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Be Sure to Vote in the November General Election

PLEASE VOTE SAFELY; IT IS YOUR DEMOCRACY TO PRESERVE AND PROTECT.

Michael Purnell, M.D., COA Board of Directors/AAOS Board of Councilors

The California Orthopaedic Association encourages you to vote, and to do so responsibly. This means to think about the candidates you support, review their positions, make sure you get your ballot in on time, and make sure you sign, mail, or deliver your ballot, or go safely to a polling place. It is your greatest responsibility and privilege.

It's also important to cut through the rhetoric and understand the ballot initiatives. What do the initiatives really do? Ignore the ads and read these summaries to better understand the impact of the ballot initiatives: https://ballotpedia.org/November_3,_2020_ballot_measures_in_California

COA wants your vote to be heard and to make sure it is counted.

If you are involved in any local elections or supporting local candidates, let us know of your involvement admin@coa.org

Your involvement can make you a healthcare leader in your community and a resource on orthopaedic issues for elected officials.



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Applying for PPP Forgiveness with 3508S Form

Evergreen Small Business

On October 7, 2020, the Small Business Administration issued a new rule for PPP loan borrowers who received \$50,000 or less in proceeds.

That new rule says borrowers can receive full forgiveness of their loan regardless of changes in employee headcounts or pay rates. The only real requirements? Borrowers must make representations about how they handled their PPP loans. And borrowers must back up their spending with documentation.

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PRACTICE GUIDANCE

California Will Do Own Review of FDA-Approved COVID Vaccines

San Francisco Chronicle

California will independently review the safety of any coronavirus vaccine that receives federal approval before distributing it, Gov. Gavin Newsom said Monday. Newsom announced the creation of an 11-member scientific review committee that will provide a recommendation about whether to administer the vaccine to the public.

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Oxycontin Maker To Plead Guilty To Federal Criminal Charges, Pay \$8 Billion, and Will Close the Company

CNN

Purdue Pharma, the maker of OxyContin, has agreed to plead guilty to three federal criminal charges for its role in creating the nation's opioid crisis and will pay more than \$8 billion and close down the company. The money will go to opioid treatment and abatement programs. The privately held company has agreed to pay a \$3.5 billion fine as well as forfeit an additional \$2 billion in past profits, in addition to the \$2.8 billion it agreed to pay in civil liability.

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DWC Emergency Regulations for Medical-Legal Reporting in Response to COVID-19 are in Effect through March 12, 2021

State of California Department of Industrial Relations

The Division of Workers' Compensation (DWC) announces its emergency regulations 36.7 and 46.2 for medical-legal evaluations, which became effective on May 14, 2020, will expire on March 12, 2021. The expiration date is in accordance with Executive Orders N-40-20 and N-66-20.

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Appropriate Use Criteria (AUC) Program Requirement Delayed

KarenZupko & Associates, Inc.

Like many other things during the public health emergency (PHE) due to the COVID pandemic, the AUC program which was to be fully implemented by Medicare on 1/1/21 has been delayed. The new mandatory implementation date is 1/1/22.

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Cannabis Use Tied to Increased Pain After Surgery

Medscape

People who use cannabis need more anesthesia during surgery and often have more pain and opioid use after surgery than non-users, new research indicates.

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