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FEEL MORE LIKE A PROBLEM?**



# COA Report

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## TOP NEWS



## Reasons You Should Attend COA's 2022 Annual Meeting



### Learn From Experts

- The Expanding Use of Reverse

Shoulder Arthroscopy – Joseph Zuckerman, M.D.

- AAOS Presidential Update – Kevin Bozic, M.D.
- The Great Debate – Hand Procedures – Moderator Prosper Benhaim, M.D.
- The Great Debate – Sports Medicine Issues – Moderator: Tim McAdams, M.D.
- The Great Debate – Shoulder Injuries – Moderator: Patrick St. Pierre, M.D.
- The Great Debate – Total Hip Arthroplasty – Moderator: Thomas Donaldson, M.D.
- The Great Debate – Foot and Ankle – What's In and What's Out – Moderator: Glenn Pfeffer, M.D.
- Biologics – Pro and Con – Moderator: Jason Dragoo, M.D.
- Fluoroscopy Radiation Safety – Isabel Newton, M.D, PhD

### Earn CME hours

- 17.5 Category 1 CME hours
- 10 Radiation Safety CME hours

- 10 ABOS SAE hours
- 6 QME CME hours

## Ask Your Questions Share Your Clinical Experience

[VIEW THE AGENDA & REGISTER FOR THE COA/CBones Annual Meeting](#)

The hotel is expected to sell-out — reserve your room asap.

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## DWC Proposes Amendments to QME Rules Amendments Do Not Change the Medical-Legal Fee Schedule

The California Division of Workers' Compensation posted to its online forum proposed changes to its qualified medical evaluator regulations.

Proposed changes would extend the time frame to schedule a medical-legal evaluation by 30 days for both the initial and subsequent evaluations.

The rules would allow parties to agree to allow a QME or AME to reschedule an evaluation more than 60 days after the date of cancellation.

Other changes would allow the parties to agree to a change in location for the evaluation and provides a definition of remote health evaluations.

The proposed changes can be found at: <https://www.dir.ca.gov/dwc/ForumDocs/2022/QME/Index.htm>

# 73% of Americans Are Now Immune To Omicron By One Estimate. But Is That Enough?

Los Angeles Times

The Omicron wave that assaulted the U.S. this winter also bolstered Americans' defenses, giving rise to enough protection against the coronavirus that future spikes may call for less disruption to society, health experts say. Millions of individual Americans' immune systems now recognize the virus and are primed to fight it off if they encounter Omicron, or even another variant.

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