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ArthroPAC Launch Raises More Than $370,000 in Three Days, Shattering $200,000 Goal

More than 375 founding donors rally behind a dedicated political voice for hip and knee surgeons

DALLAS, TX — The American Association of Hip and Knee Surgeons (AAHKS) launched ArthroPAC during its Annual Meeting in Dallas, raising more than $370,000 in just three days from more than 375 donors. The launch surpassed its $200,000 fundraising goal by more than 85% and achieved a 7% participation rate, establishing a strong foundation for the specialty's new political action committee.

ArthroPAC will serve as a dedicated political arm that complements AAHKS legislative and regulatory advocacy. Its focus: advancing the priorities of hip and knee surgeons and protecting the patients who rely on their care.

The launch comes amid Medicare payment cuts and mounting pressures on surgical practices, underscoring the urgency of greater political engagement.

"We will not take these Medicare cuts lying down. Hip and knee surgeons restore mobility, independence, and quality of life, yet policies from Washington too often undermine our ability to deliver that care," said Adam J. Rana, MD, Chair of ArthroPAC. "We must use every tool in our arsenal to protect our specialty and the patients we serve. ArthroPAC gives us a dedicated political voice to strengthen that fight. Our mission is clear: all joints, all the time."

ArthroPAC will support candidates for federal office from both parties who understand the challenges facing hip and knee surgeons and are committed to patient access and sustainable care. Operating under the oversight of the AAHKS Board of Directors and the PAC Advisory Board, the PAC will pool members' voluntary contributions to strengthen the specialty's political engagement.

The founding donor response reflects members' willingness to take a more active role in shaping their profession's future. ArthroPAC will build on that momentum by expanding participation and connecting members with opportunities to engage in the political process.

"More than 375 donors stepped forward in three days because they understand what is at stake," Rana added. "This launch sends a powerful message: our specialty is engaged, our members are committed and we are ready to help shape the decisions that affect our patients and our practices. This is a joint effort—and together, we will have a stronger voice."

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"AAHKS members have sent a clear message: we are ready to do whatever it takes to help shape the future of our specialty," said Antonia Chen, MD, President of AAHKS. "ArthroPAC builds on our longstanding advocacy efforts and brings the collective strength of hip and knee surgeons into the political process. Together with our partners across orthopaedics and medicine, we will work to protect patient access and ensure that policies recognize the value of the care that we deliver."

To learn more, visit **www.ArthroPAC.org**.

About ArthroPAC

ArthroPAC is the political action committee of the American Association of Hip and Knee Surgeons. Through voluntary contributions from eligible individuals, ArthroPAC supports candidates for federal office who understand the priorities of hip and knee surgeons and the patients they serve. It complements AAHKS's legislative and regulatory advocacy with focused political engagement.

About the American Association of Hip and Knee Surgeons

Established in 1991, the mission of AAHKS is to be the definitive global authority on excellence in hip and knee care. AAHKS has a membership of over 5,800 surgeons and other hip and knee health care professionals. AAHKS' surgeons perform over half of the 1.5 million hip and knee replacements each year in the United States.

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