



# COA Report

California Orthopaedic Association

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## TOP NEWS

### COA Workers' Compensation QME Course

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- Are You Planning to Become a QME?
- Need to take the 12-hour Mandatory Report-Writing Course?
- Want to Improve the Ratability of your QME Reports?
- Need 12 QME CME Hours?

If you answered **YES** to any of these questions, sign up for **COA's Mandatory Report-Writing Course**. This will be a **live webinar** allowing attendees to interact and ask questions of the faculty members.

September 11 - Friday evening – 6:00 pm – 9:00 pm  
September 12 – Saturday – 8:00 am – 4:00 pm

#### Course Agenda

Physicians taking the QME Test are required to complete a Mandatory Report-Writing course before they can be accredited as a QME. You must attend both days in order to earn 12 hours of QME CME credits. Existing QMES can also use these hours for their ongoing QME CME requirement.

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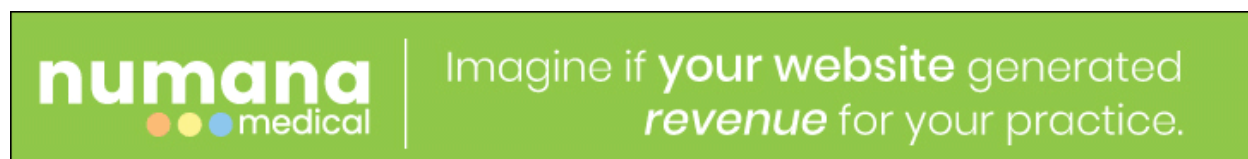
*The recorded course will also be available after the live broadcast.*

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[Click here](#) for the DWC announcement of the next QME Test in October.

Provider #9 — COA is accredited by the California Division of Workers' Compensation to award QME Continuing Medical Education credits for these Mandatory Report-Writing courses.



## PHYSICIAN GUIDANCE

# Retirement Checklist for Physicians

### FiPhysician

Physicians love to make lists and check stuff off. ABG, check. CXR, check. Notes and wash masks ... later. What about retirement? What list of things do you need to consider in your physician retirement checklist? Retirement planning can start as soon as you have some interest in what investments you fund in the different accounts. Physicians often have access to non-governmental 457's with questionable distribution options and need to do backdoor Roth IRAs (or rarely, Mega Backdoor Roth) to get some tax diversification. What other issues do you need to consider as you get closer to retirement?

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# 4 Things I've Learned Reading Medical Expert Witness Opinions

### The White Coat Investor

One of the most interesting parts of medical malpractice lawsuits that Eric Funk, MD, discovered was expert witness opinions. Many states require the plaintiff to submit an expert witness opinion that describes the allegations of negligence along with the initial filing of a lawsuit. These expert witness opinions range from reasonable and thoughtful to egregious and unethical. Here are the top things he learned reading hundreds of expert witness opinions.

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## COVID-19 GUIDANCE

# VIDEO: Can Vitamin D Reduce the Risks of COVID-19 Infection? How Does It Correlate to the Severity of Illness and Risk of Death?

Find out the answers to these intriguing questions.

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