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Ortho News This Week

COA Elects New Leaders at 2019 Annual Meeting



Over 460 orthopaedic surgeons and orthopaedic practice managers gathered at the Ritz-Carlton Laguna Niguel for an insightful and educational weekend of clinical practice management and Workers' Compensation issues.

Elected as COA's new leaders were:

President Ronald Navarro, M.D. - Harbor City
First COA President who practices from Kaiser Permanente at the South Bay Medical Center in Harbor City. Dr. Navarro is the Regional Coordinating Chief of Orthopedic Surgery for the Southern California Permanente Medical Group (SCPMG).

First Vice President Lesley Anderson, M.D. - San Francisco

Second Vice President Michael Klassen, M.D. - Marina

Secretary-Treasurer Russell Nord, M.D. - Fremont

To reach out to these new COA leaders, contact them at: admin@coa.org

Thank you to the technical exhibitors who supported the meeting. Click [here](#) for the list.



Senate committee unveils sweeping healthcare bill package



Modern Healthcare

Senate health committee Chairman Lamar Alexander's effort to cut healthcare costs is here: with bills to address surprise bills, hospital and insurance contract gaming, air ambulances, drug prices and more. The Senate health committee on Thursday released its draft legislation to tackle healthcare costs, with provisions that read like a road map of how hospitals and insurers use contracts to dominate their competitors, consolidate their business and keep patients in the dark. [READ MORE](#)

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