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## IMPORTANT COVID INFORMATION

### Mandatory Testing of Healthcare Workers



The California Department of Public Health implemented new State Public Health Officer Orders on July 26, 2021 and August 5, 2021 that require healthcare workers to be vaccinated against COVID-19 by September 29, 2021. In compliance with this new order, COA is making available sample policies/templates that you may want to use in your practice.

The templates have been prepared and approved by the labor and employment firm Fisher & Phillips LLP. We thank Grace Y. Horoupian, Esq., for sharing the templates for distribution to COA. Should your practice need vaccination implementation assistance or has any employment issues and concerns, Ms. Horoupian's contact information is: 2050 Main Street, Suite 1000, Irvine California; [ghoroupian@fisherphillips.com](mailto:ghoroupian@fisherphillips.com); (direct) (949)798-2145. You can also visit the [Fisher & Phillips website](#) for other vaccine/COVID-19 related information and to sign up for their newsletters and legal updates for up to the minute pertinent information. Once on the website, click on the "Vaccine Resource Center" and it will provide industry information, FAQs, templates/forms, etc.

COA is providing this information to its members only for their information. Members should discuss the recommended policy and templates with their own HR Departments/Legal Counsel before implementing to ensure that they are appropriate for your specific practice.

- [COVID-19 Vaccination Policy](#)
- [Request for Medical Exemption/Accommodation Related to COVID19 Vaccine](#)
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- [Accommodation Procedure for COVID-19 Vaccine](#)

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This will be an in-person meeting allowing attendees to interact and ask questions of faculty members.

**WHEN:** September 17, Friday evening – 5:00 pm – 9:30 pm  
September 18, Saturday – 8:00 am -4:00 pm

**WHERE:** Pacifica Orthopedics – 11th Floor Conference Room  
18800 Delaware St. #1100, Huntington Beach

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## PRODUCT SHOWCASE



### Orthopedic Surgeon for busy practice

Great opportunity for an orthopedic surgeon in a busy practice with excellent compensation. Primarily WC & PI practice with some private insurance patients.

Will need to work in multiple modern clinics in Los Angeles & Orange Counties & Inland Empire.

No nights or weekends  
No hospital call  
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## Job Opportunities

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**Regional Hand Center** — Posted 8/15/21  
[Orthopaedic Surgeon – Hand Surgeon is Needed](#)

[Learn more](#) about the following job opportunities:

**Ventura Orthopedics** — Posted: 7/19/21  
Orthopedic Surgeon Shoulder and Elbow Reconstruction

**Orthopaedic Surgeon Needed** — Posted 7/19/2021

**Orthopedic Fellowship- Out-Patient TJA** — Posted 7/19/2021  
Start Date July 2022

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## Shared Office Space Available

An established (30 years) solo orthopedic surgeon looking to share spacious (approx. 5000 sq ft) office with another orthopedic surgeon. Practice located 25 miles east of downtown Los Angeles with in-house digital x-ray, physical therapy, and friendly office staff. A good hospital and an outpatient surgery center within 5-10 minutes from the office. Willing to refer patients to the new doctor. Eventual takeover of the practice is a definite possibility. [View pictures of the space here.](#)

Contact: Hose Kim, M.D. Phone: 562-945-8873 or Email: [hkimmd1@gmail.com](mailto:hkimmd1@gmail.com)

## Payers Shifting Strategy To Keep Physicians Independent

Becker's ASC Review

Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan added a physician management services business to its portfolio in early August, following a trend of insurance companies seeking to partner with or employ physician groups to keep them independent of

hospitals. The payer announced the purchase of an unnamed Royal Oak, Mich.-based physician practice management service organization Aug. 11. The company delivers business support to independent physicians transitioning to value-based care models.

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## ACOs Earned \$2.3B in Shared Savings Bonuses Last Year: CMS

Becker's Hospital Review

ACOs participating in the Medicare Shared Savings Program in 2020 earned performance bonuses totaling nearly \$2.3 billion and saved Medicare \$1.9 billion, CMS said Aug. 24. CMS said 345 out of 513 ACOs, or 67%, earned shared savings payments in 2020, but the data shows that ACOs participating in downside risk models were more likely to earn the bonus payments. In particular, 88% of the two-sided risk models and 55 percent of one-sided risk models earned the performance payment.

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## 3 Key Technologies That Will Benefit Spine Surgery at ASCs

Becker's Spine Review

As spine procedures continue to accelerate to the outpatient setting, surgeons will need access to technologies that enable higher-acuity procedures to be done with accuracy and predictability in the least traumatic manner. Here are three key technologies that ASCs can invest in to support spine surgery.

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## Geisinger, Medacta To Guarantee Total Joint Replacement Outcomes

Becker's Spine Review

Danville, Pa.-based Geisinger, Geisinger Health Plan and orthopedic devicemaker Medacta are collaborating to offer a two-year guarantee for total hip, knee and shoulder replacement surgeries. The guarantee applies to patients who are members of a qualifying Geisinger Health Plan and remain in the care of a Geisinger provider. Patients with comorbidities — a major factor in determining outcomes — also are included in the initiative.

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## Cerner Announces Appointment of David Feinberg, M.D. as President and Chief Executive Officer

Cerner

Cerner Corporation announced that its Board of Directors has appointed David Feinberg, M.D., MBA, as President and Chief Executive Officer, effective Oct. 1, 2021. He succeeds Brent Shafer, who previously announced his decision to transition from chairman and CEO. Dr. Feinberg will serve as a member of the Board of Directors. Cerner's current President, Donald Trigg, will leave Cerner. Cerner's Board of Directors also announced that it will separate the roles of chairman and Chief Executive Officer and has appointed William Zollars as independent chairman, also effective Oct. 1, 2021.

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## Kurt P. Spindler, MD becomes 50th President of the American Orthopaedic Society for Sports Medicine

Orthopaedic Product News

Kurt P. Spindler, MD, was installed as the 50th president of the American Orthopaedic Society for Sports Medicine (AOSSM) at the American Orthopaedic Society of Sports Medicine – Arthroscopy Association of North America Combined

2021 Annual Meeting held in Nashville.

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