TEXAS ORTHOPAEDIC ASSOCIATION
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TOA's 2025 Leadership Conference

The only conference that focuses on orthopaedics in Texas.

March 27-29 | JW Marriott San Antonio Hill Country Resort

Schedule Overview

Thursday, March 27

6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. Welcome Reception
Sunday House Garden & Lawn

Friday, March 28

7:30 a.m. – 8:00 a.m. Breakfast

8:00 a.m. – 5:30 p.m. General Session

3:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. Resident Breakout

5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. Reception & Battle of the Bones
Flower Rooms & Garden

Saturday, March 29

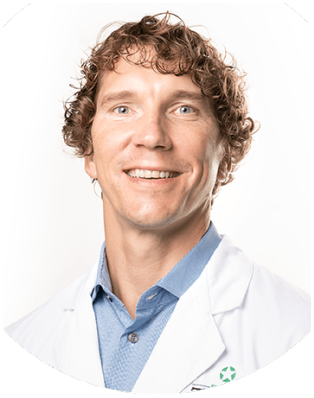
7:30 a.m. – 8:00 a.m. Breakfast

8:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. General Session

8:00 a.m. – 10:45 a.m. Resident Breakout

8:00 a.m. – 10:45 a.m. Medical School Breakout

President's Message



B. Christian Balldin, MD

Greetings:

The health care industry is undergoing major disruptions. Declining physician reimbursement, rapidly evolving health plan policies, consolidation, and rising premiums and deductibles are just a few of the factors reshaping health care as we know it. In these uncertain times, planning for the future can seem nearly impossible.

Uncertain Times Call for the Strongest Orthopaedic State Society in the Nation

Rather than succumb to frustration and uncertainty, Texas orthopaedic surgeons recognize that now is the time to build the strongest state orthopaedic society in the nation. TOA serves as a guiding force, ensuring that the interests of orthopaedic surgeons are represented and protected.

Few, if any, medical societies have as much of an impact on the future of orthopaedics in Texas as TOA.

Texas Orthopaedic Surgeons Have No Choice but to Engage in Public Policy

Whether we like it or not, laws and regulations impact every aspect of our practices, ASCs and hospitals. As a result, we have no choice but to engage in the public policy process. Otherwise, other segments of the health care industry will take advantage of our absence and define musculoskeletal issues on their own terms, and we won't like the consequences.

Ongoing Medicare cuts and unpredictable legislative challenges in Texas highlight the necessity of our involvement. Fortunately, TOA is widely recognized as the leading voice for musculoskeletal care at the Texas Capitol. Lawmakers, industry leaders, and even health plans consistently turn to TOA for expertise and guidance on critical issues.

Telling the Story About Orthopaedics in Texas

Patients are confused: health plans, podiatrists, physical therapists, chiropractors and even other segments of medicine are attempting to position themselves as the experts in musculoskeletal care.

TOA has dedicated extensive efforts to clarifying the musculoskeletal landscape in Texas over the past few years to help patients navigate the confusing musculoskeletal landscape. Through initiatives like the "What Is Orthopaedics" campaign, we help patients understand the unique role orthopaedic surgeons play in their care.

TOA encourages you to amplify TOA's message and support its efforts to define and advocate for musculoskeletal care in Texas so that orthopaedic surgeons can be in charge of the musculoskeletal brand in Texas.

Investing in the Future of Orthopaedics in Texas

No other orthopaedic society does it: TOA funds the travel for dozens of residents every year to participate in TOA's Leadership Conference, providing them with invaluable career guidance and networking. Additionally, TOA facilitated trips for a half dozen residents to Washington, D.C., to engage in advocacy efforts at the national level. This year, over 50 medical students will join us at the conference — many of whom will shape the future of orthopaedics.

Take the time to connect with these residents and medical school students during this conference. They could soon be your partners and successors.

Your Membership Makes a Difference for the Future of Orthopaedics in Texas

Your membership dues empower TOA to be the definitive voice for musculoskeletal care at the Texas Capitol, advocate for our profession, and invest in the future of orthopaedics. By supporting TOA, you ensure that Texas orthopaedic surgeons remain strong, informed, and influential in shaping the future of our field.

Together, we are building the future of orthopaedics in Texas.

B. Christian Balldin, MD

TOA President, 2024-25

Support the Future of Orthopaedics in Texas:

Texas Orthopaedic Political Action Committee **(TOPAC)** | Texas Orthopaedic Foundation **(TOF)**

Dozens of Texas orthopaedic surgeons go one step beyond their TOA membership every year and support TOA's other arms:

- Texas Orthopaedic Political Action Committee (TOPAC)
- Texas Orthopaedic Foundation (TOF)

Together, these organizations are building the future of orthopaedics in two unique ways.

Texas Orthopaedic FOUNDATION

Texas Orthopaedic Foundation (TOF)
No other state orthopaedic society invests in the future of orthopaedics like TOA. Each year, TOA dedicates over $50,000— a significant portion of its budget— to bring together more than 60 residents at its annual meeting, helping to prepare them for their careers.

You can be a part of this crucial effort. By donating to TOF, a 501(c)(3) foundation, you're directly supporting the next generation of orthopaedic leaders. Plus, your contribution is tax-deductible.

Join us in shaping the future of orthopaedics — make a donation today.

TOPAC
TEXAS ORTHOPAEDIC POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE

Texas Orthopaedic Association Political Action Committee (TOPAC)
The 2025 Texas Legislature includes a blackout period, preventing us from donating to state-level candidates until 30 days after the session ends in June. However, now is the time to strengthen TOPAC, ensuring that we have the resources to engage with candidates this summer and advocate for the future of musculoskeletal care.

While national politics dominate the headlines, the reality is that state laws and regulations impact every aspect of your practice, ASC and hospital. The Texas Legislature plays a critical role in shaping the health care landscape.

Make a difference – contribute to TOPAC today. Please note that donations are not tax-deductible, and corporate contributions are prohibited (unincorporated partnerships may donate).

Donate Today!

Texas Orthopaedic Association Political Action Committee

Texas Orthopaedic Foundation

Meeting Announcements

Friday: Breakfast & Lunch

Presented by:

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Saturday: Breakfast

Presented by:

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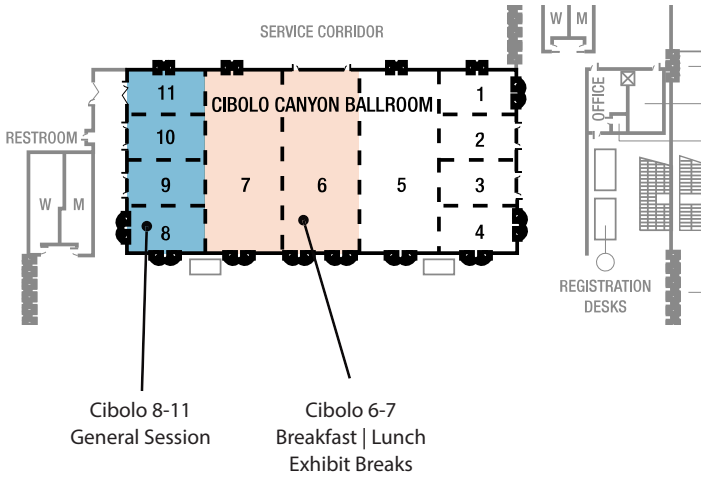

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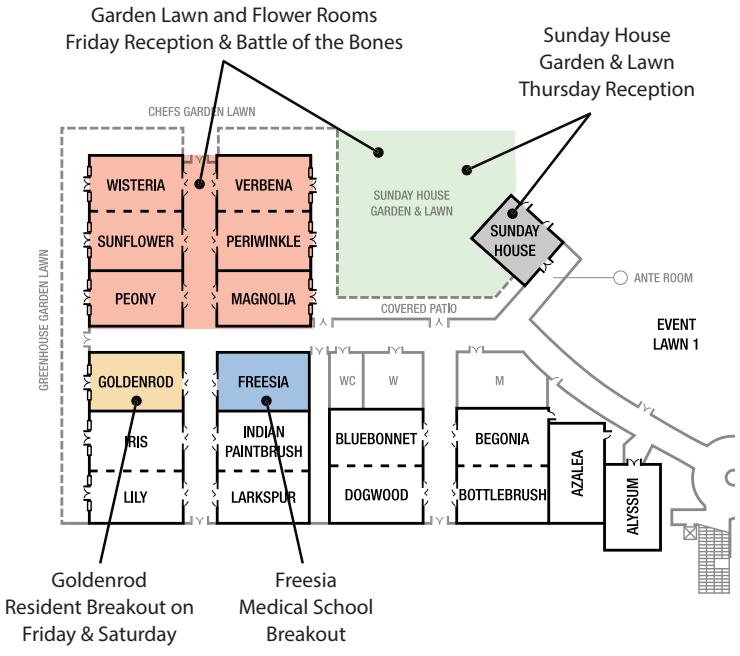

Texas Orthopaedic Association's 2025 Leadership Conference Schedule

Friday, March 28 | General Session | Cibolo 8-11

Time	Event	Speaker
7:30 a.m. - 8:00 a.m.	Breakfast	Cibolo 6-7 *Presented by: Healthpeak*
8:00 a.m. - 8:45 a.m.	A New Playbook for Private Practice: From Survival to Growth in the Future of Healthcare	Rachel Uzlik
8:45 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.	Insurance: Commercial, Workers' Comp & More	B. Christian Balldin, MD – Moderator, Chris Kean, Paul Chin, MD, PhD, Amy Rich
9:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.	Exhibitor Break	Cibolo 6-7
10:00 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.	Practice Culture: HR & More	B. Christian Balldin, MD – Moderator, Michael Greaser, MD Chris Kean, Barry Howell
10:45 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.	AI in Orthopaedics: Clinical & Business Applications	Shiv Patel, MD – Moderator, Grant Muller, MD, Pouya Alijanipour, MD
11:30 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.	Lunch	Cibolo 6-7 *Presented by: Healthpeak*
12:15 p.m. – 1:15 p.m.	Ancillaries + Alternative Payer Models/Referral Patterns: New Looks	Joseph Mathews – Moderator, Barry Howell, Kelly Payette, Cindy Murray, Ron Bullock, Marko Mitkoski
1:15 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.	ERAS 2.0: Enhanced Recovery After Surgery	Christina Brady, MD – Moderator, Eziah Syed, John McDonald, MD, Creighton Tubb, MD
2:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.	Fireside Chat: The Public Policy Impact on Medicine	Michael Suk, MD – Chair, AMA Board of Trustees Adam Bruggeman, MD – Chair, AAOS Advocacy Council
2:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.	Exhibitor Break	Cibolo 6-7
3:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.	PROs: Different Approaches in Texas	Jacob Zide, MD – Moderator, Rob Hartzler, MD, Henry Ellis, MD, Kevin Bozic, MD
3:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Academic Orthopaedics: A Look From the Department Chairs	Antonia Chen, MD – Moderator, Kevin Bozic, MD, Rajiv Rajani, MD
4:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.	What's Next: Anesthesia & Orthopaedics	Christian Royer, MD – Moderator, Zachary Jones, MD, Brandon Dobson, MD
4:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.	Resident Paper Presentations	See Page 6
5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.	Battle of the Bones: Resident Skills Competition *CME Credit Is Not Offered for This Event*	Flower Rooms & Garden (See Map on Page 4)

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TOA'S BATTLE OF THE BONES
RESIDENT SKILLS COMPETITION

The Battle of the Bones is a highlight of TOA's 2025 Leadership Conference and offers residents a platform to showcase surgical expertise. The competition features team challenges incorporating cutting-edge technologies. Attendees are encouraged to engage in audience interactions and witness demonstrations of patient communication and complication management. This multifaceted event promises an enriching experience for all participants and attendees.

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7:30 a.m. - 8:00 a.m.	Breakfast	Cibolo 6-7 *Presented by: TRIARQ Health*
8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.	Managing the Modern Orthopaedic Practice Workshop: Part 1	Rima Patel, MD
9:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.	Exhibit Break	Cibolo 6-7
9:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.	Managing the Modern Orthopaedic Practice Workshop: Part 2	Rima Patel, MD

Scientific Presentations

Friday, March 28 | Cibolo 8-11 | 4:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.	
Presenter	**Subject**
Christopher Bacak, MD	Deep Infections After Open and Closed Fractures: PREP-IT Investigators
Alexis Sandler, MD	Migration-related Vehicular Pursuits: An Assessment of the Orthopaedic Healthcare Burden
Mauricio Valdez, MD	Revision Total Elbow Arthroplasty Strategies for Treatment of Bone Loss in the Setting of Periprosthetic Joint Infection
Umar Ghilzai, MD	Biomechanical Comparison of Distraction Plating Versus External Fixation in Distal Radius Fractures With a Simultaneous Axial and Bending Load
Paul Gaschen, MD	The Efficacy of Using Zip Codes as a Proxy for Socioeconomic Status as It Relates to Comprehensive Surgeon Rankings
Jake Powell, DO	Cost-Effectiveness of Dental Prophylaxis for Prevention of Prosthetic Joint Infection
Angela Zhang, MD	Post-surgical Incidence of DeQuervain's Tenosynovitis Following Thumb Carpometacarpal Joint Arthroplasty
Angela Zhang, MD	Biomechanical Properties of Metacarpals in Cantilever Loading
Jacob Sorenson, MD	Factors Affecting Community Penetration and Patient Access to Robotic Total Knee Arthroplasty
Manuela Gaviria, MD	Impact of Preoperative Corticosteroid Injections on Postoperative Complications in Wrist Arthroplasty

2025 RESIDENT PROGRAM
Texas Orthopaedic Association

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Texas Orthopaedic Association's 2025 Resident Breakout Session Schedule

Resident Program Chair: James Saucedo, MD

Friday, March 28 | Resident Breakout | Goldenrod

Time	Event	Speaker
3:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.	Personal Finance Session	AJ Johnson, MD (Moderator), Stephen Scott (The JK Group at Morgan Stanley), Alan Pearson (The JK Group at Morgan Stanley), Austin Bransgrove (Rethink Wealth)

Saturday, March 29 | Resident Breakout | Goldenrod

Time	Event	Speaker
7:30 a.m. - 8:00 a.m.	Breakfast	Cibolo 6-7 *Presented by: TRIARQ Health*
8:00 a.m. – 8:15 a.m.	How to Get Into Fellowship (and Get the Most out of It)	Christian Ibanez, MD
8:15 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.	Looking for Your First Job	Jason R. Somogyi, MD
8:30 a.m. – 8:50 a.m.	Job Contracts: Traps & Pitfalls	James Peacock, JD
8:50 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.	Break	Cibolo 6-7
9:00 a.m. – 9:15 a.m.	Getting Started (You Found Your Job; Now What?)	Candice Teunis, MD
9:15 a.m. – 9:25 a.m.	Getting Started (Academic Edition)	Brian Sager, MD
9:25 a.m. – 9:40 a.m.	Improving Access to Care	Matt Koepplinger, DO
9:40 a.m. – 9:50 a.m.	Break	Cibolo 6-7
9:50 a.m. – 10:05 a.m.	Coding, Documentation and Revenue Cycle	Ramesh Srinivasan, MD
10:05 a.m. – 10:20 a.m.	Office Efficiency (Building Healthy Habits & Working in Teams)	B. Christian Balldin, MD
10:20 a.m. – 10:35 a.m.	Workers' Comp Demystified	Amy Rich (TDI-DWC)
10:35 a.m. – 10:50 a.m.	Transitions: Is the Grass Really Greener?	John Faillace, MD

Texas Orthopaedic Association's 2025 Medical School Breakout

Saturday, March 29 | Freesia | 8:00 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.

Event
The Holistic Application Review: Don't Leave Money on the Table
Signaling in the USMLE Step 1 Pass/Fail Era
Interview Dos and Don'ts: Virtual vs. In-Person
How to Honor Your Clinical Rotations
Letters of Recommendation: Myths That Medical School Students Believe vs. the Reality of
What Program Directors Want
The Fine Line Between Self-Advocacy vs. the Nuisance
Program Director Round Table: Moderated by a Medical School Student
The Resident Perspective on a Med Student: Sub-Is, Research, Communication & More

Program Director Faculty

Kathryn Canavan, MD – Resident Moderator
AJ Johnson, MD – Program Chair
William McGarvey, MD
Rajiv Rajani, MD
J. Speight Grimes, MD
Steven Gibbons, MD
Dustin Lybeck, MD
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Continuing Medical Education

Financial Disclosures & CME Information

Description: This meeting is designed to identify areas of recent research in orthopaedics relevant to surgeons and advanced practice providers. This information will be transmitted through scientific paper presentations, question and answer sessions, presentations on surgical techniques and current concepts and symposiums.

Statement of Need: A need for this educational activity has been determined based on focus groups consisting of orthopaedic surgeons.

Target Audience: Orthopaedic surgeons and other clinicians with interest in musculoskeletal care.

Educational Method: Lecture presentations, case studies, and symposiums.

Accreditation Statement: The Texas Orthopaedic Association is accredited by the Texas Medical Association to provide continuing medical education for physicians.

The Texas Orthopaedic Association designates this live activity for a maximum of *10.25 AMA PRA Category 1 Credit(s)*. Physicians should claim only the credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.

The presentation, "Practice Culture: HR & More" has been designated by the Texas Orthopaedic Association for 0.75 credit(s) of education in medical ethics and/or professional responsibility.

The presentation, "Fireside Chat: The Public Policy Impact on Medicine," has been designated for 0.5 credit(s) of education in medical ethics and/or professional responsibility.

Friday will feature 1.25 credits of education in medical ethics and/or professional responsibility.

Possible CME Per Attendee	
General Session	
Friday:	7.75
Saturday:	2.5
Total General Session:	10.25

Global Learning Objectives: Upon completion of this meeting, learners should be able to:

- Examine and apply basic scientific information and technical skills in orthopaedic surgery.
- Update knowledge regarding state-of-the-art advances in orthopaedic surgical treatment
- Evaluate the current evidence base for diagnosis and clinical management of orthopaedic injuries, conditions and disorders.
- Review their current practice management expertise and develop a plan to increase their expertise.
- Develop new clinical and technical skills to improve the everyday practice of orthopaedic surgery.

Mitigation Statement: All relevant financial relationships were mitigated by the program committee prior to the activity.

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- Researcher
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- Executive Role
- Ownership Interest

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Program Committee: The program committee for the Texas Orthopaedic Association was in charge of planning and approving the event.

Texas Orthopaedic Association Program Committee

- B. Christian Balldin, MD - TOA President, 2024-25
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- Henry Ellis, MD - TOA Past President
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Join us for the Second Annual Resident Skills Competition: Battle of the Bones.

Friday, March 28 | 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. | Flower Rooms & Sunday Garden

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Lawmakers and other segments of the healthcare industry turn to TOA's expertise on musculoskeletal issues in Austin. Thanks to your membership, TOA features one of the strongest orthopaedic advocacy organizations in the nation.

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