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## 2021 Regional Meeting

MAY 13-15, 2021



The Henderson Beach Resort & Spa  
Destin, FL



## AOS President's Message

Robert Baird, III, M.D.

### Take Comfort in Patient Care

WHAT AN UNBELIEVABLE year we had in 2020. By the time this letter reaches you, we will be nearing one year of COVID. Our practices, personal lives, co-workers, and families have all been affected in some way.

Unfortunately, we are not done. While the vaccines are being administered, we still are facing increasing numbers of infected, increasing hospitalizations, and the continued possibility of delayed elective surgery.

While all of the above is at the least, disheartening, there is optimism. I remain hopeful that the holiday surge will soon become a decline and that the number of vaccinated begins to affect the number of infected. As a result, your AOS leadership is optimistic that we will be able to have our annual meeting in Destin, Florida at The Henderson Beach Resort in May. The reality is that unless we plan for a meeting, we most certainly will not have one. Our executive director, Terri Mendez, has done an unbelievable job of planning the meeting and we have an excellent lineup of speakers. The Henderson Resort is a very nice, family friendly hotel and hosted one of our most popular meetings two years ago. We will continue to monitor the status of COVID, the membership interest, and our speaker's availability in hopes of all seeing each other in May.

In addition to COVID, recent political chaos has certainly been unsettling to most. Regardless of your political leaning, scenes from Washington have been difficult to watch. Caught somewhere in the middle of all the confusion was your Medicare Physician Fee Schedule. As outlined by Dr. Joseph Bosco in a recent AAOS email, planned cuts were partially mitigated in the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021. Several steps were taken to lessen the severe impact of previously planned cuts. Without question, your AAOS Office of Government Relations was instrumental in decreasing the cuts as originally outlined by CMS. This absolutely highlights the importance of continued AAOS Orthopaedic PAC support.

While much of this letter addresses the difficulties of COVID, our political landscape, and potential further decreases in reimbursement, there is good news. We are still orthopaedic surgeons, we still have our patients, and we still have the ability to take comfort in the care we provide to our patients. Personally, the difficulties of 2020 have allowed me to "recalibrate" to some degree and focus on what is really important. In addition to family, health, and many others, I am particularly thankful for the opportunity to treat patients on a daily basis and affect them

in a positive way. I take comfort in providing that patient care and hope you do as well.

In closing, I hope you and your families remain healthy and safe. I thank Terri Mendez for the excellent job she does for our society and the plans she is making for our annual meeting. I hope to see all of you in Destin in May.

Sincerely,

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Trey Baird, M.D.  
President  
Alabama Orthopaedic Society  
AAOS Board of Councilors

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## AOS President-Elect's Message

Michael Johnson, M.D.



# Delivering Compassionate, Skilled Orthopaedic Care

Colleagues,

WARM GREETINGS and a Happy New Year to all of you and your families. As we all know, 2020 was a complex year which put terms like telehealth, zoom, and social distancing into our daily vocabulary. While 2020 was disruptive to our mission, it also served to clarify and emphasize this same mission –delivering compassionate, skilled orthopaedic care to the patients of our community. I am proud of our society as they have navigated these turbulent times with novel ways to deliver safe patient care while adhering to the standard of excellence for which our society is known.

The new year has greeted us with a second wave of COVID cases. Despite this second wave, the innovation and advancements from the previous year will lessen the impacts on the delivery of orthopaedic care. We are now better equipped, more knowledgeable, and have better treatments to combat this virus. I am hopeful with these advancements, 2021 will be the year we begin to turn the page on the pandemic.

2021 will present many of the same legislative challenges from last year due to COVID limiting the 2020 legislative session. The most pressing concerns are the scope of practice expansion bills allowing podiatrists to operate on the ankle and physical therapists to evaluate and treat patients without a physician referral. I want to thank the Alabama Medical Association Governmental Affairs team, Niko Corley and Trace Zarr, who do an outstanding job advocating for our members and our patients. However, they cannot do it alone. We need YOU! Meetings with legislators this year will occur largely via virtual platforms significantly reducing the time commitment needed to advocate to your representatives. Please consider taking 10 minutes from your day for a conversation that has the opportunity to positively impact the musculoskeletal care provided in the state of Alabama. We will be sure to

inform you as opportunities for these interactions become available.

I hope to see all of you at our annual meeting May 13-15, 2021 at the Henderson Beach resort in Destin, FL. I look forward to the exchange of ideas, reunion of colleagues and celebration of obstacles we have overcome!

Sincerely,

Michael D. Johnson, MD  
President – Elect

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Michael Johnson, M.D.  
President-Elect  
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# AOS Executive Director's Letter

Terri Mendez



## AOS - Where Good Things Happen

OK. I'll ADMIT IT. I scheduled a conference call during the College Football National Championship game. My family would not be surprised. Yet, they **would** be appalled! Although, I am from a very large family who lives and breathes football, I have just never been very interested in following sports on television. I would rather be outside digging in the yard, paddling a kayak, walking in the woods, sitting in a tree stand, or hanging out with grandchildren.

But, I do understand all that goes into watching games with family and friends. That is where families are strengthened, relationships are developed, and friendships are forged.

### Kind of like membership in Alabama Orthopaedic Society.

Of course, we have a fantastic annual meeting at a wonderful location and provide ~ 11 hours of CME. Sure, Alabama Orthopaedic Society represents your interests to the Alabama Legislature and to Washington, DC. And you know that AOS communicates with you on issues that are relevant to you and your practices. But, there's more. AOS is also about relationship.

I love hearing the stories from some of our more "seasoned" members about the years of attending the AOS Annual Meeting at Point Clear with their families. Surgeons became friends. Wives became friends. Children became friends. And families looked forward every year to returning to Point Clear.

### Much more than CME happens at the Annual Meeting.

I recently visited an orthopaedic surgeon who told me the story of how participation at an AOS Annual meeting completely changed the course of his career.

**Dr. Gordon Hardy** had it all planned. After becoming an orthopaedic surgeon, he would join his father, Dr. Barnett Hardy's practice in Birmingham. Unfortunately, when the younger Hardy was in residency training in the 1990's, his father passed away from colon cancer. While doing an elective rotation with Dr. Joseph Sherrill, Dr. Hardy was invited to attend the AOS Annual Meeting. It was in the exhibit hall that one of our vendors, who knew Anniston Orthopaedics was looking for an orthopaedic surgeon to join the group, introduced Dr. Hardy to Drs. Payne and Veach. Shortly thereafter, he was invited for an interview and was hired. "If Dr. Sherrill had not invited me to the meeting, I might never have joined Anniston Orthopaedics. After 23 years," Dr. Hardy says "this has been a blessing that I had no idea was going to happen."

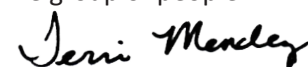
As President of AOS, **Dr. Chris Heck** presided over the 2017 Annual Meeting. Coincidentally at that time, he was entertaining new practice opportunities. While having breakfast in the exhibit hall one morning, Dr. Heck happened to meet the President of Southlake Orthopaedics, Dr. Michael Blum. Knowing that Dr. Heck was president of AOS and

learning that he was a spine surgeon, Dr. Blum asked if he knew anyone who would be interested in practicing spine surgery in Birmingham. Dr. Heck gave this some thought. Shortly thereafter, continued conversations led Dr. Heck to interview with Southlake Orthopaedics and accept a position with the group.

In recent years, AOS has invited a UAB and USA resident to attend the annual AAOS National Orthopaedic Leadership Conference (NOLC) in Washington, DC. In 2018, **Dr. Brad Wills**, a 5th year resident at UAB, attended the event. While attending meetings, visiting the legislators, and participating in social events, Dr. Wills had the opportunity to develop relationships. According to Dr. Wills, "My trip to DC with the NOLC was extremely influential in my decision to join TOC. I viewed Howard Miller as a role model and it was he who I reached out to at The Orthopaedic Center when I was looking for a job."

It's more than CME, it's more than meetings and legislative issues. AOS is about relationship.

I continue to thank you for the opportunity to serve you and orthopaedics in Alabama. I am sincerely honored to work with such a fine group of people.



Terri Mendez  
Executive Director  
Alabama Orthopaedic Society

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**ALABAMA & MISSISSIPPI ORTHOPAEDIC SOCIETIES 2021**  
**Annual Meeting**  
**Physician Registration Form**  
May 13-15, 2021

The Henderson Beach Resort, Destin, FL

Mail form with payment to:

**AL Orthopaedic Society**, 1085 Chesson Hill Drive, Fitzpatrick, AL 36029

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Registration Fees:

AOS/MOS Members	\$200.00
AOS/MOS Non-Members	\$275.00
Allied Professionals (NP/PA/RN/SA)	\$100.00
Residents/Fellows	No Charge
Friday Golf	\$140.00/Player
Friday Fishing	\$170.00

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Register Online: [www.aosdocs.com/annual-meeting/](http://www.aosdocs.com/annual-meeting/)

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# Featured Guest Speakers



## **Thomas K. Fehring, M.D.**

Dr. Fehring is co-founder of the OrthoCarolina Hip and Knee Center where he has practiced for over 30 years. Dr. Fehring helped establish the OrthoCarolina Periprosthetic Joint Infection Center to improve outcomes and provide evidence based guidance for prosthetic joint infections. He is also the Co-Director of the OrthoCarolina Charitable Foundation which supports educational programs for the needy locally and internationally. His clinical interests are in revision hip and knee arthroplasty. His research has focused on revision surgery, prosthetic design, osteolysis and infection. Dr. Fehring has served as President of The Knee Society and American Association of Hip and Knee Surgeons. He is also an active member of The Hip Society.



## **John Xerogeanes, M.D.**

Dr. Xerogeanes is the chief of Sports Medicine at the Emory Orthopaedic & Spine Center and professor of orthopaedics at Emory University School of Medicine. Board certified in orthopaedic surgery, Xerogeanes has a sub-specialty certification in orthopaedic sports medicine. He specializes in the care of the knee and shoulder injuries for athletes of every age. He serves as Head Orthopaedist and Team Physician for Georgia Tech, Agnes Scott College, the Atlanta Dream of the WNBA and Emory University Athletics. Dr. Xerogeanes is a member of many respected professional societies and organizations, and his professional experience as an orthopedic surgeon has won him many accolades and international acknowledgements. He routinely travels internationally to lecture and educate surgeons on the most advanced and sophisticated surgical procedures.



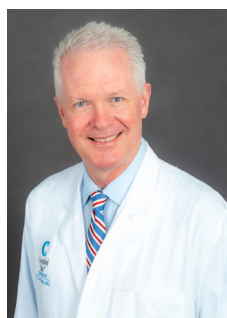
## **Daniel Guy, M.D.**

Dr. Guy is 1st Vice- President of the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons. In 1992 Dr. Guy was elected to the AAOS Board of Councilors in 2010 and served as Secretary in 2015-2016. He was Chair of the Board of Councilors in 2017-2018. In addition, he served on the AAOS Council on Research and Quality, Council on Education, Council on Advocacy and the Publications Committee. Dr. Guy practices at Emory Southern Orthopedics in LaGrange, GA. Dr. Guy has a special interest in Shoulder and Hip Surgery as well as Sports Medicine. He also treats all aspects of General Orthopaedics. He serves as Orthopedic Consultant to the Albert Schweitzer Hospital in Deschapelles, Haiti.



## **David Herrick, M.D.**

Dr. Herrick is Board Certified in Anesthesiology and Board Certified by the American Board of Anesthesiology in Pain Management. He is active in organized medicine serving fourteen years on the Alabama Boards of Medical Examiners, State Medical Association and Public Health. From 2016 to 2017 he served as the 150th president of the Alabama Medical Association. Dr. Herrick's undergraduate degree is from Auburn University and his Medical degree from the University of Alabama, Birmingham which he attended on a United States Air Force scholarship. He proudly served three years of active duty and attained the rank of Major. He is an Eagle Scout as well.



## **G. Andrew Murphy, M.D.**

Dr. Murphy serves as the Medical Director, Campbell Surgery Center. He is an orthopedic foot and ankle specialist at the Campbell Clinic in Germantown, TN. Murphy graduated from the University of Tennessee College of Medicine before completing a residency in Orthopedic Surgery at UT-Campbell Clinic in 1995. He then completed a fellowship in Foot and Ankle Surgery at Baylor University in 1995.



## 2021 STATE AGENDA

### General Policies Supported by the Medical Association

The Medical Association supports the physician-led health team model and maintaining the highest standards for medical care delivery across all specialties of medicine. The Association supports physician autonomy in patient care and medical practice decisions as well as fair reimbursement for services. The Association supports reducing the administrative tasks required of physicians by insurers which increase annual health spending and negatively impact patient health. Specifically, the Association supports reforming prior authorization processes and step therapy protocols and ending non-medical switching and co-pay accumulator programs. As well, the Association supports increasing health insurance options for Alabamians, including expanding Medicaid. The Association supports increasing access to quality mental health care and continued state funding for the Maternal Mortality Review Committee and the Infant Mortality Review Committee. Recognizing the long-term effects of social determinants of health on individuals, families and ultimately communities, the Association supports comprehensive solutions to addressing these challenges. Finally, by ensuring medical liability environment stability and pursuing further civil justice reforms, the Association believes Alabama can continue to attract highly-qualified physicians.

For the 2021 Legislative Session, the Medical Association specifically supports:

- Legislation to provide physicians and medical practices “safe harbor” from COVID-19 related lawsuits
- Legislation prohibiting deceptive health care advertising and requiring all health care professionals to clearly identify their type of license to patients
- Reforming the “certificate of need” process to increase physician ownership of equipment and facilities and expand access to quality, affordable care
- Recommendations of the Rural Health Taskforce, including increased funding for the Board of Medical Scholarship Awards and broadening the rural physician tax credit
- Requirements for vaccine registry review prior to administration and uploading patient vaccine information into the database
- Continued physician compounding, dispensing of drugs
- The same standards and reimbursements for telehealth as for face-to-face visits and expanding broadband initiatives to facilitate increased use of telemedicine
- General Policies Opposed by the Medical Association
- The Medical Association opposes any scope of practice expansion for non-physicians which could fracture the physician-led health team model and lower quality of care for or increase the cost of care for patients. As well, the Association opposes any interference with the physician-patient relationship and any attempts to reduce physician autonomy in patient care or medical practice decisions. The

Association opposes legislation or other initiatives that could increase lawsuit opportunities against physicians, including the establishment of statutory standards of care or any statutory dictums for medical care delivery. The Association opposes tax increases disproportionately affecting physicians and any state-level increase of requirements for Maintenance of Certification.

- For the 2021 Legislative Session, the Medical Association specifically opposes:
  - Expanding Prescription Drug Monitoring Program access for law enforcement
  - Statutory requirements for mandatory Prescription Drug Monitoring Program checks
  - Changes to workers’ compensation laws negatively affecting treatment of injured workers and medical practices.

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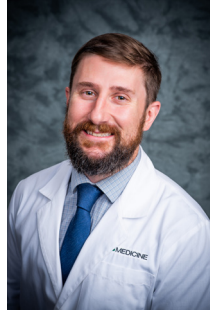
Jacob Hawkins, M.D., AOS Resident Member at Large



**Dr. Jacob Hawkins**



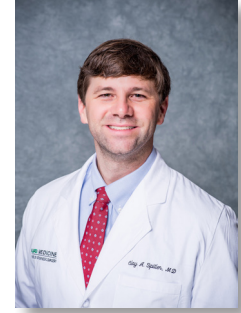
**Dr. Lisa Kafchinski**



**Dr. Kevin Williams**



**Dr. Joseph Johnson**



**Dr. Clay Spitler**

Despite the challenges of 2020, the UAB Department of Orthopaedic Surgery continues to grow under the leadership of **Dr. Steven Theiss**. UAB would like to welcome three outstanding faculty additions in **Dr. Lisa Kafchinski**, **Dr. Kevin Williams**, and **Dr. Joseph “Joey” Johnson**.

**Dr. Kafchinski** specializes in musculoskeletal oncology. She received her medical degree from the University of Nevada School of Medicine, where she was elected to the Alpha Omega Alpha (AOA) medical honor society. She completed her orthopaedic surgery residency at the University of Utah and subsequent musculoskeletal oncology fellowship at the University of Toronto. Dr. Kafchinski served as an assistant professor at Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center in El Paso, Texas prior to joining our staff early this summer.

**Dr. Williams** specializes in general pediatric orthopaedic surgery with an emphasis in pediatric sports medicine. Dr. Williams received his medical degree from Indiana University School of Medicine, where he was inducted into the AOA medical honor society. He completed his orthopaedic surgery residency at the University of South Carolina in Columbia, SC.

Prior to joining the department and Children’s of Alabama, Dr. Williams completed a pediatric orthopaedic surgery fellowship at Cincinnati Children’s Hospital Medical Center.

**Dr. Johnson** specializes in orthopaedic trauma. He received his medical degree from Emory University School of Medicine. Dr. Johnson then completed his orthopaedic surgery residency at Brown University/Rhode Island Hospital. He then completed an AO international Orthopaedic Trauma fellowship at Leeds General Infirmary in Leeds, UK. Dr. Johnson joins the department after serving as the head of orthopaedic trauma at Loma Linda University Medical Center.

**Dr. Clay Spitler** and **Dr. Ashish Shah** were both appointed to new leadership roles this fall. Dr. Spitler will serve as the Director of Clinical Research where he will work to streamline the department’s clinical research operations. Dr. Shah will serve as the Director of International Education where he will use his education background to expand the international program he has developed for the Foot and Ankle division to other divisions in the department.



**Dr. Ashish Shah**



**Dr. Scott Mabry**

The department was selected on behalf of **Dr. Scott Mabry**, current chief resident, to receive the Robert Bucholz Journal Club Grant from the Journal of Bone and Joint Surgery (JBJS) Resident Education fund for 2020-2021. The grant totals \$1500 and will be utilized to support journal club activities and enhance the educational experience of our monthly journal clubs. Also, the JBJS provided Dr. Mabry a list of JBJS Deputy Editors that may be available to participate in journal club as a guest professor.

We would also like to invite everyone to the Department of Orthopaedic Surgery Grand Rounds which are held twice monthly at 6:30 AM on Tuesdays and is currently held on Zoom. (Grand Rounds Link: <https://uasystem-hipaa.zoom.us/j/6271144699>). CME credit is available.

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# University of South Alabama Update

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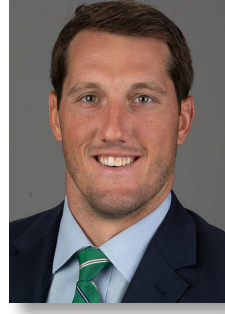
Dr. Nathaniel Sbravati



Dr. Jesse Trent



Dr. Kyle Summers



Dr. Patrick Young



Dr. James Slauterbeck

The first half of the academic year for the University of South Alabama's Orthopaedic Surgery Department has been very successful despite the ongoing pandemic that has and continues to affect us all. We welcomed our intern class- **Dr. Jesse Trent** from University of Kansas Medical Center; **Kyle Summers** from the Medical College of Georgia; and **Patrick Young** from the University of South Alabama. The start of orthopedic residency is difficult, but with the help of a generous donation from the Alabama Orthopaedic Society, all the intern class's final medical board exam expenses were paid, leaving one less thing to stress about during their already complicated start to orthopedic surgery.

The new Fanny Meisler Trauma Center ribbon cutting ceremony occurred on Dec. 11th with Gov. Kay Ivey. This completes the 20-million-dollar project, and the new trauma center will nearly triple the amount of space of the current emergency department. This was a much needed expansion for our ever-busy trauma hospital and helps us to serve the Gulf Coast region growing need.

Finally, with great excitement, the Department of Orthopaedic Surgery at the University of South Alabama Health welcomes **Dr. James Slauterbeck** as appointed professor and Chair of Orthopaedic Surgery.

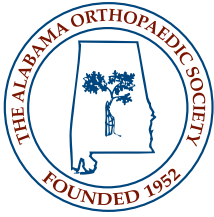
Dr. Slauterbeck specializes in sports medicine and has served as faculty at the University of Vermont Larner College of Medicine in Burlington, Vermont. His previous appointments have been with Texas Tech University in Lubbock, Texas, serving in a variety of leadership roles including residency director and vice chair of the department of orthopaedic surgery.

The University of South Alabama Department of Orthopaedic Surgery has taken 2020 in stride and looks forward to the bright future of 2021. We hope for a speedy recovery from this current pandemic and health to all our medical colleagues who continue to work and provide excellent orthopedic care to our patients in Alabama.



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