



# COA Report

California Orthopaedic Association

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## TOP NEWS



## Last Chance to Save \$100 — Registration Rate COA Annual Meeting

**The Early Registration Discount will be available until March 7.**

### [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

### 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.

### Learn about employers' rights in managing COVID issues with their employees and patients



Alexis James, JD of WorkWise Law – will give you the facts.

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

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

The hotel is expected to sell-out — COA's contracted rate only guaranteed through Monday, March 7. Reserve your room ASAP.

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## Help Identify New COA Leaders

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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.



## UnitedHealthcare Halts Paper Prior Authorization and Appeal Decision Letters

California Medical Association

As part of UnitedHealthcare's (UHC) continuing initiative to move providers to all-paperless methods of communication by the end of 2022, the plan announced that it will soon discontinue mailing paper appeal decision, prior authorization and clinical decision letters. Providers will instead be directed to access this correspondence electronically through Document Library, UHC's secure online repository of claim-related communication and reports, accessible via the UnitedHealthcare Provider Portal.

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