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Dear Colleagues:

On October 25, my term as President of the Delaware Society of Orthopaedic Surgeons (DSOS) will end and Peter Townsend's term as President will begin. It has been my privilege to serve our orthopaedic community and as my term comes to an end and I reflect on the past two years I am proud of what we have accomplished together.

The Delaware Orthopaedic Symposium continues to evolve and the 2013 Symposium was the highlight of that year with an outstanding program and a great lineup of speakers. The 2014 Symposium will be held on Saturday, October 25, 2014 and you will not be disappointed with the quality of this year's program and speakers to include keynote addresses by David Ring, MD, PhD and David Teuscher, MD. Be sure to visit the symposium website for a list of topics and speakers and to register.

One of the most important functions of our organization is advocacy and involvement in the legislative process both on the national and local level. I attended the 2013 AAOS National Orthopaedic Leadership Conference (NOLC) in Washington, DC and DSOS President-Elect; Peter Townsend, MD attended the 2014 NOLC where we met with our legislators and their staff to discuss issues of importance to our profession.

In May 2014, the DSOS hosted a fundraiser for Senator Chris Coons at the Medical Society of Delaware where we engaged the senator on healthcare policy issues and pending legislation in Washington, DC. The legislative process is very slow and implementation of the Affordable Care Act is currently the focus of efforts in DC.

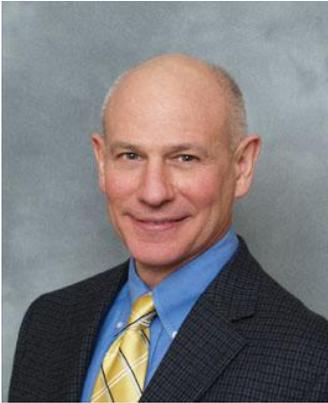
As many of you are aware, the Workers' Compensation fee schedule for the State of Delaware has been revised and the new rates are set to be effective January 31, 2015. Orthopaedic surgeons, along with other physicians, will see a cut in their reimbursements as the new bill includes medical costs reductions of 33 percent and reimbursements caps on procedures beginning in 2017.

An active and engaged membership is crucial to DSOS's ability to address issues that impact our profession and our patients. 2014 is an election year so if you are interested in serving in DSOS leadership please let me know. I also encourage all members to attend the DSOS Annual Business meeting to be held in the Ammon Center Auditorium immediately following the conclusion of the symposium.

I look forward to seeing you at this year's symposium and annual business meeting.

Elliott H. Leitman, M.D.

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DSOS Welcomes Incoming President Peter Townsend, MD

On October 25, 2014, Peter Townsend, MD, FACS will become the DSOS President for the 2014 – 2016 term. Dr. Townsend is a part of the Delaware Orthopaedic Specialists group specializing in surgery of the hand, elbow and forearm.

A native of Wilmington, Delaware, Dr. Townsend has been practicing in Wilmington and New Castle County since 1990.

He has served his community in the form of a team physician for various high schools and also being previously involved with the Blue Rocks. He currently lectures to residents and medical students in the area hospitals.

Dr. Townsend will continue to promote the society's mission and work with members to address issues affecting our profession.



2014 DSOS Annual Meeting

The DSOS Annual Business Meeting will take place directly after the 7th Annual Delaware Orthopaedic Symposium on Saturday, October 25, 2014. The meeting will be held in the auditorium of the John H. Ammon Medical Education Center. This meeting is open to all DSOS members. Elections for DSOS Leadership for the two-year term 2014-2016 will be held at this meeting so please plan to attend!

If you would like to be considered for a leadership position or have a topic for the meeting agenda please contact Megan Hayes at megan.hayes@medsocdel.org by **October 22**.

Saturday October 25
2014 Delaware Orthopaedic Symposium

8 a.m. - 1 p.m., Christiana Hospital, Newark, DE



7th Annual Delaware Orthopaedic Symposium

The 7th Annual Delaware Orthopaedic Symposium will be held on Saturday, October 25, 2014 at Christiana Hospital in Newark, Delaware. The Delaware Orthopaedic Symposium is jointly sponsored by DSOS and the Christiana Care Department of Orthopaedic Surgery and includes several educational tracks, a live anatomical dissection, poster presentations, a vendor area and continuing education credits. The symposium will feature 12 talks and two keynote speeches on the latest advancements in musculoskeletal health and orthopaedic surgery. Breakfast and lunch are provided.

This year's educational tracks include orthopaedic surgery, primary care orthopaedic medicine, and hand therapy. Physicians and other health care professionals can expect high quality education on the latest advancements in musculoskeletal health and orthopaedic surgery. For a detailed agenda and to register for this event please visit: www.delawareorthopaedicsymposium.com.

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Call for Research Posters
2014 Delaware Orthopaedic Symposium
Saturday, October 25, 8 a.m. - 1 p.m.



Don't forget to check out the research posters that will be on display at the Symposium!

The purpose of the poster presentations is to share information and education as it relates to orthopaedic care. They are intended to be informal and to promote dialogue.

2014 Keynote Speakers



David Ring, MD, PhD



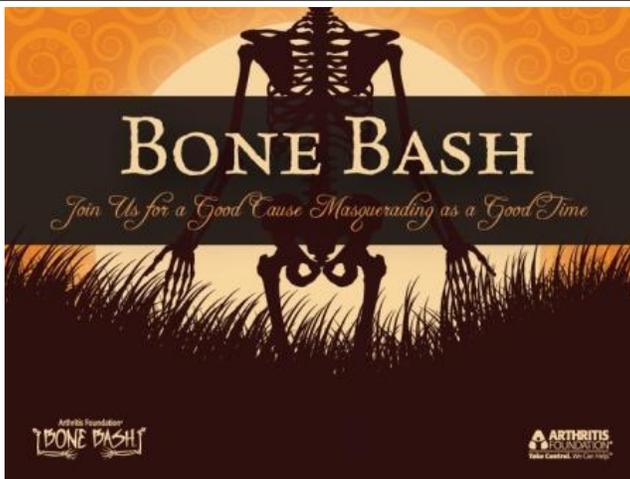
David Teuscher, MD

David Ring, MD, PhD will close the conference with his lunchtime keynote address “Curiosity” which covers evidence- based medicine as well as biopsychosocial factors. Dr. Ring is an Associate Professor of Orthopaedic Surgery at Harvard Medical School as well as Chief of Hand and Upper Extremity Service at Massachusetts General Hospital (MGH).

Dr. Ring has contributed to 250 peer-reviewed original research papers and five textbooks, and has been featured in more than 500 total publications. In his time at the MGH, Dr. Ring has become an authority on complex arm trauma and post-traumatic reconstruction. His interests range from common illnesses to complex fractures and include issues of quality and safety and the emotional aspects of recovery.

David Teuscher, MD will open the conference with the keynote address “Effective Healthcare Reform” which covers principles of effective healthcare reform for better patient care. Dr. Teuscher is First Vice President of the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons (AAOS). He is also an orthopaedic sports medicine specialist with the Beaumont Bone & Joint Institute in Beaumont, Texas.

Dr. Teuscher has long been an active member of AAOS, as well as numerous other orthopaedic and medical volunteer leadership activities. Most recently, he has served on the AAOS Board of Directors and the Board of Councilors. A 2004 AAOS Leadership Fellow, he has lead and served on numerous Academy project teams, committees and councils. In his home state of Texas, Dr. Teuscher is extremely active in advocacy and governmental service.



DSOS is a Proud Supporter of the
5th Annual Bone Bash



The 5th Annual Arthritis Foundation Bone Bash will be held on Friday, October 24, 2014 at the Deerfield (507 Thompson Station Road, Newark, DE). Please note that the 2014 Bone Bash will be a semi-formal dinner party to include hors d' oeuvres, seated dinner (chicken or vegetarian upon advance request), cocktails, auction, dancing, music and more.

Check-in for this Halloween themed, costumed affair begins at 6:00 pm with festivities kicking off at 6:30 pm. All proceeds from this event benefit the Arthritis Foundation. This year's distinguished honoree is Robert Joseph Laskowski, MD., MBA, President and CEO of Christiana Care Health System and special guest is U.S. Senator Chris Coons.

DSOS members receive one complimentary ticket to the Bone Bash so be sure to register today at www.bonebashde.com!! Select "DSOS Members" at checkout and use discount code DSOS14.

Questions about the event may be directed to the Arthritis Foundation at 302-332-0047 or tpreston@arthritis.org.

Move Freely Without Pain

Sponsored by Christiana Care, the Move Freely Without Pain lecture series educates the public on a variety of topics related to bone and joint health. DSOS members are encouraged to participate and present their expertise as part of this annual public education series.

This year's Move Freely lecture will be presented on Tuesday, October 28, 2014 from 7 –9 p.m. at John H. Ammon Medical Education Center. DSOS members Leo Rasis, MD and Andrew Gelman, MD will lead a discussion on hip and knee health.

For more information please visit
<http://www.christianacare.org/events>.



Controlled Substance Education UPDATE

The Uniform Controlled Substances Act Regulations requires those who hold a Controlled Substance Registration (CSR) to attest to taking three hours of education (one-hour of Delaware-Specific Education and two-hours of Non-Delaware Specific Education) when they renew their CSR in 2015.

The deadline to complete this mandatory education has been extended to June 30, 2015

For more detailed information go to:
www.MedicalSocietyofDelaware.org

Click the red box for the 'Addressing the Prescription Drug Abuse Crisis'



SAVE THE DATE

2014

5th Annual Bone Bash
October 24, 2014

7th Annual Delaware
Orthopaedic
Symposium & DSOS
Business Meeting
October 25, 2014

Medical Society
of Delaware 225th
Annual Meeting
November 22, 2014

2015

2015 AAOS
Annual Meeting
March 24-28, 2015
Las Vegas, NV

2015 AAOS
NOLC Meeting
April 29-May 2, 2015
Washington, DC

8th Annual Delaware
Orthopaedic
Symposium & DSOS
Business Meeting
October 31, 2015

Workers' Compensation Insurance

[House Bill 373](#) makes substantial changes to Delaware Code relating to Workers' Compensation Insurance. The bill, which was signed into law by the Governor on July 15, 2014, is designed to control the level of workers' compensation premiums in the state. The most significant changes are:

- A 33 percent reduction in medical costs to the workers' compensation system phased in over three years.
- Absolute caps, expressed as a percentage of Medicare per-procedure reimbursement, on all workers' compensation medical procedures beginning January 1, 2017.
- Increased independence for the Ratepayer Advocate who represents ratepayers during the workers' compensation rate approval process and for the committee that oversees the cost control practices of individual workers' compensation insurance carriers.

The new fee schedules, originally set to be published October 1, 2014, will not be available until after January 1, 2015 with an effective date of January 31, 2015.

Membership Update

The Delaware Society of Orthopaedic Surgeons seeks to unite orthopaedic surgeons from around the state in promoting information to our members, policymakers, and the public about issues that affect the orthopaedists' ability to provide timely and top quality musculoskeletal health care services to their patients.

DSOS welcomes new members:

Gita Pillai, MD
Eileen Crawford, MD

If you have a colleague who may be interested in joining DSOS please contact Megan Hayes at:
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