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AAHKS Young Arthroplasty Group (YAG) founders, Bradford S. Waddell, MD and Nicholas B. Frisch, MD, MBA, met with legislators in Washington, D.C. during the AAHKS Legislative Retreat in February. See p. 12 to join YAG.



CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS

Abstract Submissions

Submit high-quality scientific and socioeconomic abstracts by **June 1, 2018** for consideration as podium or poster presentations. Abstracts are blind reviewed by the AAHKS volunteer Abstract Reviewer Group.

Symposium Proposals

Submit proposals by **June 1, 2018** covering all aspects of arthroplasty and health policy.

Surgical Technique Video Proposals

Submit high quality, clinically relevant proposals for videos that will provide high educational value. Selection of videos is based on the overall quality and thoroughness of the proposal submission. The deadline for proposals is **June 1, 2018**.

**Start your submission now
by logging in to www.AAHKS.org.**

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You can log in to www.AAHKS.org to make your hotel reservation now at the Hilton Anatole in Dallas. Meeting registration will open in **June 2018**.



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2018 ANNUAL MEETING

November 1-4 | Dallas, Texas



A WORD FROM AAHKS PRESIDENT CRAIG J. DELLA VALLE, MD



Dear AAHKS Members,

It is with a combination of great pride and humility that I assumed the role of president of the American Association of Hip and Knee Surgeons (AAHKS) from Dr. Mark Froimson at the March Board of Directors meeting. Mark has done us all a great service in his role as president, and he continues to be a valuable resource for the organization.

Among the many strengths of our organization is the multitude of members who volunteer to become more involved. You will see many new faces this year in important roles. All of our new committee chairs were vice chairs last year and have been engaged with their committees before taking the lead.

As the Board of Directors continues to search for ways to serve the membership, we embarked several years ago on a clinical practice guideline on the use of tranexamic acid in conjunction with the AAOS, The Hip Society, The Knee Society and the American Society of Regional Anesthesia and Pain Medicine. We learned a lot from the process and hope the document is helpful to you in your practice. We have found that collaborations such as this are very fruitful, and we are considering working on several similar documents in the future.

We are particularly excited to have just adjourned our third AAHKS Spring Meeting. As you know, our Spring Meeting is different. The focus is on small-group based discussion with an extraordinary opportunity to interact with leaders in our field. If you haven't been to a Spring Meeting yet, please consider joining us in New York City next spring. I assure you the quality of the educational experience will be well worth your time.

In conjunction with our Spring Meeting, we held our annual Board of Directors Retreat. We create a new strategic plan every three years, and this is the year to chart our direction for the next three years.

Looking further into the future, we have already begun the intensive process of planning for our Annual Meeting. **We have secured an incredible keynote speaker, George W. Bush, 43rd President of the United States**, and I am confident the scientific program will be second to none.

Thank you for allowing me to serve in this role. As always, we welcome input from our membership on how the Board can serve you and your patients better.

Sincerely,

Craig J. Della Valle, MD

On Wednesday, March 7, 2018, Craig J. Della Valle, MD took office as the 28th AAHKS President during the Board of Directors meeting in New Orleans.

Dr. Della Valle is the Aaron G. Rosenberg Endowed Professor of Orthopaedic Surgery and Director of the Division and Section of Research of Adult Reconstructive Surgery at Rush University Medical Center in Chicago.

With many years of service to AAHKS, Dr. Della Valle served previously as Chair for the Education and Communications Council, Committee on Committees and Bylaws, Education Committee and Patient Education Committee. He also served as Member at Large on the AAHKS Board of Directors and Finance Committee and as a member of the Nominating Committee, Research Support Task Force and the Values Project Task Force. Dr. Della Valle served as the AAHKS Representative to the Fellowship Match Oversight Committee and the AAOS BOS. He currently serves on the *Arthroplasty Today* Editorial Board. Learn more about Dr. Della Valle at www.AAHKS.org/learn-about-aahks.

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AAHKS 2017–2018, A SUMMARY

By Mark I. Froimson, MD, MBA

The American Association of Hip and Knee Surgeons (AAHKS) enters its 28th year as the clear and recognized voice for patients who need, and physicians who provide, hip and knee surgical and medical care. It has been a true privilege to serve this organization as President this past year, as together, we have stewarded our organization to new heights and unparalleled successes. We remain confident that we can look forward to continued achievements, but it is useful and appropriate to take stock of the past year and all that our teams of volunteers and staff have accomplished. We have much to be proud of and to celebrate, and while our activities are too numerous to fully describe, I am happy to provide an overview.

Advocacy

A few years ago, a number of intrepid AAHKS leaders traveled to Washington, D.C. to meet with the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) regarding the impending reviews of the resource-based relative value scale (RBRVS) system and to try to mitigate anticipated damages to the valuation of total joint replacement procedures. To say we were a bit out of our element at the time would not be an understatement. We were relatively inexperienced in the regulatory and legislative influences on our practices (and somewhat unfamiliar with the machinations of government), but we were eager to make an impact.



We learned the lay of the land, began to understand who the key decision makers were—both in the Administration and on the Hill—and recognized that we were, at the time, under gunned and over matched. Nonetheless, we walked away from that experience with a small regulatory win by having an impact on the issue of the time, but just as importantly, recognizing that we needed a more sophisticated approach to advocacy.

Today, I am happy to report that we are seeing the fruits of that insight and the labor that ensued and have constructed an advocacy team and approach that is second to none within organized medicine. Our activities this past year build on the work of so many visionary leaders of this organization who have methodically put together an apparatus to be a force for good on behalf of our patients and physicians in Washington. We are not naïve enough to believe we have it “figured out,” but we can confidently say that we know and are known by key legislative offices and key members of the Administration. Our voice is being heard. We have had a very robust agenda led by the previous Advocacy Committee Chair, Richard Iorio, MD with ongoing engagement of numerous past and present Health Policy fellows.

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OUR MISSION

Established in 1991, the mission of the American Association of Hip and Knee Surgeons (AAHKS) is to advance hip and knee patient care through education, research and advocacy.



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The list of the past year's activities is impressive and included a number of visits to the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) and CMS. Among these numerous visits to the administration, we were invited into closed-door sessions and direct meetings with then Secretary Tom Price, MD and his team as well as CMS Administrator Seema Verma and her team. The result of these encounters has been an ongoing dialogue and access to key decision makers at HHS.

The year was full of visits to the nation's capital and to a continuous stream of interactions with offices on the Hill and capped off by a legislative retreat in D.C. Congressman Roger Marshall, MD (R-KS) addressed us just as the 2018 omnibus tax bill was being passed with some consequential but somewhat hidden healthcare legislation included. We then visited over 30 Congressional and committee offices with a very clear set of messages. In all communication, we avoided language that centered on payment for physicians or on our own self-interest. Rather, we strive to be heard as advocates for preserving the primacy of the patient-physician relationship by adhering to three key principles:

1. Ensuring access to arthroplasty care for all regardless of medical or socioeconomic status
2. Ensuring physician leadership in care delivery and transformation
3. Reducing regulatory burden on physicians including measures, collection and reporting

One issue that consumed a fair amount of energy this past year was the Medicare final rule released in January 2018 that resulted in TKA coming off the inpatient only (IPO) list. We supported this move philosophically. We all recognize that as our techniques and protocols are improving the need for extended inpatient stays is diminishing. Our patients are benefiting and going home sooner. Unfortunately, there has been an unprecedented amount of confusion among health systems and CMS regulators regarding how best to interpret this new rule in relation to the established Two-Midnight Rule. As with many changes, the unintended consequences were not completely foreseen or worked through, including what criteria are required to establish inpatient status, what leeway payers have in interpretation, and what the impact would be on total joint-based alternate payment models: CJR and BPCI-A. While much work needs to be done, and our active dialogue on this issue continues, we are at the table providing insight and have a high likelihood of influencing the final outcome.



It is noteworthy that all of these activities have been in concert with our sister organizations: the American Academy of Orthopedic Surgeons (AAOS), The Knee Society (TKS) and The Hip Society (THS). We recognize and value the fact that we must approach those outside our field with a unified voice, and that together we are stronger and more impactful than each of us is separately. In that spirit, we have continued our seat on the OrthoPAC Advisor's Circle and maintain a position on the Board which is currently filled by Adolph J. "Chick" Yates Jr., MD. We also have reengaged the leading healthcare legal team in D.C., Epstein Becker and Green and the lobbyists of the Oldaker & Willison Group, whose contacts and knowledge have leveraged our efforts immensely.

We were delighted to welcome the only orthopaedic surgeon in Congress, Senator John Barasso, MD from Wyoming, to address our Annual Meeting this past fall. As an ardent supporter of physicians and an outspoken advocate of regulatory reform, Senator Barasso reminded us of the importance of the type of engagement and dialogue to which AAHKS has committed. He is a friend upon whom we can rely to carry our messages and our work forward in the coming session of Congress.

AAPM Submission

Alternate payment models are beginning to gain traction and have been a good opportunity for members to demonstrate their ability to increase the value and reduce the cost of arthroplasty. Both CJR and BPCI have resulted in significant savings for CMS—especially when physician led. Recognizing that a large number of our members, many in rural or smaller urban areas, do not have access to existing models, AAHKS has proposed and submitted its own model through both the Physician Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC) and the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Innovation (CMMI) directly. Adolph J. "Chick" Yates Jr., MD, William A. Jiranek, MD and Richard Iorio, MD have led this charge with a much anticipated and detailed look into the perplexing issue of risk stratification.

Education

The AAHKS Annual Meeting serves as the central educational event of the year. The 2017 Annual Meeting continued in that tradition with a record attendance of over 3,000 attendees and a spectacular program thanks in large measure to the Education Council and Program Committee, led by Bryan S. Springer, MD and Robert M. Molloy, MD respectively. They were supported in every way by our amazing and talented AAHKS staff. An unprecedented number of abstracts (1,387) and symposia proposals (24) were reviewed and graded. Those selected comprised an impressive and comprehensive program of 59 podium presentations, 210 posters and eight symposia. Highlights included a symposium on future technologies and their impact on our field as well as a collaborative symposium on the opioid epidemic co-sponsored by the American Society of Regional Anesthesia and Pain Medicine.

In addition, the General Session was supplemented by numerous satellite courses including a business course, a team member course and an expanded resident course. Industry educators demonstrated their recognition of the importance of the Annual Meeting by holding a record number of 16 industry symposia.

We continued the supplemental and more intimate AAHKS Spring Meeting this past May in San Francisco co-chaired by Dr. Jiranek and Dr. Springer. The format of small, case-based discussions was well received as a complement to the larger fall meeting.

The Resident Skills courses, in collaboration with AAOS, TKS and THS, continue to be in high demand with increasing participation as we foster interest in the next generation of arthroplasty surgeons.

Membership

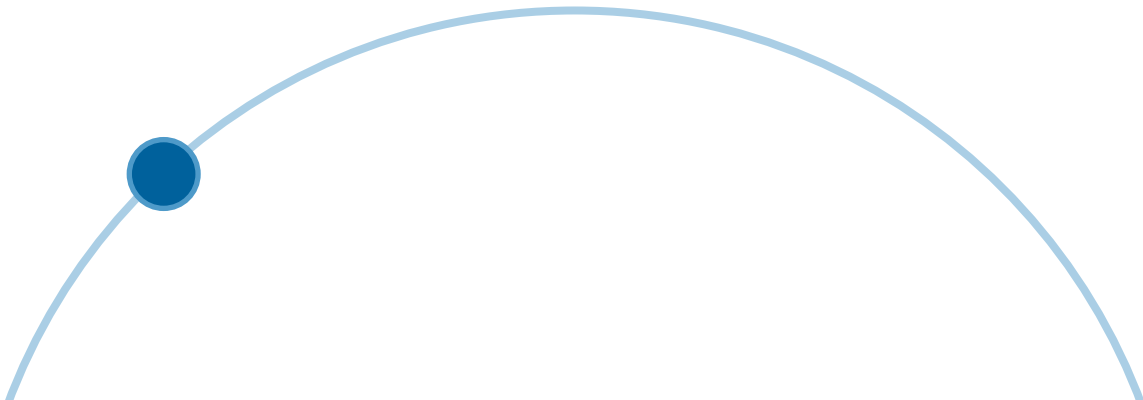
AAHKS continued to grow its membership in the last year, under the leadership of Membership Outreach Chair Jonathan P. Garino, MD. This is a testament to the value that the organization provides. We surpassed 3,600 members in 2017, and the number is sure to be higher even as this report is published. We have had an average growth rate of 15% over the past several years primarily among surgeons, but we have also sought to be inclusive of team members and residents in training. Each group has responded with growth in membership that is associated with active participation in meetings and other offerings. Our international membership is burgeoning.

One particular group that coalesced this year was the Young Arthroplasty Group. They are a self-defined group of early career surgeons organized by Jeffrey K. Lange, MD and Bradford S. Waddell, MD. They wish to ensure that the voice of the next generation is heard as more seasoned leadership debates how best to meet our members' needs. As the future that we are building will be theirs to inhabit, this group and their members represent a very important and growing constituency. Women are underrepresented in arthroplasty, and this year's Annual Meeting saw the first reception of the Women in Arthroplasty Group. Its members intend to recognize our need to be inclusive as we strive to make our field reflective of the patients we serve.

International

This year marked a maturing of our international outreach and development efforts through active planning of the International Committee under the leadership of Stefano A. Bini, MD. There were numerous co-branded and guest society activities with AAHKS as both host and invitee. Highlights include our participation in the British Hip Society as guest society and our hosting the European Hip Society and the Colombian Orthopedic and Traumatology Society at our Annual Meeting. Many other exchanges took place throughout the year culminating in dozens of new international members. For the first time, AAHKS held a bilingual session with international faculty participating to kick off the 2018 AAHKS Spring Meeting.

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Industry Relations

There is no doubt that our industry partners see AAHKS as their preferred partner to reach our members. They see our Annual Meeting as being the most important event on their calendar each year. Chair Jonathan L. Schaffer, MD, MBA and the Industry Relations Committee (IRC) have done a remarkable amount of work to ensure that industry leaders are engaged. By incorporating learning objectives into the exhibit hall, the IRC has enriched the experience for both members and industry, and the hall was again sold out well in advance.

This year industry leaders joined AAHKS leadership in a closed-door lunch to have a frank discussion on how, despite our individual differences, we could ensure some degree of alignment regarding our advocacy agenda. Recognizing that we are stewards of this great profession, we committed to responsibly considering how together we should navigate the rapid policy and technological shifts that are occurring in our field, keeping patient safety and access as the top priority. Regular dialogue like this, as well as an annual breakfast at the AAOS Annual Meeting, ensures that we have the attention of our industry partners.

Humanitarian

While a highlight of the year was our presentation of the Humanitarian Award to Lawrence D. Dorr, MD for his groundbreaking and exemplary work to bring arthroplasty to the less fortunate, it was the culmination of his work that will be enduring. Under Harpal S. “Paul” Khanuja, MD, the Humanitarian Committee was tasked to bring the various and separate chapters of Operation Walk under a national organizational umbrella supported by the infrastructure of AAHKS. Few things are more rewarding than giving back, and our members should be proud of the work of this committee and their teams.



Chiara Rodgers, AAHKS Research Manager, participated in the Operation Walk mission to Nicaragua in March.

Research

Our commitment to furthering knowledge was advanced with the commitment to fund members’ promising research activities. The first two grants were issued by the Foundation for Arthroplasty Research and Education (FARE), under the guidance of Research Committee Chair Javad Parvizi, MD. The first FARE grant was presented at the 2017 AAHKS Spring Meeting to Thorsten M. Seyler, MD for his study, “Perioperative Antibiotic Prophylaxis in Patients Undergoing Elective Total Knee Arthroplasty.” Noam Shohat, MD was the recipient of the second FARE grant for his study, “Fructosamine as a Predictor of Surgical Outcomes in Total Joint Arthroplasty.” The Board will ensure that we continue to look for ways to support and fund research that will answer important questions requiring the reach of an organization like AAHKS.

And so much more . . .

These are just a few of the many highlights that our organization experienced in the last year, and there are so many more. The work of the Publications Committee on JOA and AT place these journals as industry leaders. Our Practice Management Committee ensures that we keep abreast of, and recommend necessary changes to, the arcane system of coding that translates our work into payment. The reformatted Digital Health and Social Media Committee will continue to tweet and post its way to prominence as it evolves to ensure that AAHKS succeeds in the developing and increasingly relevant digital and virtual world online.

As you can see, the richness and broad reach of our committees prevent a detailed accounting of all they do. Should you have interest in a given committee or wish to get involved, remember that our organization is only as strong as the commitment and dedication of its members. We need you, we need your input, and we need your ideas.

Finally, we remain financially strong thanks to your dues and support and the prudent and firm leadership of our executive team. We are poised to meet the challenges of the ever-changing landscape of healthcare. I am confident that we are doing, and will continue to do, what is needed to ensure that the good work we do for our patients is recognized for its value to both the individual and to society. I firmly believe that it is up to us as physicians to chart the course for our field into the future by actively engaging with all relevant stakeholders and by bringing the best ideas forward.

There is no doubt that what we do matters to our patients, their families and our communities. Thanks again for giving me the opportunity to serve this great organization.

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

AAHKS SEES GROWTH FOR FIFTH CONSECUTIVE YEAR

Thank you to our members who have paid their membership dues for 2018!

If you have not renewed your membership, please pay dues online by logging in at www.AAHKS.org or by calling 847-698-1200 to pay with a credit card. If you prefer to mail a check, make it payable to AAHKS, and send to:

**9400 W. Higgins Rd.
Suite 230
Rosemont, IL 60018**

Include your full name and AAHKS ID number.

A special thanks to all members who support AAHKS, help to spread the word about membership value and assist in the application process by providing letters of recommendation for new member applicants.

Membership Numbers by Category

2,241

Fellow

273

Candidate

38

Affiliate

183

Clinical Affiliate

371

Arthroplasty Surgeon
in Training

34

Associate

305

Emeritus

2

Honorary

278

International

Total
Members

3,725

THA/TKA PERFORMANCE MEASURES SETS AVAILABLE ONLINE

AAHKS formed Hip and Knee Arthroplasty Work Groups to identify and define quality measures to improve outcomes for patients undergoing elective primary total hip and total knee arthroplasty. These projects utilized the expertise of practicing orthopaedic surgeons and other clinicians to create explicit, valid and feasible quality measures that can be used to monitor and improve the quality of orthopaedic care. The measures evaluate outcomes and appropriate preoperative, intraoperative, postoperative care which are critical to improving patient function and quality of life. View both sets of measures at <http://www.aahks.org/performance-measures-and-quality-improvement/>.

These measures can be reported through the American Joint Replacement Registry (AJRR) as part of their designation as a Qualified Clinical Data Registry (QCDR). The measures can also be used for reporting as part of the Merit-based Incentive Payment System (MIPS) under the Quality Payment Program (QPP) in MACRA. MIPS allows participants to earn payment adjustment based on evidence-based and practice-specific quality data. This includes reporting up to six quality measures which includes these measure sets. You can search the measures list and learn more about MIPS on the CMS Quality Payment Program website <https://qpp.cms.gov/measures/performance>.



AAHKS SPRING MEETING WRAPS UP

Another successful AAHKS Spring Meeting wrapped up earlier this month in Miami. The program was expanded to include the International Guest Session, “Cirugía de Cadera Hoy, Ayer y Mañana: 100 Años de Experiencia” presented in Spanish. Faculty included Carlos J. Lavernia, MD, Rafael J. Sierra, MD, Miguel E. Cabanela, MD, Eduardo A. Salvati, MD. Ten countries were represented by attendees, who also broke into special groups during the Spring Meeting case discussions. The symposium on the bariatric patient featured panelists from the American Society for Metabolic and Bariatric Surgery (ASMBS). The panel was well received, and AAHKS plans to work together with ASMBS and other affiliated societies in future meetings to help improve patient outcomes.

Save the date for the 2019 AAHKS Spring Meeting taking place May 2–4 at the Crowne Plaza Times Square in New York.



Attendees discuss cases in small group breakouts with faculty.



Managing the Bariatric Patient symposium participants pictured l. to r. Eduardo A. Salvati, MD, Raul J. Rosenthal, MD, Mark I. Froimson, MD, Bryan D. Springer, MD, John M. Morton, MD, Brian M. Curtin, MD and Stefano A. Bini, MD.

MORE INTERNATIONAL CO-BRANDED MEETINGS

The AAHKS co-branded meeting program continues to expand as six co-branded meetings were held in the last six months around the world.

23rd Congress of the Argentinian Association of Hip and Knee Surgeons (ACARO)

September 20–22, 2017

Buenos Aires, Argentina

Ukrainian Association of Orthopaedists and Traumatologists (UAOT) Conference

October 5–6, 2017

Kharkiv, Ukraine

ESSKA-EKA Open Meeting: Innovation in Degenerative Knee Surgery

October 13–14, 2017

Berlin, Germany

Chilean Society of Orthopaedics and Traumatology

November 16–17, 2017

Viña del Mar, Chile

Chinese Hip Society Annual Meeting

March 2–4, 2018

Gui Yang, Gui Zhou, China

5th International Course on Hip and Knee Replacement hosted by Clinica San Bernardo and Mayo Clinic

March 23–24, 2018

Lima, Peru

Chinese Association of Orthopaedic Surgeons Annual Congress

May 10–13, 2018

Hangzhou City, Zhejiang, China

AAHKS members are featured as faculty in special AAHKS sessions at Co-Branded meetings which are intended to create lasting relationships between AAHKS and international society members.

WELCOME AT DEPUTY EDITOR, GREGORY J. GOLLADAY, MD



Gregory J. Golladay, MD has been selected as the Deputy Editor for AAHKS's growing open-access journal, *Arthroplasty Today* (AT). Dr. Golladay previously served as the AAHKS Publications Committee Chair. He is an Associate Professor of Orthopaedic Surgery and Fellowship Director in Adult Reconstruction at VCU Health in Richmond, VA. His research interests and expertise include primary and revision hip and knee replacement, patient

selection and optimizing joint replacement outcomes and TKA balancing. Dr. Golladay is a graduate of the Louisiana University School of Medicine in New Orleans. He completed orthopaedic surgery residency at the University of Michigan and completed training in adult reconstruction at Massachusetts General Hospital with William H. Harris, MD.

Dr. Golladay will serve with Editor-in-Chief Brian J. McGrory, MD as they develop and expand AT's offerings including CME by year's end. *Arthroplasty Today* issues are indexed in PubMed Central and are published four times a year. Visit www.ArthroplastyToday.org.

ACCME ACCREDITATION EXTENDED

After receiving Provisional Accreditation two years ago for the first time, AAHKS received a new ACCME Accreditation term through 2022. The two-year process involved submitting a self-study report, providing evidence of performance-in-practice and an interview with ACCME. AAHKS wishes to thank all of those who contributed to this process that brought us to this positive decision.



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REGISTRATION OPENS SOON FOR THE 2018 AAHKS ANNUAL MEETING

November 1–4, 2018

Hilton Anatole, Dallas, Texas, USA

Registration for the 2018 AAHKS Annual Meeting will open in June. You can make your hotel reservations now at the Hilton Anatole in Dallas using the discounted AAHKS room rate. Rooms sell out quickly! Log in to the AAHKS website at www.AAHKS.org/Meeting to access the hotel reservation link.

A special keynote speaker will address 2018 AAHKS Annual Meeting attendees during the program!

Fill Your Calendar with Four Days of Education

Thursday, November 1

7:30 a.m.–5:00 p.m.

Events start with industry-sponsored symposia on current topics in total joint replacement. Come early to reconnect with friends and colleagues!

Friday, November 2

6:00 a.m.–7:30 p.m.

Bring along your staff for the Orthopaedic Team Member Course and the Business of Total Joint Replacement Course that begin at 7:00 a.m. following breakfast in the Exhibit Hall Learning Center. Invited residents take part in the Annual Resident Course. Industry-sponsored symposia continue early in the morning up until the Ask-the-Experts Case Sessions in the afternoon. Visit the Poster exhibition prior to the General Session which includes Podium Presentations on primary and revision TKA/THA, infection, health care policy and non-arthroplasty topics and Symposia on key issues affecting your orthopaedic practice. End the day with a reception in the Exhibit Hall/Learning Center.

Saturday, November 3

6:00 a.m.–7:30 p.m.

The day starts at 6:00 a.m. with breakfast in the Exhibit Hall Learning Center. The General Session, Poster Exhibition and Exhibit Hall/Learning Center continue all day. Gather with friends and colleagues at the reception at the end of the day before heading into town.

Sunday, November 4

6:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.

Stay for Sunday! The General Session continues with cutting-edge podium presentations and symposia until noon.



JOIN THE YOUNG ARTHROPLASTY GROUP!

If you are a surgeon in practice for less than five years, then you are welcome to join the newly-formed AAHKS Young Arthroplasty Group (YAG). As an official AAHKS Committee, YAG is charged with promoting collaboration and young surgeon activity within AAHKS with particular focus on research, leadership and advocacy.

To join and receive news from the group, visit <http://www.aahks.org/aahks-young-arthroplasty-group/>

2019 MEETINGS

The Hip Society / The Knee Society / AAHKS Specialty Day

March 16, 2019
Las Vegas

AAHKS Spring Meeting

May 2–4, 2019
New York

2019 AAHKS Annual Meeting

November 7–10, 2019
The Hilton Anatole, Dallas



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Help strengthen our advocacy voice by
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orthopaedic surgeons in Washington, D.C.

FARE GRANT AWARD ANNOUNCED

At the 2018 AAHKS Spring Meeting, Javad Parvizi, MD, Research Committee Chair and Craig J. Della Valle, MD, AAHKS President announced the study that was chosen for the FARE Grant Award: *OramaVR: Virtual Reality Applications to Orthopaedic Surgical Training*. William B. Macaulay, MD submitted the study:

Immersive VR technology has been proposed as a novel tool to enhance surgical skills training, but to our knowledge, has never been tested for its applicability to total joint arthroplasty (TJA).

This study aims to evaluate the skill transfer and educational value of modern-day, immersive virtual reality (VR) surgical training in orthopaedic residents performing total joint arthroplasty using validated surgical competency metrics.

Using a proprietary educational VR arthroplasty simulation software, this will be the first prospective study of the utility of VR-simulated total hip arthroplasty (VR-THA) in providing targeted training for orthopaedic trainees. We anticipate that life-like immersive VR will facilitate and enhance the transfer of surgical skills to real-world surgical procedures, allowing for improved proficiency in the operating room.

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