

# ORTHOPAEDIC RESIDENCY/FELLOWSHIP

## SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP

Dear ORFSIG members,

For those of you who have not yet heard, we can now officially begin to call ourselves the Orthopaedic Residency/Fellowship Special Interest Group (ORFSIG)! The board unanimously passed our petition to move forward as a SIG which will occur at the 2018 Combined Sections Meeting. Looking forward there are a few key items.

1. **Ortho Eblasts:** We recently found out at CSM many of you have not been receiving the Ortho Eblasts.
  - a. Our first remedy to this would be to ensure you are looking for these in your junk/spam email folders.
  - b. The second option is to make sure you follow the Facebook Page. For those of you who do not have a Facebook page please email me (matthaberl@hotmail.com) and let me know as we can consider other forms of communication.
    - i. Join: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/741598362644243/>
2. **Elections:** Now that we are a SIG, the next step is to elect officers which will include a President, Vice President, and 3 individuals for the Nominating Committee. There will be more to come on this in the spring as elections occur in the fall.
3. **ABPTRFE Quality Standards Feedback:** For those who were unable to attend the meeting at CSM. The external auditor hired by the ABPTRFE has completed their review of the accreditation process and are now accepting feedback regarding the new quality standards.
  - a. Make sure you go to the link below and review the complete document. This is Due March 30, 2017, and is completely ANONYMOUS. Because the document is quite large you do have the ability to save and return back to your work along the way.  
<http://www.abptfre.org/QualityStandards;CallforComments>
  - b. Another key item is the **Description of Residency Practice in Orthopaedics**. The first draft was released in 2015 with several concerns from Program Directors and is now cited 5 times within the new document. Please make sure to also provide your feedback regarding the new patient and clinic specific requirements.
4. **2017 Orthopaedic Physical Therapy Practice Publications:** One requirement to moving into a Special Interest Group is to provide quarterly information to all members of the Section in our required SIG reports to *OPTP*. This can be in the form of newsletters or manuscripts. This provides a great option for resident/fellowship programs to highlight some of their internal research or resident/fellowship case studies/reports. Please contact me (matthaberl@hotmail.com) if you would be interested on serving on a review team for our quarterly submissions.

Finally, I would like to extend a special thank you to Aimee Klein, and Pam Duffy our Board Liaisons, Joe Donnelly of the Georgia Chapter and Kathryn Cieslak our Practice Committee Chair along the way as well as Tara Fredrickson, Terri DeFlorian, and all the staff at the Orthopaedic Section Office with the assistance and guidance in making this happen. Thank you again to all of those who could attend the meeting and programming at CSM as well as those who have provided great assistance in the background.

*Sincerely,  
Matt Haberl  
Chair, ORFSIG*