



# news letter

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## Trauma Call: Should you be compensated?

MARK HUTCHINSON, MD

YOUR IAOS RECENTLY CREATED A SURVEY OF ORTHOPAEDIC SURGEONS in the state of Illinois to assess their opinions and experiences regarding compensation for trauma call. 217 surgeons participated in the survey with 75% reporting from Chicago or its suburbs and 25% from downstate, rural or other practices. While only 19% of us are compensated for trauma call; 91% believed that they should be compensated if they served

a level 1 trauma center, 81% felt that they should be if they served a level 2 trauma center, and only 56% felt there should be compensation at a level 3 site. Overall the opinion was overwhelmingly (93%) in favor of compensation for orthopaedic surgeons taking call. For those that were compensated for call, 60% were compensated over \$750 per night with some making as much as \$1400 per night on weekends. Another 20% were compensated between \$250-500 per night.

Perhaps it is time for us to get more active in this regard. A number of comments from IAOS members suggested that times have changed since the original concept of required call being an obligation for hospital privileges. Indeed, an

appropriate compensation would likely resolve the problem of getting people to take call as those who wished the compensation would step up and volunteer. If you would like a more specific breakdown of the survey, please contact the IAOS offices and we would be happy to forward you the breakdown. Perhaps it could assist our presentation and request to your own hospital.

We hope you enjoyed this survey of special interest to orthopaedic surgeons in the state of Illinois. If you have additional questions that we may survey please let us know.



## LEADERSHIP PROFILE



**PRESIDENT**  
**Jason Koh**

**PERSONAL:**

I was born in Chicago while my father was a radiology resident at Northwestern.

**EDUCATION:**

After graduating from Glenbrook North High School, I studied biology at Harvard and did my medical school at Johns Hopkins. I followed this with my internship at the Massachusetts General Hospital and residency at the Hospital for Special Surgery. My sports medicine fellowship was at the Cleveland Clinic.

**EMPLOYER:**

I'm an associate professor at Northwestern and practice at Northwestern Memorial Hospital in Chicago. I specialize in arthroscopic hip, shoulder, elbow and knee

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### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

## Time to Identify Key Issues for the Future

JASON KOH, MD



Jason Koh, MD

THIS FALL WE ARE FACING A NUMBER OF ISSUES and unknowns. As I compose this note, we are in the midst of significant economic turmoil. Stock prices are down and credit is tight; some hospitals are having difficulty issuing bonds<sup>1-3</sup>, and the *Wall Street Journal* reports that people are cutting back on medical expenditures, including orthopaedic procedures such as joint replacement.<sup>4</sup> The enormous cost of the

financial sector bailout will clearly have an impact on other government spending. Both of the presidential candidates have proposed significant changes to the delivery of healthcare, and it is unclear how the current financing system can continue.

However, we remain undaunted. We see in our patients every day how we can improve the lives of those we touch. Modern orthopaedics has made remarkable advances in taking away pain and improving function. Our patients have access to the most advanced healthcare technology in the world.

Help us to maintain our ability to deliver this kind of quality care to our patients. Over the course of

this year, we will be working to identify and address key issues for our membership. You should have already received electronically a brief survey regarding trauma care and call in your community. Please feel free to contact me at any time regarding this or other issues; my email is [drjasonkoh@gmail.com](mailto:drjasonkoh@gmail.com). I look forward to serving as your president. **■**

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EDITOR'S LETTER

# New Game Plan

SHERWIN HO, MD



Sherwin Ho, MD

FALL IS THE SEASON OF CHANGE – WE REFLECT on the past and look to the future. Summer in Beijing already seems so long ago, but what an experience. I'm not sure we'll ever see a singular sporting event of that magnitude. Last Fall I wrote about my travels with the US Women's volleyball team to the World Cup in Japan, where we qualified for the Beijing games by unexpectedly beating world No. 1 Brazil. It turns out

that was to be Brazil's only loss up to the gold medal match in Beijing. Team USA again had an incredible run beating the likes of Cuba, and then Italy (2007 World Cup champion who we hadn't beaten in the last 5 years)

to get into the finals. When we reached 20-19 in game 4, it seemed like déjà vu when we beat Brazil in November. This time they came up with two huge blocks on Logan Tom and rolled to the gold medal. Although disappointed to get so close to the gold, the silver medal was the US women's first medal of any kind in 12 years—an accomplishment to proud of. And, yes, Chicago was well-represented in Beijing. At a USOC luncheon on opening day in Beijing attended by President George H. Bush (Honorary Chief de Mission), the presidents of the IOC and USOC, with an assortment of other world dignitaries, there were at least half dozen of us from Chicago including our very own Mayor Daley and

Patrick Ryan. Our parting gift bags from the USOC contained a compilation CD of Chicago blues and jazz and a Tiffany pen with the Chicago 2016 insignia on it. Hope it all helps us get the Olympics here in Chicago in 2016. That would make for a great Fall newsletter in 2016!

This Fall is also about an election. By the time you read this, our country will have elected a new president. Both Obama and McCain touted "change" in their campaigns. Four years is all that the winner is promised. What can you accomplish in 4 years? In 4 years college came and went. Four more years and we became doctors. As president-elect of our society, along with our current president, Jason Koh and the rest of our leadership group, the next four at the IAOS warrant a well-

thought out game plan. For starters, we want to expand our horizons and generate some excitement among our members. To that end we plan to join forces with the Hawaii Orthopedic Association and share a Spring meeting with them in Honolulu, Hawaii (my and Barack's home town). We are still working on details, but expect this to eventually become a "home and home" series, with the IAOS sponsoring a speaker at the Hawaii meeting and vice-versa. The current president of the HOA, Jim Scoggins, will be extending a formal invitation to all IAOS members to attend their 2009 Spring Symposium. Dr. Tony Romeo will be one Illinois speaker, and they are looking for an expert in joint replacement with a national reputation to sponsor as their 2nd speaker from Illinois. If you are interested please submit your CV and 2 or 3 topics to the IAOS and we will forward our recommendations on to the HOA. See you in Honolulu! **n**

# IAOS Clinical Corner

FALL IS ALSO FOR FOOTBALL! FRIDAY NIGHTS WITH HOT DOGS AND HOT cocoa. Cool, crisp Saturday afternoons, forests full of fall colors, blankets, sweaters and bonfires. Of course with football comes the inevitable march of injured athletes through our doors. Already we've seen our share of common (ACL tears, shoulder dislocations) and uncommon injuries.

## CASE 1



Initial x-ray of hip injury



Post-op x-ray of hip injury

See if you can diagnose the two football injuries below: a hip injury in a 14 year old quarterback and a thumb injury in a 19 year old defensive back.

## CASE 2



Initial x-ray of thumb injury



Post-op x-ray of thumb injury

We encourage readers to submit cases for the Clinical Corner. All images should be digital. Post-op x-rays available for review online at our website. [n](#)

1. A posterior hip dislocation, with spontaneous reduction and displaced posterior hip fracture requiring open reduction and internal fixation.
2. Bennett's fracture of base of proximal phalanx associated with thumb MCP joint dislocation requiring pinning.

Answers:

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## Leadership Profiles

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surgery, with a particular interest in hip arthroscopy, patella instability, computer-assisted knee ligament surgery, cartilage transplantation and shoulder replacement.

### IAOS INVOLVEMENT:

I became involved in IAOS after participating in the AAOS Leadership Fellows Program, where I learned about the importance of taking part in the political and economic process.

### HOW I GOT INVOLVED IN IAOS:

I realized that I could either sit around the locker room and complain about issues, or try to actually do something about them.

### MY VISION OF THE IAOS:

The IAOS should address the issues that concern the orthopaedic surgeons of Illinois, with a particular interest in the political and economic issues of the state.

### BEST PART OF MY JOB:

I enjoy teaching and lecturing in the clinic, OR, and at courses, but I really love taking care of my patients. The most rewarding part of my day is to have a patient come back and tell me all of the activities they've been able to return to after getting fixed.

### MAJOR ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

Charles Neer Award, American Shoulder and Elbow Society, 2002; Richard O'Connor Award, Arthroscopy Association North

America, 2004; American Orthopaedic Association, North American Traveling Fellowship 2003; Patellofemoral Foundation Traveling Fellowship 2004-5; AAOS Leadership Fellows Program 2005-6; NIH R21 Award "Bone formation and regeneration via citric acid-based composites." 2007-2009; James K. Stack Teaching Award, Northwestern University 2008; And my family.



**VICE PRESIDENT**  
**Matthew Jimenez, MD,**  
**FACS**

### PERSONAL:

Leah (wife) and Grace, Jack, Luke and Sophie (kids)

### EDUCATION:

B. S. Degree – The University of Utah, 1984, Cum Laude; The University of Iowa Graduate School of Anatomy, 1986-1987; Coordinated with the Department of Orthopaedic Surgery, NIH Physician Scientist Training Program Medical School – The University of Iowa, 1989, College of Medicine; Residency at Northwestern University Orthopaedic, 1989-1994. Surgery Residency Training Program at: Children's

Memorial Hospital, Chicago, IL; Northwestern University Hospital, Chicago, IL; Cook County Hospital, Chicago, IL; Lutheran General Hospital, Park Ridge, IL; Evanston Hospital, Evanston, IL; Saint Francis Hospital, Evanston, IL; Lakeside Veterans Hospital, Chicago, IL

### EMPLOYER:

Illinois Bone and Joint Institute, LLC, The Center for Orthopaedic Surgery, 9000 Waukegan Road, Suite 200, Morton Grove, Illinois 60053

### IAOS INVOLVEMENT:

AAOS Board of Councilors 2003-Present; IAOS Board of Directors 1999-Present

### HOW I GOT INVOLVED IN IAOS:

I was encouraged by my partner, Wayne Goldstein, MD.

### MY VISION OF THE IAOS:

Increase membership and member involvement. Advance advocacy efforts for IAOS.

### BEST PART OF MY JOB:

The patients

### MAJOR ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

Graduate of the AAOS' Leadership Fellows Program. Fellow of the American College of Surgeons. Maintains faculty appointment as Clinical Associate Professor of Orthopaedic Surgery at the University of Illinois at Chicago. He holds leadership roles within Illinois Bone & Joint Institute, where he has been the Chairman and Medical Director of the Physician Assistant Orthopaedic Residency Training Program since 1997. Developed and chairs the Chicago Trauma

Symposium, which is a four day multidisciplinary trauma course in its 11th year. He lectures extensively, nationally and internationally. He has served as chairman and faculty on many educational forums in trauma and fracture care. He has published several chapters and articles, along with presenting numerous scientific presentations and exhibits.



**TREASURER**  
**Leon S. Benson, MD**

**PERSONAL:**

Live with wife Karyn and two teenage daughters in Highland Park, Illinois

**EDUCATION:**

Undergraduate: B.A. Chemistry, Northwestern University, 1981

**MEDICAL:**

MD, Northwestern University, 1985

**RESIDENCY:**

Orthopaedic Surgery, Northwestern University, completed 1990

**FELLOWSHIP:**

Harvard University, Hand Surgery Fellowship, completed 1991

**EMPLOYER:**

Illinois Bone and Joint Institute, Glenview, Illinois, since 1991

**IAOS INVOLVEMENT:**

Treasurer

**HOW I GOT INVOLVED IN IAOS:**

I participated in the AAOS' Leadership Fellows Program in 2006 and wanted to participate more in organized medicine.

**MY VISION OF THE IAOS:**

Pursuing advocacy for Illinois orthopaedic surgeons.

**BEST PART OF MY JOB:**

Helping to fight for the respect and credit that our profession deserves.

**MAJOR ACCOMPLISHMENTS:**

Promoted to rank of full Professor of Clinical Orthopaedic Surgery, Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine; Associate Editor of the Journal of Bone and Joint Surgery, American Volume (as of January 1, 2009); Member, Question Writing Task Force, American Board of Orthopaedic Surgery (for the CAQHS and Part I Written Boards); Member, AAOS Public Relations Oversight Group (to be Chairman as of February, 2009); Vice President of the Professional Staff, Northshore University Healthsystem (formerly Evanston Northwestern Healthcare); Most important: titled our Portuguese Water Dog, Chelsea, in AKC Agility: Novice Jumpers and Novice Standard, summer 2008; currently competing in Open class.



**IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT**  
**Mark Hutchinson**

**PERSONAL:**

I live in Elmhurst with wife and 2 kids. I love everything Olympic.

**EDUCATION:**

Bachelors at University of Illinois; Medical—University of Illinois; Residency—Michigan State University; Fellowship—Kentucky Sports Medicine

**EMPLOYER:**

University of Illinois at Chicago

**IAOS INVOLVEMENT:**

Immediate Past President

**HOW I GOT INVOLVED IN IAOS:**

Past mentors, including Dennis Mess, Riad Barmada, and Edward Abraham all encouraged me to get involved in my state society

**MY VISION OF THE IAOS:**

Be an information conduit for all orthopaedic surgeons in the state of Illinois at assist in representing them on issues of organized orthopaedic concerns.

**BEST PART OF MY JOB:**

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