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## Ortho News This Week

### New guidance attempts to resolve confusion regarding the removal of TKA from IPO list



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On Jan. 8, in a major win for AAOS' advocacy efforts, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) issued unprecedented guidance to help resolve confusion regarding the removal of total knee arthroplasty (TKA) from the Medicare inpatient-only (IPO) list. The 2018 Medicare Outpatient Prospective Payment System (OPPS) Final Rule included a policy change allowing for payment of TKA procedures in either the hospital inpatient or outpatient setting. [READ MORE](#)



### A major challenge for health care reform



California Health Care Foundation

It was the summer of 2017, and Sanjay Mishra, MD, was on his way home to Indianapolis with his two children. They were in the airport when he collapsed and went into cardiac arrest. Quick-thinking bystanders administered CPR, and first responders called his wife in search of medical information that might save his life. His wife Seema Verma — yes, the administrator of the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services — spent the next few hours on the phone frantically trying to piece together Mishra's health record. [READ MORE](#)

### Carve-out programs ax IMR in effort to streamline dispute resolution:



Work Comp Central

The City and County of San Francisco has entered into carve-out agreements with police and firefighter unions, providing an alternative workers' comp dispute resolution process for about 3,800 sworn officers, officials announced on Thursday. The agreements with the San Francisco Police Officers Association and the San Francisco Fire Fighters Local 798 will take effect July 1. [READ MORE](#)

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## Company executives, medical professionals charged in large health care fraud scheme



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The U.S. Department of Justice announced investigations by the FBI and the HHS Office of the Inspector General led to charges against 24 defendants for alleged participation in health care fraud schemes involving more than \$1.2 billion in losses and the execution of more than 80 search warrants in 17 federal districts. [READ MORE](#)

## FDA approves osteoporosis shot that rebuilds bones at the same rate a teenager's skeleton grows



Daily Milk

A new osteoporosis drug that can re-grow older women's bones as fast as a teenager's develop was approved by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) on Tuesday. An estimated half of women in the US will break a bone due to the devastating bone-loss disease that turns limbs brittle. [READ MORE](#)

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## When to Be a Nice Doctor - and When to Stop

In his most recent medical malpractice case study, CAP's General Counsel Gordon Ownby analyzes a lawsuit against an internist who was alleged to have improperly prescribed Durezol to his patient. Every month Mr. Ownby provides commentary on a real-life litigated case for his monthly column "Case of the Month." Read it here: <https://www.capphysicians.com/cotm1>

## How to avoid common mistakes when coding hand procedures



AAOS

Billing for hand procedures is among the most complex types of orthopaedic coding. Here, we highlight eight frequently encountered errors when coding hand procedures and how to fix them. Current Procedural Terminology (CPT) includes references to specific locations in the forearm, wrist, hand, and fingers for reporting flexor and extensor tendon repair codes. Codes are selected based on the location of the repair, not the site of tendon insertion. In particular, zone 2 flexor tendon repairs in the hand are important, as a separate CPT code is used to describe such procedures. [READ MORE](#)

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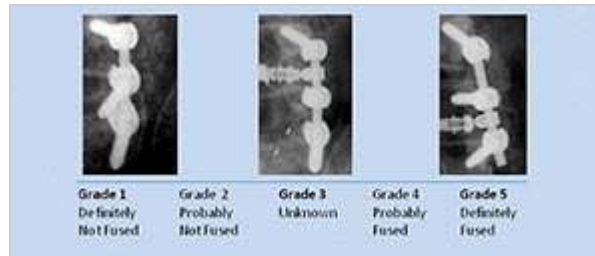
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