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California Orthopaedic Association

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TOP NEWS

COA Elects New Officers — 2021 Annual Meeting

Announcing COA's New Officers:

- President — **Russell Nord, M.D., Fremont**
- First Vice President — **Michael Klassen, M.D., Monterey**
- Second Vice President — **Dori Neill Cage, M.D., San Diego**
- Secretary-Treasurer — **Raymond Raven, Ph.D., M.D., Burbank**

346 Orthopaedic Surgeons and Orthopaedic Practice Managers attended the COA/CBones 2021 virtual Annual Meeting/QME Course.

They learned Tips and Tricks from leading experts in the fields of:

- Ortho Biologics
- Knee
- Total Joints
- Rotator Cuff Tear Management
- Hand
- Spine
- Trauma
- Blood Flow Restriction Therapy
- Radiation Safety - Fluoroscopy

They heard from:

- A leading financial expert who gave financial advice designed for surgeons
- Experts in how to recognize and handle unconscious bias issues
- Orthopaedic groups who have experience in bundled payment arrangements
- Orthopaedic educators on how to stay on top of orthopaedic knowledge
- Experts in how to conduct a telehealth musculoskeletal examination
- COA's lobbyist and President about COA legislative successes
- DWC leaders regarding the new Medical-Legal Fee Schedule
- Billing and Coding experts on the new Medical-Legal Fee Schedule

- A colleague about Life Hacks he uses to Improve his practice

And they participated in break-out sessions to share their own experiences and network with colleagues. They even had a live toast at a virtual Presidential Luncheon. A lot of information was shared at the meeting.

If you missed all this, it's not too late to participate. You can still register for the meeting and view the presentations on-demand to earn CME/QME hours.

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A special **Thank You** to the following exhibitors who supported the virtual meeting:

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PRACTICE GUIDANCE

CMS Issues Final Rule Extending and Revising Comprehensive Care Joint Replacement Episode-Based Payment Model

Foley & Lardner LP

The Centers of Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) issued a Final Rule (the Rule) on April 29, 2021 extending and making various revisions to the Comprehensive Care for Joint Replacement Model (the CJR Model). The CJR Model is an episode-based alternative payment program that involves hip and knee replacement surgeries for Medicare fee-for-service beneficiaries. The CJR Model began on April 1, 2016 and was scheduled to terminate on September 30, 2021. The extension will continue the CJR Model for hospitals required to participate through December 31, 2024.

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Revised Budget Proposal Prioritizes Health Care; Does Not Include Full Pay for Audio-Only Telehealth

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On May 14, 2021, Governor Gavin Newsom released his revised proposal for the 2021-2022 state budget. The \$267.8 billion budget, includes \$75.7 billion in surplus and \$25 billion in new federal COVID-19 relief funding from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA).

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