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California Orthopaedic Association

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TOP NEWS

California Ends Indoor Mask Mandate for Vaccinated People as 2/15/2022 Individuals in Health Care Settings are Still Required to Wear Masks

California Department of Public Health

This guidance will take effect on February 16, 2022. For current Guidance for the Use of Face Masks, see the current guidance for face coverings.

Changes Taking Effect February 16, 2022:

- Universal masking shall remain required in only specified settings.
- Only unvaccinated persons are required to mask in all Indoor Public Settings. Fully vaccinated individuals are recommended to continue indoor masking when the risk may be high.

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Single-Payor Legislation has been Defeated for 2022 But Still Alive in the Governor's Budget — A Proposal to Establish the Office of Healthcare Affordability

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Reasons You Should Attend COA's 2022 Annual Meeting/QME Course

- Janus Norman, Chief Lobbyist for the California Medical Association along with COA Lobbyist Kim Stone have been invited to update attendees on the composition of the **Office of Healthcare Affordability** and how it could set health care spending targets.
- Be updated on other **legislation/regulations** that directly affects your practice.
- Provide input into needed changes to the **Workers' Compensation Official Medical (Treatment) Fee Schedule**. The Division of Workers' Compensation is expected to hold stakeholder meetings in 2022 to discuss needed updates to the treatment fee schedule. Join a focus group at the meeting to provide your input.

VIEW THE AGENDA & REGISTER for the COA/CBones Annual Meeting

The hotel is expected to sell-out, so make your hotel reservations ASAP.

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Commercial Payers Driving Cases To ASCs; Orthopedics Most Primed for Growth

Becker's ASC Review

A growing number of commercial insurers are revamping policies to push providers and patients out of the hospital and into ASCs, where procedures can be performed at a lower cost.

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Regional Hand Center of Central California: Seeking a Hand Fellowship Trained, Board Certified/Eligible Hand Surgeon

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Zimmer Biomet Spine Spinoff To Crack \$1B Revenue in 2022

Becker's Spine Review

Zimmer Biomet's spine and dental spinoff, ZimVie, will be completed March 1 instead of the previously announced timeline of mid-2022. Headquartered in Westminster, Colo., ZimVie will focus on key growth areas of the spine and dental markets, including implants, surgical tools, bone grafts, spinal fusion implants, non-fusion alternatives and digital care technologies.

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Orthopedists Rank Third in Malpractice Suits, Survey Finds

Medscape

More than eighty percent (81%) of orthopedists and orthopedic surgeons report being named in at least one malpractice suit, according to the Medscape Orthopedist Malpractice Report 2021.

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The Future of Wound Infections

Medscape

For some patients undergoing surgery, the journey is just beginning after they leave the hospital. Surgical site infections are among the most common post-op complications, affecting 2% to 4% of inpatient surgical procedures, according to the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality. And that's a problem, as these infections are the number one reason a patient will need to be readmitted to the hospital. For 3% of patients, infections are fatal.

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Surgery May Not Be Better Than Casting for Some Wrist Fractures

Medscape

In a multicenter, randomized trial in the United Kingdom, fixing wrist fracture with Kirschner wires (K-wires) did not improve patient outcomes at 1 year when compared with well-molded casting without surgery.

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10 Things *Not* to Do in a Medical Board Hearing

Medscape

A Florida doctor told his patient her test result would be available in 3–4 days. When the patient didn't hear back, she called the practice several times, but she didn't receive a return call. So, she filed a complaint against the doctor with the medical board.

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