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Greetings from
AAHKS President

**MICHAEL P.
BOLOGNESI, MD**

Dear Fellow AAHKS Members-

My main priority as President is to keep AAHKS on the path that the founders and early leaders started down. The Association continues to grow in membership, and the Annual Meeting is now unrivaled as an educational and clinical resource.

I am also focused on our advocacy efforts to protect the value of our work, how we are affected by payment reforms, and how to reduce administrative burdens related to the care we deliver. Our members are lucky to have exceptional physicians, consultants and AAHKS staff working tirelessly on our behalf. I know you would be impressed with the amount of effort as well as the progress we make on these issues.

The success of our educational mission is apparent to all who attend an AAHKS Annual or Spring Meeting. We also are now making great gains in advancing arthroplasty research through the Foundation for Arthroplasty Research and Education (FARE) and the studies funded thus far.

During my term, I hope to expand on the efforts made thus far to make AAHKS a more inclusive organization. Our International membership keeps growing, and we are very excited about the Young Arthroplasty Group Committee and Women in Arthroplasty Committee and the value they bring to our membership. We can do even more.

I have always favored receiving feedback and using it to improve the Association. I want to hear from you! Share with us all of the issues you face in your practice and any suggestions for how AAHKS can help. Lastly, let me just say how truly honored I am to be in this role and thanks to the numerous mentors, friends and AAHKS staff that helped me along the way.

Sincerely,

Michael P. Bolognesi, MD

On Wednesday, March 13, 2019,

Michael P. "Bolo" Bolognesi, MD took office as the 29th President of AAHKS during the Board of Directors meeting in Las Vegas. Dr. Bolognesi is Professor of Surgery, Chief of the Adult Reconstruction Division, and Director of the Adult Reconstruction Fellowship in the Department of Orthopaedic Surgery at Duke University School of Medicine. He completed medical school and his residency at Duke, followed by a Fellowship in Adult Reconstruction at the University of Utah in Salt Lake City under the instruction of Dr. Aaron Hofmann. After his training, Dr. Bolognesi joined the Duke academic faculty where his practice

is focused on total hip and knee replacement, uni-compartmental arthroplasty, revision total hip and knee replacement and patient outcome optimization. He conducts a high volume of clinical research focused on studying the outcomes of these procedures as well as investigating the introduction of new technologies to advance this field of care. As a member of AAHKS since 2005, Dr. Bolognesi has served on the Publications, Member Outreach and Program Committees. He also served as a Guest Editor for the Journal of Arthroplasty and on the AAHKS Board of Directors. Learn more about Dr. Bolognesi at: <http://www.aahks.org/newsroom/press-releases>

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1994
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1995
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1996
Hugh Tullos, MD
Houston, TX



1997
Merrill E. Ritter, MD
Mooreville, IN



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Philadelphia, PA



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Denver, CO



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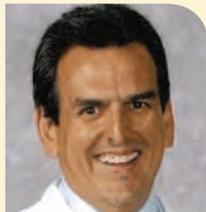
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Rochester, MN



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William J. Robb III, MD
Evanston, IL



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Mary I. O'Connor, MD
Jacksonville, FL



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Carlos J. Lavernia, MD
Miami, FL



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Charlotte, NC



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Brian S. Parsley, MD
Houston, TX



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Los Angeles, CA



2016
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Richmond, VA



2017
Mark I. Froimson, MD, MBA
Chagrin Falls, OH



2018
Craig J. Della Valle, MD
Chicago, IL



2019
Michael P. Bolognesi, MD
Durham, NC

PROFESSIONALISM

Integrity

LIFE-LONG LEARNING

Volunteerism

INCLUSIVITY

Proactivity



Our Mission

Established in 1991, the mission of the American Association of Hip and Knee Surgeons (AAHKS) is to advance hip and knee patient care through education, advocacy and research.



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It has been an incredible honor to serve as president of the American Association of Hip and Knee Surgeons (AAHKS) over this past year. The highlight of the year for me, as it is for many, was the Annual Meeting in Dallas. The scientific content was outstanding, and the opportunity to hear President George W. Bush speak was memorable to say the least. Many thanks to Matthew P. Abdel, MD, Bryan D. Springer, MD, Gregory G. Polkowski II, MD, MSc and the numerous AAHKS member volunteers and staff who made it all possible.

Finally, James A. Browne, MD led efforts around our third position statement, "Biologics for Advanced Hip and Knee Arthritis," which was also written in conjunction with The Hip and The Knee Societies. While we are all excited about the potential that these novel treatments may hold, we must use them responsibly – ensuring that patient safety is not compromised and that patients, who are oftentimes paying out-of-pocket for these treatments, are appropriately educated about their limitations and not taken advantage of.



HIGHLIGHTS OF MY YEAR AS PRESIDENT

by 2018 AAHKS President Craig J. Della Valle, MD

While the Annual Meeting continued a long tradition of academic excellence for our organization, this year we put out three separate position statements which was something new for our organization. These were all on topics that the Board of Directors felt were important and were produced with the help of our Board Members at Large. The first position statement, "Outpatient Joint Replacement," was crafted under the leadership of R. Michael Meneghini, MD in conjunction with the American Academy of Hip and Knee Surgeons (AAOS), The Hip Society and The Knee Society. If you haven't read it, I encourage you to do so as it outlines the importance of patient safety in this rapidly expanding part of many of our practices.

The second position statement, "Opioid Use for the Treatment of Osteoarthritis of The Hip and Knee," was led by Mark J. Spangehl, MD in conjunction with The Hip Society and The Knee Society. ***We are all aware of the ill effects that opioid dependence can have on the outcomes of hip and knee arthroplasty, and we should all strive to avoid prescribing them as part of non-operative management whenever possible.***

Our collaboration with other professional societies this year continued in other ventures including our second clinical practice guideline, "Tranexamic Acid in Total Joint Arthroplasty." This was a multi-year project performed with assistance from the AAOS, The Hip Society, The Knee Society and our colleagues from the American Society of Regional Anesthesia and Pain Medicine. This is a short, practical document which you can share with other orthopaedic surgeons, anesthesia providers and nursing staff at your home institution.

Many thanks to the volunteers who worked tirelessly on this document including Yale A. Fillingham, MD, who led this effort with guidance from myself, Adolph J. "Chick" Yates Jr., MD, FAOA and David S. Jevsevar, MD, MBA. You can also find the products of this work published in the Journal of Arthroplasty. Editor in Chief, John J. Callaghan, MD and his editorial board including Michael A. Mont, MD have really helped us to get the word out on many of our initiatives this year, and I am indebted to them for their help in this regard. We have an even more ambitious guideline on perioperative management in the works, so be on the lookout for that soon.



While we see the enormous changes in quality of life that our expertise and surgical skills bring about on a daily basis, others see only an enormous cost center where even small cuts mean large amounts of money saved. It is particularly disheartening given how hard we as individuals and as an organization have worked to lower costs while improving quality of care. It simply seems illogical to lower our professional fees when they are such a small percentage of the overall cost and given how admirably we have responded to the call for value in health care. We have literally saved the “system” including hospitals, private insurers and CMS billions in costs over the past several years through improvements in our quality of care and formal programs such as

the Bundled Payments for Care Improvement (BPCI) and Comprehensive Care for Joint Replacement (CJR) initiatives.

We are fortunate to have James I. “Hutch” Huddleston, MD leading our Health Policy Council along with members of the Practice Management Committee who are working diligently with the AAOS to ensure that the values of our codes are preserved. I urge you to keep an eye on this issue as it will affect us all.

On a positive note, we have spent much time and effort over the past decade building relationships in Washington, DC, and these efforts have paid off as we are now, along with the AAOS, often times consulted directly on CMS and policy issues which affect the care of patients with arthritis of the hip and knee.

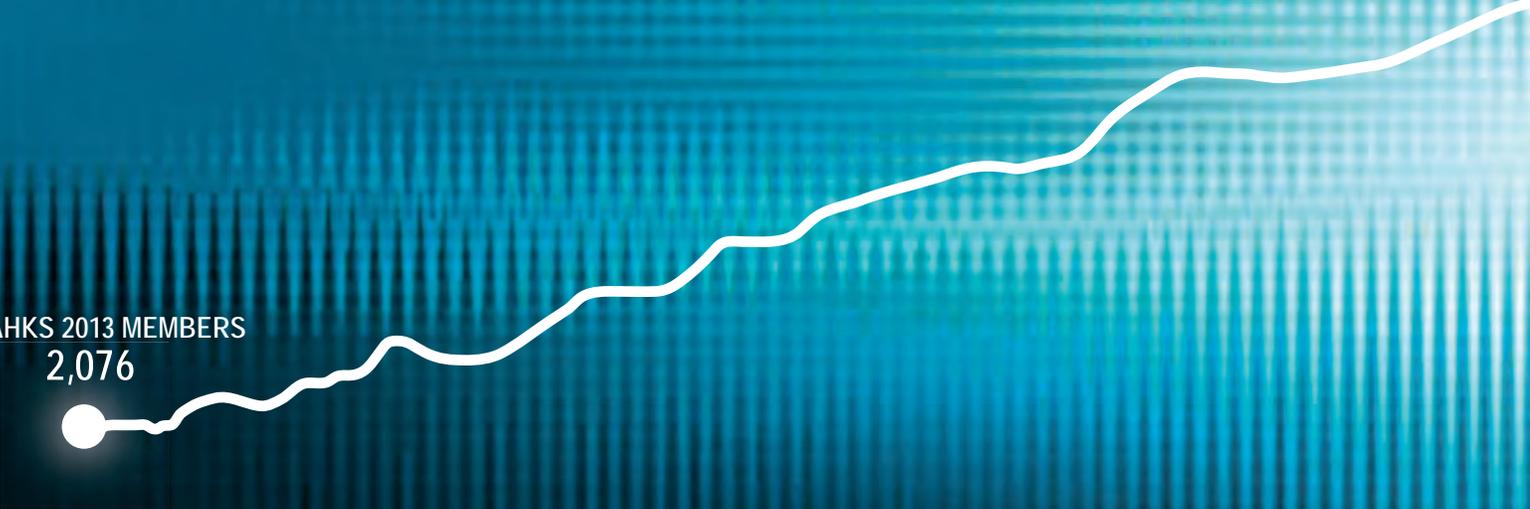
I have always felt particularly connected to AAHKS and believed that it stood for me as a surgeon who performs hip and knee surgery, and I hope that you feel the same way. We are particularly lucky to have a wonderful staff led by Michael J. Zarski, JD, who are always there for the membership. Whether you are a medical student looking for direction on how to submit an abstract to the Annual Meeting or a member of the Board of Directors trying to fulfill some task, the AAHKS staff members are always responsive, friendly and helpful. Thank you again for the opportunity to serve as President of AAHKS; it has truly been the highlight of my career.

If you would like more information on the topics Dr. Della Valle references, please visit the AAHKS website at www.AAHKS.org, or contact AAHKS Staff at aahksstaff@aahks.org.

Another first for our organization this year was the initiation of a large, randomized controlled trial funded through the Foundation for Arthroplasty Research and Education (FARE). While AAHKS has funded and guided smaller projects in the past with FARE, this is a much more ambitious project that seeks to determine if one dose of postoperative, prophylactic antibiotics is adequate compared to the 24 hours of postoperative antibiotics that is considered standard at most institutions. Javad Parvizi, MD, FACS has done a tremendous amount of work along with John C. Clohisy, MD and the rest of the Research Committee to make studies like this possible. Thorsten M. Seyler, MD is the point person for this study, and if you are interested in getting involved please reach out to him. We need literally thousands of patients enrolled in this study, and I am sure that the results will be practice changing (or affirming). ***The completion of this study will be a landmark for our organization.***

While I have outlined some outstanding achievements for our organization and our members over the past year, not all was positive during this time period. In November of 2018, soon after the start of our Annual Meeting, total hip and total knee arthroplasty procedures were put on a list of potentially “misvalued” codes for Medicare payment. Needless to say, this is an enormous threat to our membership and our patients. We must all be as educated as we can be on how these codes are evaluated and how we can demonstrate the value of what we do.

AAHKS 2013 MEMBERS
2,076



WHEN WILL GROWTH PLATEAU?

For six consecutive years, AAHKS membership has continued to grow. In 2013, the total number of members was 2,076, and in 2019 the total is 4,047 – representing a growth of 51%. Each year, we expect some leveling off of the curve, but we continue to see the upward trend. Also encouraging is the rising number of residents who enter fellowship training in adult reconstruction.

According to the latest Orthopaedic Practice in the United States (OPUS) Survey (2016), “data with reports from 2008 reveals an increase in the percentage of orthopaedists who define themselves as specialists and a decrease in the percentage of orthopaedists who define themselves as generalists. This trend is consistent with the growing number of orthopaedic residents who pursue fellowship training. Since 2008, the top areas of focus have been adult knee and arthroscopy.”

The number of surgeon members in training has nearly doubled since 2013. Here are more statistics:

2019 Membership Number by Category

Fellow	2,351
In Training	410
Emeritus	347
Candidate	329
International	329
Clinical Affiliate	191
Associate	49
Non-clinical Affiliate	39
Honorary	2
Total Members	4,047

4,047
AAHKS 2019 MEMBERS

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Education & Communications Council: Bryan D. Springer, MD

Membership Council: Mark J. Spangehl, MD

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Thank you to our members who have paid their membership dues for 2019!

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Include your full name and AAHKS ID number.

A special thanks to all members who support AAHKS, help to spread the word about membership value and assist in the application process by providing letters of recommendation for new member applicants.



THE 2019 AAHKS SPRING MEETING

A Frontline Report by Leonard T. Buller, MD

The 2019 AAHKS Spring Meeting was indisputably successful. In the heart of Times Square, residents, fellows, practicing surgeons, and many of the thought leaders in arthroplasty were brought together for three days of education and discussion.

The meeting commenced with a “bang” as Douglas E. Padgett, MD, president of The Hip Society, officiated a showdown between teams of US and international faculty on four highly relevant topics. The next two days consisted of seven symposia alternating with multiple case-based breakout sessions, giving participants the opportunity to ask questions, share ideas and discuss practice patterns amongst each other. This year’s symposia focused on the most relevant and evolving topics within arthroplasty including: the hip-spine relationship, outpatient joint replacement, health policy updates and a review of the most trending topics from the AAHKS Annual Meeting and The Hip Society and The Knee Society meetings. Commissioner William J. Bratton, vice-chair of the Homeland Security Advisory Council, served as distinguished guest speaker and shared his insight on data driven decision pathways to manage risk and security issues.

A particular highlight came when Bryan D. Springer, MD hosted Wayne Sotile, PhD, founder of the Sotile Center for Resilience and Padma Gulur, MD, Executive Vice Chair of Anesthesia at Duke University to discuss an evidence-based understanding of the psychology of joint replacement. Their participation at this year’s meeting is a testament to the commitment of AAHKS on interdisciplinary approaches to education, research and patient care. As patient perceived quality of life outcome measures become increasingly important in informing patient care and

policy decisions, understanding dynamic psychosocial interactions that affect patient perception and outcomes will continue to require dedicated attention.

Another focus on research came as William J. Long, MD was awarded the 2019 Spring Foundation for Arthroplasty Research and Education (FARE) Grant to help fund a prospective, multi-center study of 13,400 patients evaluating the influence of povidone-iodine lavage and vancomycin powder application on periprosthetic joint infection risk. The results of this study will undoubtedly impact patient care globally.

Another highly regarded symposium, moderated by Jonathan M. Vigdorichik, MD, focused on our evolving understanding of the relationship between spinal alignment and hip biomechanics. Using a case-based approach to identify the problem, they presented practical algorithms for managing patients with hip-spine pathology and highlighted specific areas for further research, particularly our expanding knowledge of “patient specific” acetabular component placement with both the dynamic and static spinopelvic relationships.

The 2019 AAHKS Spring Meeting was extremely well attended, and participants agree “spring AAHKS” provides a complementary role to the larger fall meeting by providing up-to-date information by the thought leaders in arthroplasty. I look forward to attending the 2020 AAHKS Spring Meeting in Chicago from April 30 – May 2, 2020.

For additional information on these topics and current research, we encourage you to come to Dallas to attend the upcoming 2019 AAHKS Annual Meeting from November 7 - 10. An excellent program is being put together and we hope to see our current and future members there!



The 2020 AAHKS Spring Meeting will take place April 30 - May 2 in Chicago, and registration will open in November.



PJI Reduction Trial Receives Spring FARE Grant

The recipient of the 2019 spring cycle grant from the Foundation for Arthroplasty Research and Education (FARE) has been selected: **Vancomycin Powder and Dilute Povidone Iodine Lavage for Infection Prophylaxis in High Risk Total Joint Arthroplasty: A Randomized Prospective Trial.**

The study, submitted by William J. Long, MD FRCSC, will be funded by a \$50,000 grant awarded at the 2019 AAHKS Spring Meeting. From the introduction:

Periprosthetic joint infection (PJI) is a rare but devastating complication after total joint arthroplasty (TJA) that imposes a significant burden on the entire healthcare system. Specific risk factors to the development of PJI include obesity, diabetes mellitus, ASA score of three or greater, active smoking status, inflammatory arthritis, and immunocompromised status. These patients are considered "high-risk" and may benefit from the implementation of additional protocols to reduce the risk of developing PJI. Povidone-iodine lavage and the administration of vancomycin powder to the wound have demonstrably reduced the risk of postoperative infection in TJA, and spine

surgery literature and may provide similar results in TJA patients. NYU Langone Health has designed a multi-center prospective study evaluating the effect of povidone-iodine lavage and vancomycin powder administered to the local wound after TJA. They will investigate the outcomes of combining dilute povidone-iodine lavage with local wound vancomycin powder (vanco-povidone iodine protocol, VPIP) for TJA patients at high risk for infection. There will be 13,400 patients enrolled in total.

AAHKS is committed to advancing patient care by supporting research projects with great potential.

To apply for the next FARE Grant cycle, please visit:

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Dear Colleague,

As an orthopaedic surgeon performing hip and knee arthroplasty, we are pleased to invite you to apply for membership in the American Association of Hip and Knee Surgeons (AAHKS). We are sure you recognize that 2019 will prove to be a critical year for you and your patients. With the codes for hip and knee arthroplasty placed on a list of potentially misvalued codes by CMS, **AAHKS** is working hard to ensure that these codes are not devalued. If you have ever considered joining AAHKS, now is the time to get involved and become a member of *the* premier orthopaedic organization of hip and knee arthroplasty specialists.

As part of your membership in AAHKS, you will receive an annual subscription and online access to the renowned publication, *The Journal of Arthroplasty*. This monthly, peer-reviewed and clinically relevant journal of AAHKS is a \$709 value and contains more hip and knee content than any other journal.

Other AAHKS membership benefits include:

- Member discount for educational programs including Specialty Day, AAHKS Spring Meeting and AAHKS Annual Meeting.
- The AAHKS Annual Meeting, held each November in Dallas, is the premier scientific hip and knee arthroplasty meeting in the world. With more than 1,600 abstracts submitted, the papers and posters that are selected for presentation are the best of the best in scientific research and innovation in hip and knee arthroplasty.
- Support of hip and knee research through FARE (Foundation for Arthroplasty Research and Education).
- Complimentary access to OrthoEvidence, PeerView and over 3,600 ACE Reports from more than 360 journals around the world.
- Patient education to increase knowledge of total joint replacement including access to quarterly webinars and Maintenance of Certification (MOC) Board review course.
- Member publishing discount in the AAHKS open-access journal, *Arthroplasty Today*.

We look forward to welcoming you to our community of over 4,000 members. Visit www.AAHKS.org to apply online. Please contact Eileen Lusk, Director of Membership, at Eileen@AAHKS.org or 847-430-5071 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Michael P. Bolognesi, MD
AAHKS President

Thomas L. Bradbury, MD
AAHKS Member Outreach Chair



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Arthroplasty Today
Highlights Use of

Digital Technology

The current issue of the AAHKS open-access journal, *Arthroplasty Today*, highlights the use of digital technology in the field of hip and knee arthroplasty. Editor-in-Chief Brian J. McGrory, MD, explains in the Note from the Editor:

The Office Tip article is an outstanding and original review of the practical, legal, and ethical aspects of modern clinical photography by John F. Nettrour, M. Benjamin Burch, and B. Sonny Bal, titled "Patients, pictures, and privacy: managing clinical photographs in the smartphone era." Smartphone technology has become a commonplace method by which providers share clinical photographs and radiographic images with colleagues. This article addresses the medicolegal implications of this practice as it relates to privacy regulations and provides practical guidelines for providers to help manage their risk in obtaining, storing, and transmitting clinical and radiographic images via smartphones.

The Brief Communication by AAHKS Resident Member Ilya Bendich and coauthors highlights the potential of using wearable sensor-derived patient-generated health data to track and monitor patient recovery after surgery.

Another Brief Communication contribution deals with nano-sensor-balanced total knee arthroplasty, a technology gaining usage in our field. Jacob R. Riis and coinvestigators describe a pilot study that suggests that quantitative balance and rotational congruence are aided by nanosensors. In addition to the nanosensor technology, computer navigation and robotic assistance are gaining popularity in knee arthroplasty surgery. Joseph K. Antonios, MD, and coauthors describe trends for these technologies in the United States.

The last 3 articles highlighting digital orthopedics deal with interactive software programs improving patient satisfaction and outcomes; web-based portal access in the adult reconstruction patient population; and the shortcomings of YouTube as an information source of patient information for knee arthroplasty and knee osteoarthritis.

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Meet the 2019-2020 Health Policy Fellows

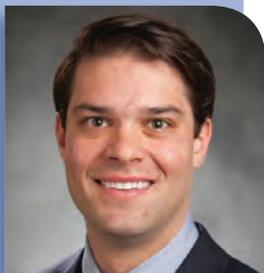
The AAHKS Health Policy Fellowship (HPF) provides US orthopaedic surgeons participating in a Joint/Adult Reconstruction Fellowship or in the first four years of their practice with an opportunity to get involved in the policy-making process in Washington, DC. They receive the requisite exposure, training and skills to advocate the health policy efforts of AAHKS.



John P. Andrawis, MD, MBA is currently a practicing orthopedic surgeon in Southern California as part of the Torrance Memorial Physical Network. He earned his bachelor's degree from UCLA and graduated Summa Cum Laude. He received a Dean's Promise Scholarship to attend the University of Chicago Pritzker School of Medicine. During medical school, Dr. Andrawis also attended the Chicago Booth School of Business as a Steve Weiner scholar. After his medical and business school training, he attended Harbor-UCLA for residency in orthopedic surgery. During his residency, he performed multiple health-policy projects and published a number of papers in the field. He most recently completed his fellowship at the University of Texas Dell School of Medicine as the Joseph Abell Hip/Knee Replacement and Value-Based Healthcare fellow.



Mohamad J. Halawi, MD is an Assistant Professor of Orthopaedic Surgery at the University of Connecticut Health Center. He received his medical training at Duke University School of Medicine where he also completed his orthopaedic surgery residency. Dr. Halawi is fellowship-trained in adult reconstructive surgery at the Cleveland Clinic. He received further training in reconstructive surgery as the Hip Society Maurice E. Müller traveling fellow in Europe. Prior to medical school, Dr. Halawi earned a bachelor's degree in Biochemical and Biophysical Sciences with the highest distinction from the University of Houston.



Joseph J. Kavolus, MD is currently an Adult Reconstruction Fellow in the Department of Orthopedic Surgery at Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston. He earned his AB degree in Organismic and Evolutionary Biology at Harvard University and medical degree at Medical University of South Carolina in Charleston. He served his residency at Duke University. During his time in medical school, Dr. Kavolus developed an interest in orthopaedics after joining his parents, Christopher and Paula Kavolus, on Operation Walk missions to Central America.

Get Involved in the Women in Arthroplasty Group!



The AAHKS Women in Arthroplasty Committee (WIA) has launched a Web page on the AAHKS website at www.AAHKS.org to help achieve their mission of providing mentorship, professional development and networking to the growing membership of women in AAHKS.

Visitors can complete a form to get involved with the WIA, sign up to be a mentor or mentee, search for jobs, connect to WIA on Twitter and more. The WIA is an inclusive group open to any AAHKS member.



Registration is Open for the 2019 AAHKS Annual Meeting

November 7-10, 2019

Hilton Anatole, Dallas, Texas, USA

Registration for the 2019 AAHKS Annual Meeting is open. You can make your hotel reservations now at the Hilton Anatole in Dallas using the discounted AAHKS room rate. Rooms sell out quickly! Log in to the AAHKS website at www.AAHKS.org/Meeting to access the hotel reservation link.

The Most Important Weekend of the Year

Thursday, November 7

7:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Events start with industry-sponsored symposia on current topics in total joint replacement. Come early to reconnect with friends and colleagues!

Friday, November 8

6:00 a.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Bring along your staff and non-surgeon colleagues for the Orthopaedic Team Member Course and the Business of Total Joint Replacement Course beginning at 7:00 a.m.



Future AAHKS Meetings

Invited residents take part in the Annual Resident Course. Industry-sponsored symposia continue early in the morning up until the Ask-the-Experts Case Sessions in the afternoon. Visit the Poster exhibition prior to the General Session which includes Podium Presentations on primary and revision TKA/THA, infection, health care policy and non-arthroplasty topics and Symposia on key issues affecting your orthopaedic practice. End the day with a reception in the Learning Center / Exhibit Hall.

Saturday, November 9

6:00 a.m. – 7:30 p.m.

The day starts at 6:00 a.m. with breakfast in the Learning Center/Exhibit Hall. The General Session, Poster Exhibition and Learning Center/Exhibit Hall continue all day. Gather with friends and colleagues at the reception at the end of the day before heading into town.

Sunday, November 10

6:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Stay for Sunday! The General Session continues with cutting-edge podium presentations and symposia until noon.

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March 28, 2020

Orange County Convention Center, Orlando

AAHKS Spring Meeting

April 30 - May 2, 2020

Radisson Blu Aqua Hotel, Chicago

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November 5-8, 2020

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Members Traveling to

INTERNATIONAL CO-BRANDED MEETINGS

AAHKS members are featured as faculty in special AAHKS sessions at Co-Branded meetings which are intended to create lasting relationships between AAHKS and international society members. This is the program schedule for the remainder of the year:



August 7-10 ELCCR – 15th Latin American Meeting for Hip and Knee Surgery

Centro de Convenciones Las Américas, Cartagena, Colombia
Hosted by the Sociedad Colombiana de Cirugía Ortopédica y Traumatología (SCCOT)

September 18-21 50th Peruvian Congress for Orthopaedics and Traumatology

Peruvian Society for Orthopaedics and Traumatology
Swissotel, Lima, Peru



September 19-20 National Congress of the Italian Hip Society (SIdA)

Bergamo, Italy

December 11-12 39th Israel Orthopaedic Association Meeting

David Intercontinental Hotel,
Tel Aviv



We encourage AAHKS members to attend these meetings and support our partners. If you would like to learn more, or if your international society would like to apply for a co-branded meeting, visit:

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