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*NFL Hall of Fame Quarterback Terry Bradshaw spoke with his knee surgeon, C. Lowry Barnes, MD, at the 2016 Annual Meeting about his knee replacement experience.*

## 2016: A YEAR IN REVIEW

From beginning to end,  
2016 has been a year of  
change for AAHKS.

### Membership Growth Continues

In 2016, AAHKS welcomed its 3,000th member, continuing our remarkable 15%+ growth for the third year in a row. While more US joint surgeons are seeking to belong, AAHKS is also reaching out to international physicians and members of the orthopaedic care team—such as physician assistants.

### Member Joins Academy Leadership

David A. Halsey, MD, became second vice president of the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons (AAOS) Board of Directors at the organization's 2016 Annual Meeting. Dr. Halsey is the second AAHKS member in the AAOS Presidential line, following William J. Maloney, MD who will become the 2017–2018 President.

### AAHKS Becomes Accredited CME Provider

In a move to expand our educational offerings, AAHKS undertook the challenging application process of the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME) to become an accredited provider of CME. Our approval came just in time for our new Spring Meeting—making it the first AAHKS accredited CME activity.

### First Spring Meeting Held

Building on the success of our Annual Meeting, AAHKS conducted the first annual Spring Meeting in March in Washington, DC. The Spring Meeting is designed to provide a different, more individualized learning experience in a small-group, case-based discussion setting.

### CMS Pilots Bundled Payments

In April, a good percentage of our members became participants in the Comprehensive Care for Joint Replacement (CJR) Medicare pilot of bundled payment and quality measurement. AAHKS worked closely with Congress and CMS to modify earlier versions of CJR to alleviate problems for participants and improve patient outcomes. CMS will likely allow CJR, with appropriate certified EHR technology use, to become an Advanced Alternative Payment Model in 2018.

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# AAHKS

## 2017 SPRING MEETING

MAY 5 – 6 • SAN FRANCISCO

Do you enjoy the fall meeting but miss the intimate interactions of AAHKS meetings of the past? Are you looking to get your questions answered by leading experts in a small group setting? Then the AAHKS Spring Meeting is for you!

The meeting will be centered around a case-based discussion format in small groups with a maximum of 10 participants per faculty member and symposia on important topics ranging from the business of orthopaedics to perioperative optimization and management. The meeting will facilitate the ideal learning atmosphere for the practicing hip and knee surgeon wanting to learn more about primary and revision hip and knee arthroplasty.

Friday, May 5 – Saturday, May 6, 2017

The Westin St. Francis on Union Square  
San Francisco

- Limited attendance
- Instructional Course Lectures (ICL)
- Small group breakouts with faculty



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at [www.AAHKS.org](http://www.AAHKS.org)

## 2016: A YEAR IN REVIEW (CONT.)

### Staff Expands to Serve Members

Two new individuals joined AAHKS staff in 2016: Sigita Wolfe, Director of Education and Research and Renalin Malvar-Ledda, Director of Operations. Long-time employee Eileen Lusk moved over as Director of Membership. Our new additions allowed us to refine the roles of our current staff to maximize our ability to address our mission.

### Back Office Improvements Made

This year we implemented new association management software that ended our reliance on the AAOS database and added convenience to dues renewal, subscription management and meeting registration through the AAHKS website.

### Publications Make an Impact

In only its second year of publication, the AAHKS open-access online journal *Arthroplasty Today* was accepted for indexing in PubMed. *The Journal of Arthroplasty* (JOA) experienced further improvement in its impact factor. William J. Hozack, MD completed his tenure as JOA Editor-in-Chief and welcomed John J. Callaghan, MD as his successor.

### New Administration Poised to Take Office

With every election cycle, there are changes in people and policies. The November election outcome signals change in federal policy on health care and will present AAHKS with new opportunities and challenges to represent your interests.

### Annual Meeting Changes Venues

AAHKS conducted the 26th Annual Meeting in November at the Hilton Anatole Dallas. This new venue allows us to continue to improve the Annual Meeting experience. The Annual Meeting draws a growing number of arthroplasty surgeons interested in practice-altering clinical content.

### AAHKS Contributes \$1.5 million to Arthroplasty Education and Research

Taking advantage of our strong financial position at the end of the year, the AAHKS Board of Directors approved the contribution of \$1.5 million to the Foundation for Arthroplasty Research and Education (FARE) to advance our mutual mission of supporting arthroplasty research and education. Initially, FARE will use the funds to support research grants.

## 2016 HEALTH POLICY SNAPSHOT

- AAHKS sent and signed on to more than 20 comment letters to governmental bodies such as Congress, CMS, NIH and more.
- Leadership made four visits to the Hill and two to CMS, meeting with key congressional staff and CMS leadership.
- AAHKS created a task force to explore the best payment and participation options for our members in Advanced Alternative Payment Models under the new CMS Quality Payment Program (replacing MACRA).
- Based on our advocacy, BPCI was modified to include Hip Fracture Risk Stratification as of October 1, 2016.
- In October, AAHKS joined the Health Care Payment Learning and Action Network (LAN) as a Committed Partner to increase our engagement with CMS and payors regarding new bundled payment programs.

## 2016 AAHKS PRESIDENTIAL AWARD RECOGNIZES BRIAN J. McGRORY, MD

The Annual AAHKS Presidential Award is given to an individual who has demonstrated a sustained commitment to AAHKS. The recipient of the 2016 AAHKS Presidential Award is Brian J. McGrory, MD, Editor-in-Chief of *Arthroplasty Today*.

William A. Jiranek, MD, AAHKS President, presented Dr. McGrory with the award at the 2016 AAHKS Annual Meeting. Dr. McGrory said, "I am humbled by this award, but it is truly in recognition of a team effort to bring *Arthroplasty Today*—the newest publication from AAHKS—to the forefront of open access journals."





## AAHKS PRESENTATION AWARDS



### The James A. Rand Young Investigator's Award

Presented to  
Joseph T. Patterson, MD,  
San Francisco, CA

*Administrative Claims vs. Surgical Registry: Data Source and Outcome Disparities in Total Joint Arthroplasty*

#### Co-Authors:

David Sing, BS,  
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Bobby Tay, MD  
and Alan Zhang, MD



### The Lawrence D. Dorr Surgical Techniques & Technologies Award

Presented to  
David W. Fitz, MD, Chicago, IL

*Differences in Post-Operative Outcomes between Total Hip Arthroplasty for Fracture vs. Osteoarthritis*

#### Co-Authors:

Charles Du Qin, BS,  
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and David W. Manning, MD



### The AAHKS Clinical Research Award

Presented to  
Nicholas Bedard, MD,  
Iowa City, IA

*What are the Costs of Knee Osteoarthritis in the Year Prior to TKA?*

#### Co-Authors:

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## DR. PARSLEY RECEIVES THE 2016 HUMANITARIAN AWARD



Last year's AAHKS Humanitarian Award recipient, Adolph V. Lombardi, Jr., MD, FACS awarded Brian S. Parsley, MD with the 2016 AAHKS Humanitarian Award at the AAHKS Annual Meeting in Dallas on November 11, 2016. Dr. Parsley was recognized for his humanitarian efforts with the Faith In Practice medical mission organization.

Dr. Parsley has served Faith In Practice for 20 years—completing 50 trips to provide surgical care to the underserved of Guatemala. Some of his work includes co-leading screening clinics and surgical missions and securing donations of implants, supplies and medication. His accomplishments include serving as chair of campaigns to build five operating rooms at Los Obras Hospital in Antigua and expanding Hilario Galinda Hospital in San Felipe. Dr. Parsley currently serves on the Faith In Practice Board of Directors.

“Because of Dr. Parsley’s commitment, compassion and talent, hundreds of Guatemalans are living productive lives, supporting their families and living joyfully,” said Rev. Linda L. McCarthy, Faith In Practice President & CEO.

# THE 2017 HEALTH POLICY FORECAST

Prepared by the AAHKS advocacy firm, Epstein Becker & Green, P.C.

## Nominations

Rep. Tom Price (R-GA) has been nominated by President-elect Donald Trump to be the next Secretary of Health and Human Services. Dr. Price is an orthopaedic surgeon and AAHKS member. As a senior member of the Ways & Means Committee, and Chairman of the Budget Committee, Dr. Price has previously led federal efforts to support fair hip and knee replacement reimbursement, improve the CJR, and position physicians to succeed under new payment regimes. Before the Senate can vote on his nomination, he will face grueling confirmation hearings in the Senate HELP and Finance Committees. Democratic leadership is already organizing opposition to Dr. Price's nomination based on his consistent opposition to the ACA.

Mr. Trump has also nominated state Medicaid consultant Seema Verma to be the next CMS Administrator.

## ACA Reform

Mr. Trump campaigned on a promise to "repeal and replace" ACA. For several years, the newly reelected Republican majority in Congress has likewise identified ACA repeal as a top priority. With the incoming administration and congressional majority sharing this goal, it is now a distinct possibility.

Congressional Republicans will be looking to begin repealing portions of the ACA through the so-called budget reconciliation process in the early Spring, or sooner. It is yet to be learned what Republicans will propose to provide expanded coverage in place of the ACA and whether they can garner needed support from some moderate Democrats to enact such proposals. This process will likely proceed throughout 2017 with much uncertainty during that time.



Apart from a shared goal to repealing the Health Insurance Exchanges, the individual and employer coverage mandates, and Medicaid expansion, it is unclear if Republican objectives will include repealing or reforming other ACA provisions such as the authorization for the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Innovation (CMMI) which sponsors the CJR, BPCI, and other Medicare episode-based payment bundles. Congressional ideas range from leaving CMMI's power as it stands today, to eliminating its power to implement mandatory participation bundles, to totally eliminating CMMI and its \$10 billion budget in order to fund new coverage expansion policies.



## VIEW 2016 WEBINAR RECORDINGS AT [WWW.AAHKS.ORG](http://WWW.AAHKS.ORG)

- Functional Cup Position to Avoid Instability in Total Hip Arthroplasty—the Hip/Spine Relationship
- Unicompartamental Knee Arthroplasty
- Navigating Bundled Payments and CJR in Total Joint Arthroplasty

# AAHKS POSTER AWARDS

The following posters were selected as the best in category:

## Primary Hip

*Postoperative Impact of Diabetes and Chronic Kidney Disease vs. Diabetes and Renal Transplant after Total Hip Arthroplasty*

**Beau Kildow, MD**  
**Perez Agaba, BS**  
**Herman Dhotar, MD**  
**Samuel Wellman, MD**  
**Thorsten Seyler, MD**  
**Michael Bolognesi, MD**

## Primary Knee

*How Do Pre-Operative Medications Influence Outcomes in Total Joint Arthroplasty?*

**Bradley J. Zarling, MD**  
**Jakub Sikora-Klak, MD**  
**Christopher Bergum, BS**  
**David C. Markel, MD**

## Revision Hip

*What Pre-Operative Risk Factors are Associated with Poor Outcomes of Revision Surgery for Pseudotumours in Patients with Metal-on-Metal Hip Arthroplasty?*

**Young-Min Kwon, MD, PhD**  
**Dimitris Dimitriou, MD**  
**John Paul Manalo, MD**  
**Tsung-Yuan Tsai, PhD**  
**Lincoln Liow, MD**

## Revision Knee

*Effect of Modular Stem Size and Fixation Method on Mechanical Failure after Revision TKA*

**Andrew Fleischman, MD**  
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**Michael Fuery, BS**  
**Camilo Restrepo, MD**  
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**Javad Parvizi, MD, FRCS**

## Non-Arthroplasty

*What are the Risk Factors for Disease Progression in Femoroacetabular Impingement? A Prospective Analysis of the Contralateral Hip in FAI Patients*

**Craig R. Louer, MD**  
**Jeffrey J. Nepple, MD**  
**John C. Clohisy, MD**

## Infection

*Case Order Has an Effect on Periprosthetic Joint Infection Risk*

**Michael M. Kheir, MD**  
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**Camilo Restrepo, MD**  
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## Complications not Including Infection

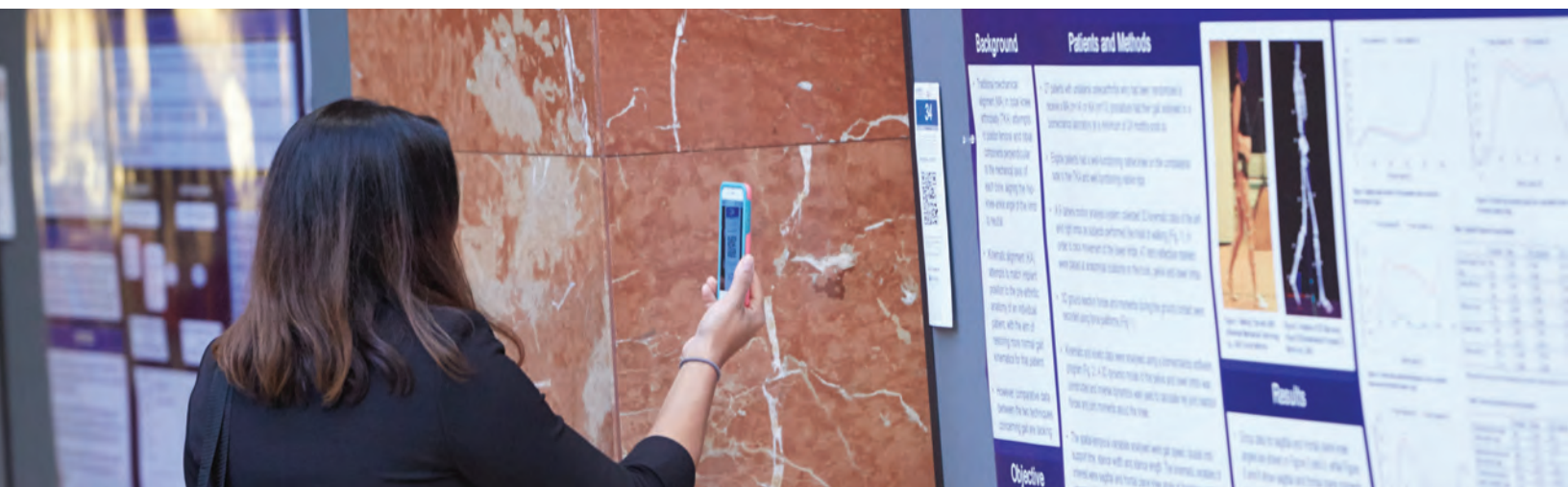
*A Comparison of Two Dosing Regimens of ASA following Total Hip and Knee Arthroplasty*

**Michael J. Feldstein, MD, MS**  
**Sara Low, BS**  
**Antonia F. Chen, MD, MBA**  
**Laura Woodward, DNP, ANP-C**  
**William J. Hozack, MD**

## Health Policy

*Predictors of Same-Day Discharge in Primary Total Joint Arthroplasty Patients and Risk Factors for Post-Discharge Complications*

**Alex Sher**  
**Aakash Keswani**  
**Dong-han Yao, BA**  
**Benjamin Boodaie**  
**Chirag K. Shah, BA**  
**Karl Koenig, MD**  
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# REGISTRATION IS OPEN FOR THE 2017 SPRING MEETING!

Friday, May 5–Saturday, May 6, 2017

The Westin St. Francis  
San Francisco, CA

Register today at [www.aahks.org](http://www.aahks.org).

Do you enjoy interacting with your AAHKS colleagues? Are you looking to get your questions answered by leading experts in a small group setting? Then the 2017 AAHKS Spring Meeting is for you!

Registration and hotel reservations are open for the 2017 AAHKS Spring Meeting taking place May 5–6, 2017 in San Francisco. Log in to [www.AAHKS.org](http://www.AAHKS.org) to register and make hotel reservations at The Westin St. Francis. The meeting fee is \$595 for AAHKS members and \$695 for nonmembers.

## Meeting Objectives

The AAHKS Spring Meeting is intended to equip practicing orthopaedic surgeons with state-of-the art information and cutting-edge strategies aimed at enhancing the care of patients with arthritis and degenerative disease. It combines general and breakout sessions, emphasizing case-based learning in a small group setting for most effective results.

- Analyze total hip and knee arthroplasty cases
- Investigate the patterns contributing to effective total hip and knee arthroplasty and revision
- Determine the strategies contributing to optimal perioperative and post-operative care, including complication management
- Consider effective practice management tips and related healthcare policy
- Report the highlights of the 2016 Annual Meeting

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## CME

The American Association of Hip and Knee Surgeons (AAHKS) is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME) to provide continuing medical education for physicians.

The American Association of Hip and Knee Surgeons (AAHKS) designates this live activity for a maximum of 15.5 *AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™*. Physicians should claim only the credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.





# PRELIMINARY AGENDA

Thursday, May 4, 2017

6:00 p.m.

Welcome

Friday, May 5, 2017

7:00 a.m.

**Breakfast**

7:50 a.m.

Welcome and Introduction

8:00–8:30 a.m.

Highlights of the 2016 Annual Meeting

8:30–9:50 a.m.

Breakout 1

10:00–11:00 a.m.

Symposium I

11:00 a.m.–12:20 p.m.

Breakout 2

12:20–1:00 p.m.

**Lunch**

1:00–2:00 p.m.

Symposium II

2:20–3:40 p.m.

Breakout 3

3:40–4:50 p.m.

Symposium III

Saturday, May 6, 2017

7:00 a.m.

**Breakfast**

7:50 a.m.

Welcome and Introduction

8:00–8:30 a.m.

Highlights of The Hip Society and The Knee Society closed meetings

8:30–9:50 a.m.

Breakout 4

10:00–11:00 a.m.

Symposium IV

11:00 a.m.–12:20 p.m.

Breakout 5

12:20–1:00 p.m.

**Lunch**

1:00–2:00 p.m.

Symposium V

2:20–3:40 p.m.

Breakout 6

3:40–4:50 p.m.

Symposium VI

5:00 p.m.

**Adjourn**



## STATE INITIATIVES AND HOW THE OFFICIAL REGISTRY OF AAHKS CAN HELP

The American Joint Replacement Registry (AJRR), the official Registry of AAHKS, has always strived to make life easier for physicians and institutions. As the orthopaedic community began to shift towards a quality focus, AJRR jumped at the chance to provide a helping hand in the process. As bundled payments, state collaboratives and insurer's distinction programs are being created for specific geographical areas, physicians and institutions are looking to AJRR as an option to meet their registry requirements and secure Medicare reimbursements.

AJRR collects hip and knee replacement data to assist with better decision making on the part of patients, surgeons and purchasers in all 50 states and the District of Columbia. While improving orthopaedic care should be a national effort, regional programs that incentivize Registry involvement can help propel the goal forward.

### Some regional examples include:

**Blue Shield of California** hospitals that participate in AJRR will receive automatic insurance preauthorization for their patients' hip and knee replacements beginning in early 2017. This saves patients the stress of waiting and gives surgeons the chance to operate as soon as possible. Patient health is the most important aspect of surgery, so preauthorization eliminates an unnecessary roadblock to delivering excellent care. It's expected that other states will begin to follow California's lead on this initiative.

For providers in Washington, **the Bree Collaborative** is a partnership that rewards efforts toward quality care. It was established to provide a mechanism through which public and private healthcare stakeholders could work together to improve the quality, cost effectiveness and health outcomes of patient care. Health care purchasers get sent quality improvement recommendations from Bree members, influencing payments in orthopaedics.



These recommendations have led to the creation of the "Repair of the Osteoarthritic Joint" section of the Bree Collaborative TKR/THR Bundle—requiring all implants to be registered using the AJRR. Several institutions in Washington still have the opportunity to secure this bundled payment, as only 50 percent of Bree Collaborative members are currently participating in the AJRR.

AJRR participants in the Midwest are also in luck; the Registry is on a list of required criteria for **QualityPath, a designation from The Alliance**, for knee and total hip replacements. The Alliance is a not-for-profit cooperative that helps manage their members' health-care money and make positive impacts on their employees' health. They contract with several insurance trusts, hospitals and professional service providers in Wisconsin, Iowa, and Illinois. Patients get all of their medical costs covered for specific procedures through QualityPath and are specifically directed to QualityPath-designated surgeons and hospitals. The patients that these surgeons receive turn to them because they're known for quality care.

For more information about the AJRR and how it can help meet quality initiatives, please visit [www.ajrr.net](http://www.ajrr.net).

## REGISTER NOW FOR SPECIALTY DAY

AAHKS co-sponsors programs with The Hip Society and The Knee Society during Specialty Day at the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons' Annual Meeting. Specialty Day takes place on Saturday, March 18, 2017 in San Diego.

For complete details, and to register for the meeting, visit [www.aaos.org/annual](http://www.aaos.org/annual)

## INTERNATIONAL FOOTPRINT WIDENS

### Guest Societies

As the 2016 Guest Societies, the Indian Society for Hip and Knee Surgeons (ISHKS) and European Knee Society (EKS) sent delegations and co-hosted the International Reception at the Annual Meeting in Dallas. Successful development of the Guest Society Fellowship continued in 2016. The Fellowship brings one fellow from each society to the US for observerships at two institutions prior to and following the Annual Meeting.

In 2017, we will welcome the European Hip Society & Colombian Orthopedic and Traumatology Society as our guests.

### AAHKS as Guest Society

For the first time, AAHKS will serve as the Guest Society at the British Hip Society Conference, March 1–3, 2017, where we are invited to hold an AAHKS symposium, host a booth and present five posters from the Annual Meeting.

### Co-Branded Meetings

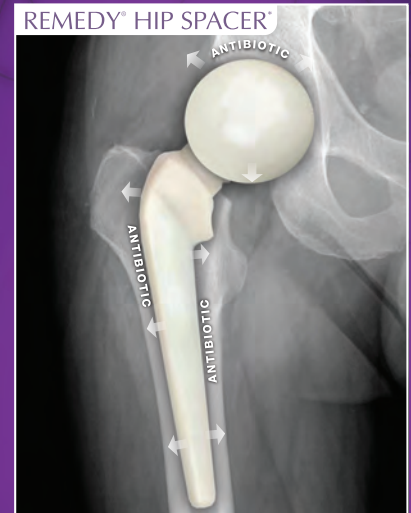
Co-Branded Meetings are meant to foster a direct exchange of knowledge and information between AAHKS and international societies and create lasting professional and social connections between AAHKS and participating societies and their members. The meetings also broaden the reach of our educational mission and reinforce our position as a global leader in total joint arthroplasty. AAHKS participated in four Co-Branded Meetings this year:

- 10th Annual Conference of the Indian Society for Hip and Knee Surgeons, April 8–10, Chennai, India
- 12th Latin American Meeting of Hip and Knee Surgeons 2016 (ELCCR 2016), August 3–6, Cartagena, Colombia
- ASIA Meeting, September 2–3, Guangzhou, China
- European Hip Society, September 6–9, Munich, Germany

### Chinese Fellowship

AAHKS has partnered again with the Chinese Association of Orthopaedic Surgeons (CAOS) for a 2016–2017 Fellowship. The program brings 18 Chinese fellows to nine institutions in the US for their three-month observerships.

# Simplify Infection Treatment



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## MEET THE 2017 HEALTH POLICY FELLOWS

AAHKS Health Policy Fellows work closely with senior AAHKS volunteer mentors who provide technical expertise related to daily activities, assist in accessing AAHKS resources, and help identify the collaborative opportunities within AAHKS.



### Nicholas B. Frisch, MD, MBA

Nicholas B. Frisch, MD, MBA is in the middle of his Adult Reconstruction Fellowship at Rush University Medical Center in Chicago.

He graduated from the University of Vermont and then attended Loyola University in Chicago where he earned a master's degree in Medical Science. At Tufts University School of Medicine, he earned his medical degree and MBA in Healthcare Management.

Dr. Frisch returned to his hometown of Detroit to complete his orthopaedic residency training at Henry Ford Hospital.

Dr. Frisch was awarded the Norman S. Sterns MD/MBA Award for excellence in academics and leadership while at Tufts. At Henry Ford Hospital, he won several local and regional podium presentations. He also won the Innovation Institute challenge for "Reducing 30-day Readmission through Technology," and the Ford Motor Company Connected Health Challenge. Dr. Frisch's submission, "Wireless, Wearable Sensor Technology in Health Care," placed second. Upon completion of his training at Ford, he received the Outstanding Resident Award for 2016.

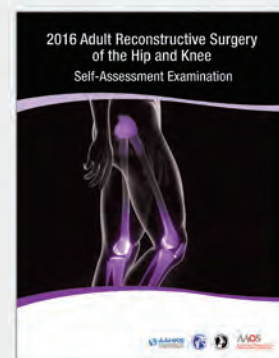
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### BETTER SELF-ASSESSMENT MEANS BETTER PATIENT CARE

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Dr. Suarez is actively involved in research and academic activities including fellow training, speaking engagements and publishing. He has publications in peer review journals along with book chapters. He also has collaborated in orthopaedic implant design for hip replacement. For his research efforts, Dr. Suarez was awarded the 2015 Scholar of the Year at the Cleveland Clinic Florida.

Dr. Suarez has also been involved in leadership roles at the Cleveland Clinic Florida. He serves as the Quality Officer for the Orthopedic and Rheumatologic Center and leads the operating room committee.



### Brad S. Waddell, MD

Brad S. Waddell, MD is a joint replacement specialist at Ochsner Clinic and Director of Orthopaedic Research at the Ochsner Medical Center in New Orleans. He completed his orthopaedic surgery residency at Ochsner Clinic and his Adult Reconstruction and Joint Replacement fellowship at the Hospital for Special Surgery in New York, New York.

While in medical school, Dr. Waddell served as a two-term member of the House of Delegates for the Louisiana State Medical Society. Transitioning into residency, Dr. Waddell served on the Patient Safety Committee for the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons and was a member of the Quality Council at Ochsner Medical Center.

Dr. Waddell has authored over 18 peer-reviewed articles, three book chapters, and he presented over 80 national and international podium and poster presentations. He currently serves as the section editor of the "Quality and Cost Control" section of *Current Reviews in Musculoskeletal Medicine* and is a reviewer for five national and international orthopaedic journals. He received the Alton Ochsner Resident Leadership Award and the Hospital for Special Surgery Clinical Excellence Award.

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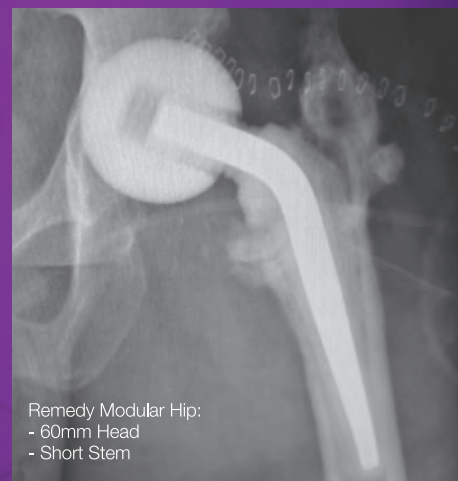
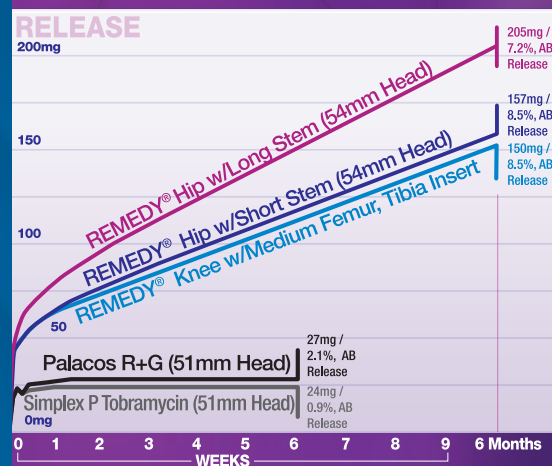
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