

The American Academy of Orthopedic Surgeons

As with all medical specialties orthopedic surgeons have their national organization, the American Academy of Orthopedic Surgeons (AAOS). Each February an international congregation of orthopedic surgeons convenes for one week at the annual AAOS convention to enhance the dissemination of information on advances in the field of orthopedic surgery. This convention is historically very well attended by orthopedic surgeons, and helps to explain why it is more difficult to get an orthopedic consult during that week in February as your local orthopedist is likely out of town attending this meeting.

The AAOS website (aaos.org) is an excellent source of information for both physicians and patients and I would encourage you to direct your patients there for additional information on orthopedic conditions and orthopedic related topics.

My participation in this year's convention will likely bring new information to light that will be included in upcoming Total Joint Letter publications. Look for these beginning in March 2007.

As always I welcome questions and patients involving all aspects of hip and knee injury, disease, and treatment.

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