session. The bill would allow APRNs and PAs to sign an affidavit for parking permits for people with disabilities. HB 369 removes some of the oversight of the Composite Medical Board when dealing with scope under protocol agreements by physicians. This bill is currently in the Senate Health and Human Services Committee. The membership of the Committee includes three physicians.

Physical Therapist expansion – While no bill exists right now, we have heard from individuals connected to the Physical Therapist Association that they are interested in further expansion of their direct access to patients. We worked with them on this issue only a few years back. We will remain vigilant in following this issue.

Representative Reeves will not be returning to his seat in 2022 but we fully expect Representative Powell to push this concept.

### Budget for assisting with Medical Education costs

With Physicians and nurses in short supply across the country, including in Georgia, Governor Kemp has included financial incentives to address provider availability and retention. Specifically, we would like to emphasize the \$85 million to increase Medicaid provider rates and eliminate attestation, \$28 million to extend postpartum coverage from six to twelve months and funding for 136 additional residency slots in the state.

### Tort reform

It has been a tough few years in an effort to achieve tort reform. In 2020 an omnibus tort reform package failed to pass and in 2021 a scaled back tort reform effort focused on phantom damages and trial bifurcation failed to move through the

process. While these efforts will be revisited, we have seen positive movement in the area of tort reform early in the 2022 session. The House Judiciary Committee passed HB 961 by Representative Chuck Efrstration, Chairman of the Judiciary Committee. The bill would allow for evidence of a non-party's fault and authorize apportionment of damages in single-defendant lawsuits. The bill is on the House Rules Calendar but has been postponed.

### Reapportionment

In November of 2021, the General Assembly met to take up redistricting and reapportionment. Every ten years, when the new census numbers are available, the General Assembly meets to redraw House, Senate and Congressional districts. Although the legislature completed most of this work in November, the aftermath has certainly shown during the 2022 Legislative Session. Additionally, Legislators must continue reapportionment efforts by working on new maps at the municipal and school board level.

There are a few highlights of interest to GOS including the new districts for Representative Sharon Cooper, Senator Kay Kirkpatrick and Senator Michelle Au.

Representative Cooper was drawn into the same district as another Republican, Matt Dollar. Representative Dollar promptly announced he would not be running for re-election – great news for Chairman Cooper!

Senator Kay Kirkpatrick's district changed, and she drew a challenger in Representative Charlice Byrd who has announced she would be running for State Senate. Dr. Kirkpatrick is working hard to learn the new areas of her district.

Redistricting changed Senator Michelle Au's district to a much more Republican leaning district. Dr. Au, a Democrat, decided to jump into the race for House District 50 which gives her an easier route back to the State Capitol.

You can find the full apportionment site with the newly adopted maps here: <https://www.legis.ga.gov/joint-office/reapportionment>

### Campaign updates

During the legislative session, fundraising is put on hold however campaigning is in full swing. 2022 is an election year for statewide candidates as well as all legislators. Qualifying for office will be held March 7 – March 11. At this point we will officially know who will be running for which office.

We were able to get a preview of those running for office when the January 31st disclosures showed us where candidates fell in the fundraising race for the previous period.

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Races of interest include the following:

**Governor**

Governor Brian Kemp (R) (I) ..... \$7.4 M (\$12.7 M total)  
 David Perdue (R) ..... \$1.1 M  
 Stacey Abrams (D) ..... \$9.25 M

**Lt. Governor**

Senator Burt Jones (R) ..... \$1.7 M  
 Senator Butch Miller (R) ..... \$1.3 M  
 Charlie Bailey (D) ..... \$530,000  
 Erick Allen (D) ..... \$192,000

**Attorney General**

Chris Carr (R) (I) ..... \$825,000  
 Jen Jordan (D) ..... \$655,000

**Insurance Commissioner**

John King (R) (I) ..... \$217,000 (\$316,000 total)  
 Matthew Wilson (D) ..... \$120,000

Your lobbying team will continue to be present at the State Capitol and update you throughout. 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://georgiaorthosociety.wildapricot.org/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. Thank you!

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**THURSDAY EVENING COCKTAIL RECEPTION**

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## 76<sup>th</sup> GEORGIA ORTHOPAEDIC SOCIETY ANNUAL MEETING

October 6 -9, 2022 | The Cloister on Sea Island, Georgia



### We are pleased to welcome Presidential Guest Speaker **Ginger E. Holt, M.D.**



Dr. Holt was born and raised in Cullman, Alabama. She received her undergraduate education at the University of Alabama at Birmingham and was awarded a basketball scholarship. She later attended medical school at University of Alabama School of Medicine. She attended residency at Vanderbilt University Medical Center and completed two fellowships – one in Orthopaedic Oncology in Toronto with mentors Drs. Wunder and Bell and a 2nd fellowship in Adult Reconstruction in Denver, Colorado with mentor Dr. Dennis. She then returned to VUMC in 2003 and is now Vice-Chairman of the Department of Orthopaedics and Rehabilitation, Chief of the Orthopaedic Oncology Section, Residency Program Director, and Orthopaedic Oncology Fellowship Director.

She was an AOA/ABC Traveling Fellow in 2011 (Australia, New Zealand, and England). She has been an instructor at Miller Review course since 2008 and has won the teaching award multiple times. She is the author of more than 75 peer-reviewed journal articles and numerous book chapters.

In her spare time, she enjoys cycling, cooking, and spending time with family. She is a proud mother of two baby boys – Theodore and Tillman.

# 75<sup>th</sup> GEORGIA ORTHOPAEDIC SOCIETY ANNUAL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

## RESIDENT AWARD WINNERS



1ST PLACE WINNER,  
*Brian Burke, D.O.*  
from Dwight D. Eisenhower Army Medical Center  
pictured with GOS 2021 President, *Snehal Dalal, M.D.* and  
GOS 2022 President, *Kelly Homlar, M.D.*



2ND PLACE WINNER,  
*Alex R. Webb, M.D.*  
from Emory University Department of Orthopaedics  
pictured with GOS 2021 President, *Snehal Dalal, M.D.* and  
GOS 2022 President, *Kelly Homlar, M.D.*



3RD PLACE WINNER,  
*Colton Webber, M.D.*  
from Medical College of Georgia at Augusta pictured with  
GOS 2021 President, *Snehal Dalal, M.D.* and  
GOS 2022 President, *Kelly Homlar, M.D.*



2021 GOS President, *Snehal Dalal, M.D.*  
receives GOS plaque  
and presidents pin from  
President - *Elect, Kelly  
Homlar, M.D.* (now  
current 2022 President).

GOS Member, *George  
M McCluskey III, M.D.*  
pictured with 2021 GOS  
Distinguished Service  
Award Recipient - *Leland  
C. McCluskey, M.D.*

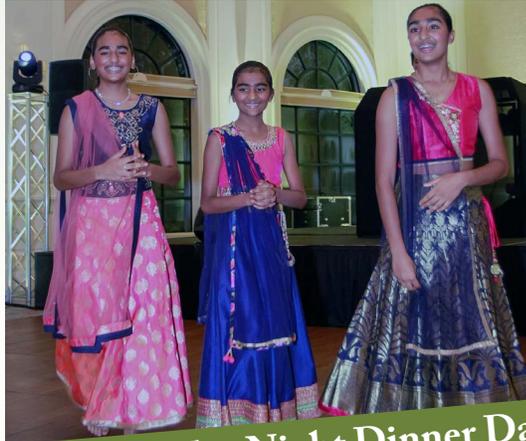


2021-22 AAOS President, *Daniel K.  
Guy, M.D. FAAOS*, gives an update at  
the 2021 GOS Annual Meeting.





President Snehal Dalal, M.D. welcomed everyone to the Friday night dinner dance.



Dr. Snehal Dalal's daughters started out the evening with a beautiful traditional dance of India.



Everyone enjoyed the Friday Night Dinner Dance and the great sounds from DJ Ameet!



## THE GEORGIA ORTHOPAEDIC SOCIETY WOULD LIKE TO THANK THE FOLLOWING COMPANIES FOR THEIR SUPPORT OF THE 2021 ANNUAL MEETING

### DIAMOND LEVEL

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### GOLD LEVEL

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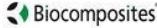
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\*Georgia Hospital Association (GHA) by hospitals in Georgia, ages 0-18 (2020).

\*\*Pediatric Health Information System (2020), as prepared by the Children's Hospital Association. This report compares clinical data annually for more than 52 pediatric hospitals in the U.S.

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

The GOS board has opened nominations from membership for the 2022 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 2022 award after July 1st, 2022.** The award will be presented at the 2022 Annual Meeting of the Georgia Orthopaedic Society (October 6-9, 2022). It will be the 76th anniversary so *please save the date on your calendars!*

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

### SUPPORT OF THE 2022 GOS CALENDAR

#### January 10

GA Legislative Session  
Atlanta, GA

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#### TBD

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Conference Call

#### September 11 - 15

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#### October 6 - 9

GOS 76th Annual Meeting  
The Cloister, Sea Island, GA

### CALL FOR ABSTRACTS!

The GOS program committee is now accepting abstract submissions for the 76th GOS Annual Meeting.

Deadline to submit materials is  
**May 1st, 2022.**

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1. NJR Data Supplier Feedback (summary reports). Cumulative revision rates at 14 years, all bearing types. Status August 2020. 2. NJR Data Supplier Feedback (summary reports). Cox Proportional Hazards model for revision, with endpoint at any revision. Status August, 2020. 3. Trindl-Jarrett L, et al. The association between cement type and the subsequent risk of revision surgery in primary total hip replacement. Acta Orthopaedica 2018; 89(1): 40-46. 4. Sanez-Ruiz P, et al. Is the Commercial Antibiotic-Loaded Cement Useful in Prophylaxis and Cost Saving After Knee and Hip Joint Arthroplasty? The Transatlantic Paradox. The Journal of Arthroplasty (2016) V.32, I.4, Pp.1095-1099. 5. Buller LT, et al. Primary TKA Performed Using HV Cement is Associated with High Odds of Revision for Aseptic Loosening. J Arthroplasty 2020; 35: 182-9.

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## RESIDENTS COMPETITION OF PAPERS

The Georgia Orthopaedic Society is pleased to announce that it is hosting a Residents' competition of papers at the GOS Annual Meeting, which will be held October 6-9, 2022, at the Cloister on Sea Island, Georgia.

We will be offering first, second and third place paper awards. All three papers will receive a monetary prize. The prize awards will be as follows:

1st place-\$1500; 2nd place-\$1000; and 3rd place-\$500.

Important guidelines for paper submission and qualification are listed below:

- The primary author must be a resident.
- A resident may only submit one paper. Additional abstract submissions will not be accepted.
- The resident must be a member of the GOS in order to submit an abstract. There is no cost to join. Click here to access the application: <https://georgiaorthosociety.wildapricot.org/Residents-Join-GOS> It takes two minutes to complete.
- All three award recipients will be expected to present their

papers at the GOS annual meeting. In the event of an emergency, only a co-author who is of resident or attending status current GOS member can present in their place.

- The deadline for the resident research paper submission is **May 1st, 2022.**

**ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTATION REQUIRED:** FOR CME purposes, it is mandatory that the AAOS Financial Disclosure Form is completed. You can complete or update your current disclosure on the AAOS website: <https://disclosure.aaos.org>

\*\*Please submit abstract to this link: <https://www.georgiaorthosociety.com/event-4634561> If you have any questions, please call or email **Liz Neary**, GOS Executive Director, at **478-474-2754**, [lnearygos@gmail.com](mailto:lnearygos@gmail.com).

If your paper is not selected as the winner of the Thomas E. Whiteside's, M.D., Residents Award, then the Program Committee of the Society will review it for presentation during the general session or for poster presentation much like that of the AAOS. A decision should be made regarding the winner of the competition by early June.



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