



# COA Report

California Orthopaedic Association

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## TOP NEWS

### Help Identify New COA Leaders

COA is seeking nominees for its 2023 Nominating Committee. The Nominating Committee is charged with nominating new officers for COA for 2023-2024 as well as At-Large and Young Orthopaedic Surgeon Members to the Board of Directors. Members of the Nominating Committee will be elected at the COA Business Meeting which will be held on April 10, 2022 in conjunction with COA's in-person 2022 Annual Meeting/QME Course – April 7-10, 2022 in Indian Wells (Palm Springs area).

Pursuant to COA's By-Laws, the Committee is chaired by the Immediate Past President and includes two current Board of Directors and two Active COA members. The Committee meets via conference call.

If you would like to get involved in this important COA Committee, we need to hear from you no later than March 13. Send an email to COA — [admin@coa.org](mailto:admin@coa.org) letting us know of your interest in being elected to the Committee.

Thanks for your involvement.



### More Reasons You Should Attend the COA/CBones 2022 Annual Meeting/QME Course

#### Learn the Latest from Orthopaedic Coding Experts

KarenZupko & Associates is clearly recognized as a national coding expert for orthopaedics.

Karen Zupko and Sarah Wiskerchen of KarenZupko&Associates, Inc. will both be attending the meeting.



Karen will discuss **How to Avoid Claw backs with Compliant Billing and Documentation**



Sarah will discuss **Orthopaedic Coding and Hot Topics**

Surgeons and their practice managers/coding staff often spend hundreds of dollars to attend the Zupko courses. Attend the COA/CBones Annual Meetings to get the benefit of the Zupko expert coding advice along with other important practice information. Practice managers/coding staff have a discounted registration fee.

**Surgeons:** Attend the COA Annual Meeting and bring along your office manager and staff.

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## CMS Redesigns Accountable Care Organization Model to Provide Better Care for People with Traditional Medicare

CMS Building on the Biden-Harris Administration's priorities for a better health care system, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) announced a redesigned Accountable Care Organization (ACO) model that better reflects the agency's vision of creating a health system that achieves equitable outcomes through high quality, affordable, person-centered care.

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## Mark Cuban Is Ready To Buck Healthcare's Status Quo

Becker's Hospital Review

Whether they take the form of pharmacy benefit managers or spokespeople, Mark Cuban cuts out middlemen. In January 2021, Mr. Cuban — a billionaire investor known for owning the NBA's Dallas Mavericks and starring on ABC's Shark Tank — launched a generic drug company called the Mark Cuban Cost Plus Drug Co. The company has expanded since then, launching an online pharmacy, building a manufacturing facility and working to create its own PBM.

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## Cost of Hip Replacements in 30 US Cities

Becker's Spine Review

Dallas and Fort Worth, Texas, are the most expensive cities in the U.S. to undergo total hip replacement surgery, according to Healthcare Bluebook, a patient resource for finding affordable care. Prices include facility, physician and anesthesia fees and are calculated based on the amount health plans have paid on medical claims.

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