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## Happy Thanksgiving from COA

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The COA office will be closed in observance of the Thanksgiving Holiday Thursday and Friday this week, and will re-open on Monday, Nov. 29. During this special time of giving thanks, allow us to extend our gratitude to the members, volunteers and leaders that are at the heart of everything we do. It is an honor to serve you.

Topical Analgesics:  
The Importance  
of FDA Approval

STEVEN STANOS, DO

Executive Medical Director,  
Rehabilitation and Performance Medicine  
Swedish Health System



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## NEW COA MEMBER BENEFIT

### Ever Wonder What Your Work RVUs are Worth?

This information is particularly important for orthopaedic surgeons who are involved in Foundation Model or employed arrangements, but also of interest to surgeons in private practice.

COA has purchased the 2021 Compensation and Productivity Data from the American Medical Group Association (AMGA) – who surveys large entities and compiles this data annually - national data, as noted in their 5-year trend charts, and the west region data, which includes California. The reports include the following data points – median compensation, median work RVUs, compensation per work RVUs, median net collections, and median compensation to net collections for the following orthopaedic areas - Orthopedic Surgery, Orthopedic Sports Medicine, Orthopedic Joint Replacement and Orthopedic – Trauma. If there is another orthopaedic subspecialty area that you would like the data, we will see if AMGA has produced a 5-year trend report for that orthopaedic sub-specialty area and provide it to you if it is available.

Under our license agreement with AMGA, we are able to make the information available only to COA members **upon request**.

If you are a **current COA member** and would like to receive the AMGA survey data, send a request to – [admin@coa.org](mailto:admin@coa.org).

If you are **not a COA member**, click here to [Join COA](#) or click here to [bring your membership current](#) and pay your 2021 dues.

If you are not sure whether your membership is current, send an email to COA – [admin@coa.org](mailto:admin@coa.org) and we will follow-up with you.

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### ACP/AAFP Clinical Guideline Updates

The American College of Physicians (ACP) and the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP) recently revised their clinical Guidelines for Pain to recommend topical NSAIDs as first line therapy for the treatment of non-low back pain from musculoskeletal injuries in adults. Listen to Dr. Gudin share his insights for clinicians.

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## "Suite Deal" Beckons

Opportunity awaits the right Orthopaedist in Sacramento suburbs (Folsom). Share an office suite with two other Orthopaedic Surgeons. Build your own practice as you wish, while sharing office space perfectly set up with a common waiting room, reception desk, office support and medical assistants. Ideal location adjacent to hospital and across the street from independent surgery center. Space available as of December 2021. Call or write today for more information: [rslater96@gmail.com](mailto:rslater96@gmail.com) or (916) 204-5939.

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## Outside Investors Pay Up for Medicare Brokers

ModernHealthcare

Private equity and venture capitalists are increasingly investing in brokers that help older adults enroll in the crowded Medicare space. Six months after signing up for a Medicare supplemental plan, Rob Erick was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer. Erick believes he navigated his 12 rounds of chemotherapy as seamlessly as possible thanks to his Medigap plan, and the guidance of his local, independent broker.

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## Mayo Clinic CIO: Google Partnership Will 'Transform Healthcare'

Becker's Health IT

In 2019, Mayo Clinic began a 10-year strategic partnership with Google focused on innovation and cloud computing. Here, Cris

Ross, the Rochester, Minn.-based system's CIO, provides updates on what the partnership has accomplished and where it's going.

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