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ASSOCIATION

**2025 FELLOWSHIP DIRECTORS FORUM**  
**In Conjunction with the Summer CORD Conference**  
**Minneapolis, MN**  
**Wednesday, June 4, 2025**

**Theme: “Management of the Struggling Fellow”**

**Learning Objectives:**

By the end of this Fellowship Directors Forum, attendees will be able to:

- Explain the ways program directors can best prepare residents for fellowship education.
- Describe best practices for recognizing struggling fellows facing transition challenges.
- Identify ways to develop and build a remediation plan.

**Draft Agenda**

2:30pm – 2:35pm	<b>Opening Remarks</b> <i>Felicity Fishman, MD, FAOA, Loyola University Medical Center, Fellowship Directors Forum Program Chair</i>
2:35pm – 2:40pm	<b>How to Set a Fellow Up for Success – Can Residency Programs Better Prepare Learners for Fellowship?</b> <i>Adrienne R. Socci, MD, FAOA, (Residency Program Director), Yale-New Haven Medical Center</i>
2:40pm – 2:50pm	<b>How to Set a Fellow Up for Success – Can Fellowship Programs Pre-prepare a Fellow?</b> <i>Meghan N. Imrie, MD, FAOA, (Pediatric Orthopaedics), Stanford University</i>
2:50pm – 3:00pm	<b>Recognizing a Struggling Fellow – Signs and Symptoms</b> <i>Philip E. Blazar, MD, FAOA, (Hand and Upper Extremity), Brigham &amp; Women’s Hospital</i>
3:00pm – 3:15pm	<b>Q&amp;A</b>
3:15pm – 3:25pm	<b>How to Build a Remediation Plan When You Only Have One Year – Surgical Remediation</b> <i>Roman M. Natoli, MD, PhD, (Trauma), Indiana University School of Medicine</i>
3:25pm – 3:35pm	<b>How to Build a Remediation Plan When You Only Have One Year – Knowledge Base and Professionalism</b> <i>Odion Binitie, MD, FAOA, (Orthopaedic Oncology), Moffitt Cancer Center</i>

3:35pm – 3:45pm

**Navigating Potential Graduation Delays - How Do You Handle a Fellow Who Isn't Ready for Graduation?**

Daniel Guss, MD, FAOA, (Foot and Ankle), *Massachusetts General Brigham*

3:45pm – 4:00pm

**Q&A**

4:00pm

**Adjourn/CORD-FDF Networking Reception**