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**ORTHOPAEDIC**  
ASSOCIATION

**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** - "It Takes a Village to Redesign Residencies"  
Warren P. Newton, MD, MPH, President/CEO of 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**      **REPORTING FROM THE RLF/CORD COLLABORATION**
- 12:30pm**      **SPONSORED LUNCH & LEARN PRESENTED BY PRECISIONOS**
- 1:30pm**      **OPEN PAPER PODIUM PRESENTATIONS**
- 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 - Erica Olfson, MS, *Texas Hip and Knee Center*
  - Objective Productivity and Match Success: A PubMed Analysis of Research Output Among 2025 Orthopaedic Surgery Interns, *Adrian Bozocca, 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*
  - Collaborative Orthopaedic Educational Research Group (COERG) Spotlight Study
- 2:00pm**      **Q&A**
- 2:10pm**      **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*
- 3:10pm**      **Q&A**
- 3:20pm**      **OPEN MIC DISCUSSION**
- 3:30pm**      **ADJOURN CORD CONFERENCE/COCKTAIL RECEPTION TO FOLLOW**