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2026 Summer CORD Conference Agenda
May 13, 2026
Albuquerque, NM

Shaping Tomorrow's Orthopaedic Workforce

Learning Objectives

By the end of the 2026 Summer CORD Conference, attendees will be able to:

- Explain readiness characteristics of future Orthopaedic applicants
- Describe the impact of Orthopaedic academics on rural American care
- Identify resiliency in Orthopaedic residents

AGENDA

***Residents from the Resident Leadership Forum will join the CORD Conference 8:30am – 10:40am**

8:30am OPENING REMARKS

J. Milo Sowards, MD, FAOA, *Temple University Hospital, Philadelphia, PA*
2026 CORD Conference Program Chair

8:35am MICHAEL A. SIMON CORD LECTURER

Warren P. Newton, MD, MPH, President and CEO of the American Board of Family Medicine

9:20am Q&A

9:30am SYMPOSIUM I: Building Resilient Surgeons: Addressing Occupational Hazards to Shape Tomorrow's Orthopaedic Workforce

Moderator: Lisa K. Cannada, MD, FAOA, University of North Carolina Hospitals

- Radiation Safety Education for Residents – Lisa K. Cannada, MD, FAOA
- Career Planning and Family Considerations for Residents – Sara Van Nortwick, MD, FAOA, *Medical University of South Carolina*
- Ergonomic Training and Injury Prevention – Erin Stockwell, MD, *Yale University School of Medicine*
- The Mental Health Emergency – Randy M. Cohn, MD, FAOA, *Zucker School of Medicine at Hofstra/Northwell*

10:30am Q&A

10:40am BREAK

- 10:50am** **SYMPOSIUM II: Improving Orthopaedic Care in Rural America: The Role of Academic Programs**
Moderator: James William Barber, MD, FAOA, *Southeastern Orthopaedics*
- Current status of orthopaedic care in rural America - James William Barber, MD, FAOA
 - Perceived barriers to rural practice – Isaiah Roepe, MD, *University of Kansas*
 - Opportunities to increase exposure to rural practice for residents – Laney McDougal, *ACGME*; Ann E. Van Heest, MD, FAOA, *ACGME RRC Workgroup*
- 11:45am** **Q&A**
- 12:00pm** **Lunch**
- 1:00 pm** **REPORTING FROM THE RLF/CORD COLLABORATION**
- 1:15pm** **OPEN PAPER PODIUM PRESENTATIONS**
Moderator:
- Effect of a Sub-internship Preparation Course on Medical Student Preparedness of Sub-internship Rotations – Ellen Lutnick, MD, *University at Buffalo*
 - Musculoskeletal Curriculum Duration in Medical Schools with an Orthopaedic Surgery Residency Program - David N. Shau, MD, MBA, *Texas Hip and Knee Center*
 - Objective Productivity and Match Success: A PubMed Analysis of Research Output Among 2025 Orthopaedic Surgery Interns, Adrian Bozocca, MD, *Medical College of Georgia*
 - Inaccuracies in Orthopaedic Research Fellowship Applications: A Study on Authorship Misrepresentations - Natalia Cruz Ossa, MD, *University of Miami Health System*
 - Utilization of Artificial Intelligence Within the Residency Selection Process - Alan T. Blank MD, MS, *Rush University*
- 1:45pm** **Q&A**
- 2:00pm** **SYMPOSIUM III: Research, Readiness, and the Orthopaedic Applicant of the Future**
Moderator: Charles S. Day, MD, MBA, FAOA, *Henry Ford Health/Henry Ford Hospital Program*
- What sets applicants apart in a competitive match landscape – Dawn LaPorte, MD, FAOA, *Johns Hopkins University*
 - Role of research in training successful orthopaedic surgeons – Brent Ponce, MD, FAOA, *Medical University of South Carolina*
 - Departmental strategy in the new match landscape – C. Benjamin Ma, MD, FAOA, *University of California, San Francisco*
- 3:00pm** **Q&A**
- 3:15pm** **OPEN MIC DISCUSSION**
- 3:30pm** **ADJOURN CORD CONFERENCE/COCKTAIL RECEPTION TO FOLLOW**