



**TEXAS
ORTHOPAEDIC
ASSOCIATION**
Established 1936

Texas Orthopaedic Association:

Join the Only Specialty Society Dedicated to Texas Orthopaedic Surgeons

Enhancing Orthopaedic Practices

TOA provides news and analysis to TOA members about business and public policy issues that often cannot be found elsewhere. Many Texas orthopaedic surgeons indicate that they join TOA so that they can receive TOA's e-mail updates.

The Voice of Orthopaedics in Texas

TOA is the united voice of Texas orthopaedic surgeons. Lawmakers, patients, and the health care industry turn to TOA for expertise in the musculoskeletal arena. TOA represents orthopaedic surgeons in both Austin and Washington, DC.

What Has TOA Done for You?



Whether you are in private practice, hospital employment, or in an academic setting, TOA's work affects your practice and your patients. Texas orthopaedic surgeons have one of the most favorable practice environments in the nation, and that is a direct result of TOA's work in Austin.

Health care is one of the most regulated industries in America, and orthopaedic surgeons often face more public policy challenges than any other medical specialty. Whether we like it or not, orthopaedic surgeons must engage in the public policy process, and TOA provides us that voice.

The Nation's Model Prior Authorization Law

The 2021 Texas Legislature created a "gold card" prior authorization process for surgeons who are approved at least 90 percent of the time for a particular service. This Texas law serves as the model for Congress and the other states to follow.

Stopping Unnecessary Mandates

Each year, Texas lawmakers and regulators propose numerous mandates that would simply result in an unnecessary exercise that would fail to benefit patients. In many cases, such as with some of the harmful opioid proposals in 2019 and 2021, TOA took the lead for all of medicine.

Scope of Practice

Podiatrists, physical therapists, and chiropractors are among the mid-level providers who are making aggressive scope of practice expansion attempts into areas that are beyond their education and training. In the musculoskeletal arena, all of medicine turns to TOA for its leadership on these issues.

Insurance Issues

National medical societies point to the state of Texas as having the nation's model law as it relates to out-of-network billing disputes. Ultimately, Texas' out-of-network billing model affects in-network contracts. TOA and other groups will continue to defend the 2019 law in the future.

Worker's Comp

TOA serves as medicine's primary stakeholder voice on issues related to Workers' Comp in Texas.

Protecting Facility & Ancillary Ownership

When state and federal lawmakers attempted to harm facility and ancillary ownership in the past, TOA was on the front line to stop the attacks.

The Orthopaedic Stakeholder Voice in Texas

TOA engages in dozens of issues in Austin every year. From scoliosis to sports medicine to the ownership of your imaging, TOA plays a central role in developing the policies.

The future of private practice affects every type of orthopaedic practice model in Texas: private, hospital employed, and academic. Hospitals and academic entities often base salaries on market value, and what the market will pay you in a private practice setting is an important factor.