

March 10, 2020

AOSSM Update on COVID-19 (Coronavirus)

Cancelled

Surgical Skills: Orthobiologics in the Real World

April 17-18, 2020

Cancelled

Specialty Day

March 28 (during the AAOS Annual Meeting in Orlando, FL)

Special message regarding the AAOS Annual Meeting and Specialty Day:

After much consideration, the AAOS Board of Directors has made the difficult decision to cancel the 2020 Annual Meeting scheduled for March 24-28 in Orlando, FL, which includes our annual AOSSM/AANA Specialty Day session.

We at AOSSM know this was not an easy decision for the Academy and its leaders; however, given growing concerns both domestically and internationally related to the COVID-19 (coronavirus) situation, it is the right decision. We were proud to stand with the Academy and work with them through this process and applaud the hard work and dedication the AAOS team put into planning their meeting.

“Specialty Day at the AAOS Annual Meeting delivers an incredible education experience for all our attendees, and I’m disappointed we won’t have that in-person together in Orlando,” said Kristy L. Weber, MD, FAAOS, AAOS President. “We thank AOSSM for their steadfast support of the AAOS Annual Meeting, and are committed to working with AOSSM, AANA and all our specialty partners to advance orthopaedic knowledge through future shared learnings and engagements.”

The health, safety and well-being of the global community is our highest priority. The AAOS, AOSSM and AANA teams are committed to innovating together to bring our orthopaedic medical community the rich educational content and research you have come to expect from our events.

Watch for additional information on our website and through our social media channels in the coming days as we collaborate on ways to deliver components of Specialty Day and other activities to you.

All other AOSSM Education Courses and Events are on schedule to proceed as planned.

We encourage attendees to take common-sense precautions and follow CDC guidelines, as well as all federal, state and international recommendations, to prevent the spread of illness. We will continue to update you via sportsmed.org/AM2020 and e-mail. If you have questions, contact AOSSM by email at info@aossm.org or by phone at 877.321.3500.

On Schedule

Surgical Skills: The Athlete’s Hip on May 29-30 at the OLC in Rosemont, IL

On Schedule

2020 Annual Meeting

The 2020 AOSSM Annual Meeting **is scheduled to take place as planned July 9-12** in Seattle. AOSSM is actively taking all necessary precautions to ensure the health and safety of attendees relative to COVID-19, commonly known as the coronavirus.

We are closely monitoring developments and staying abreast of updates from health organizations responsible for tracking and responding to the virus, including the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the World Health Organization (WHO). We want to assure anyone planning to attend the 2020 AOSSM Annual Meeting that their health, safety, and security is our top priority.

We encourage attendees to take common-sense precautions and follow CDC guidelines to prevent the spread of illness. We will continue to update you via sportsmed.org/AM2020 and e-mail. If you have questions, contact AOSSM by email at info@aossm.org or by phone at 877.321.3500.

Additional Resources:

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's [COVID-2019 Information for Travel](#)

World Health Organization's [explanatory video](#) and [resources webpage](#)

U.S. Chamber of Commerce Foundation's [Coronavirus resource webpage](#)

U.S. Travel Association's [Coronavirus Resource webpage](#)

A note regarding COVID-19 and decisions regarding large gatherings:

The potential risks associated with a large gathering as well as the increasing travel advisories and restrictions are unavoidable considerations when determining whether to move forward with large-scale meetings and events. More importantly, we know the members of the medical community are needed to help their institutions and patients prepare for and react to the growing COVID-19 spread.

Data show that those over the age of 60 are among the most vulnerable to serious illness from COVID-19. This is a population that relies on the orthopaedic medical community to deliver the highest quality musculoskeletal care, and we must do what we can to ensure that this essential care is not interrupted.

Additionally, over the past week, many academic centers and health systems have issued notices that do not allow for domestic travel. This list continues to grow and has a direct impact on our educational sessions.

At this time, all remaining 2020 AOSSM education events are scheduled to proceed as planned.

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