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From Phoenix to the Midway

Thanks to the leadership of President Michael Bosse, the annual meeting in Phoenix was an overwhelming success with an all-time high attendance of 922! Presidential guest speaker Dana Covey, MD, spoke on Military Orthopaedic Surgeons: From the Front-Lines to the Home Front. A symposium of military surgeons shared lessons learned from extremity injuries in Iraq and Afghanistan in a symposium on "Modern Combat Orthopaedic Care".

See inside this issue for the abbreviated minutes from the Board of Directors meeting, 2007 research grant award recipients, 2007 resident research award recipients, Coding and Classification Committee update, the OTA Research Donation committee announcement, a summary of the Young Practitioner's meeting, and much, much more.

OTA Specialty Day at the 2007 AAOS annual meeting is guaranteed to be something special with the theme of "Outside the Box: Non-academic Medical Center Trauma." The OTA Specialty Day planning committee, Michael Bosse, Timothy Bray, Lisa Cannada, William DeLong, Daniel Horwitz, Ross Leighton, Thomas A. Russell, Andrew Schmidt, Stephen Sims, John Staeheli, and J. Tracy Watson have put together a phenomenal day which includes everything from critical on-call issues and surviving the night, to trauma treatment in the obese patient.

Michael J. Bosse, MD, OTA President, Jeffrey O. Anglen, MD, OTA President-Elect, and the OTA Board of Directors cordially invite all OTA members and their guests to attend the annual OTA dinner reception February 17, 2007, beginning at 6:30 pm to be held aboard the USS Midway that includes the San Diego Aircraft Carrier Museum. *See announcements on page 9.*

Hope to see you at OTA Specialty Day!



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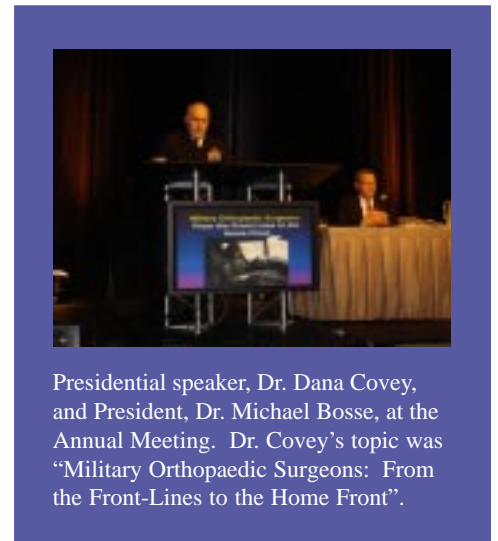
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Presidential speaker, Dr. Dana Covey, and President, Dr. Michael Bosse, at the Annual Meeting. Dr. Covey's topic was "Military Orthopaedic Surgeons: From the Front-Lines to the Home Front".

Coding and Classification Update

by J. Lawrence Marsh, MD

The Board has approved splitting Coding and Classification into two committees; "Classification, Database and Outcomes" and "Practice Management". The latter committee will cover the coding functions of the former committee including CPT and the RUC. Liasons will be appointed to each of these processes to provide the continuity and experience necessary to serve in these important roles. In-coming president, Jeff Anglen, is engaged in filling the rosters of these two new committees.

There has been substantial progress on the project to republish the OTA classification. The committee met for 8 hours at the annual meeting and assessed input from volunteer members and worked through the entire classification. Changes were made throughout to improve problem areas, wording, and organization. The committee is working to finalize plans with a publisher to complete the process.

The AO-CTF Committee has produced a new software package that partially automates the classification process. The "Classifier" has excellent fracture images that will be individually downloadable, and this program will be made available to OTA members at no charge through the OTA website. The "Classifier" will also be linked to a trauma database. The Coding and Classification committee has worked closely with the AO-CTF committee on number of projects, and we are grateful to this group for making this impressive new innovation in fracture classification available to OTA members.

Four applications for new trauma codes have been submitted for the February CPT meeting in San Diego. They are on coronoid, fibular malunion/nonunion, femoral head fracture, and isolated posterior malleolus. The new Practice Management Committee will keep members posted on progress with this initiative.

WOMEN IN TRAUMA BREAKFAST

OTA Annual Meeting

October 6, 2006

By Lisa Cannada, MD

This was the Third Annual Women in Trauma Breakfast. Hosted by Drs. Laura Phieffer and Lisa Cannada, there were 36 attendees. Dr. Andrew Schmidt and Dr. Michael Bosse were honored guests. The meeting began with a review from last year's meeting where \$5,000 was received from Stryker for Women in Trauma Scholarship. A committee was formed consisting of Carol Copeland, Toni McLaurin, and Jacqueline Krumrey who will assist in developing criteria. OTA President, Dr. Michael Bosse, presented an update on the acute surgical care proposal and the ER call crisis. Dr. Andrew Schmidt's talk covered negotiations, balancing career and home life, and his unique perspective as his wife is a physician also. Following his talk, we had a question and answer session on issues such as research time, negotiating, reasons to leave your job, and how to balance work and family.

The attendees were grateful to the OTA for its continued support. Attendance at this breakfast increases each year with continued participation of the female orthopaedic trauma attendings and new young women interested in a career in orthopaedic traumatology.



OTA Board of Directors Meeting at the 2006 Annual Meeting

Abbreviated Minutes from the Board of Directors Meeting

October 3, 2006 Arizona Biltmore
Phoenix, Arizona

By Robert Probe, MD

President's report: Michael Bosse

New policy regarding written and verbal disclosure of conflict of interest was initiated. Potential conflicts by everyone present were noted.

Discussion Items

Bylaws amendment to incorporate the call requirements

Question: Should OTA Bylaws be modified to establish requirements for new members and organization leaders to actively "take emergency call"?

Discussed Pros

- 2005 survey results suggest that the majority of members feel as though members and leaders should be expected to take call.
- This would make a positive political statement as we address the growing national crisis of surgeons opting out of call.
- Emphasize the importance of this obligation to the AAOS and other subspecialty societies

Discussed Cons

- Risk of excluding valuable members and leaders
- Those who have contributed in the early years of a career could be inappropriately excluded.

Amended motion was made and seconded to charge the Bylaws Committee with drafting language that would require new members and those occupying leadership positions within the OTA to be actively taking call until the age of 60.

This motion passed by a vote of 8 to 1.

Items to be resolved by the Bylaws and the Membership Committees include:

- Defining "call"
- Defining "leadership positions"
- Report to the BOD is anticipated in San Diego, February, 2007.

Acute Care Surgeon Curriculum Development

Paul Tornetta and Chris Born reviewed their oral and written communication with AAST leadership regarding the procedural limits endorsed by the OTA for the evolving Acute Care Surgeon Curriculum. Emphasis was made to OTA members to decline invitations to provide education beyond the scope outlined in this communications. It was noted that providers in the military are not restricted in their pursuit of skills training. It was agreed that membership should be kept abreast of these issues by distribution of OTA communication with AAST.

Editors Note: If you have not received a letter from the OTA Board and the packet of relevant articles, please contact the OTA office (ota@aaos.org).

Request for Authority of Research Fund Distribution Joe Borrelli

Current (August) cycle review

- 47 pre-proposals for the 07 grant cycle
- 27 applications invited to submit full proposal
- 20 received
 - 6 clinical
 - 11 basic
 - 3 directed
- Resident research
 - 31 received
 - 10 accepted

2007 Budget Request

- Additional \$150,000 to fund 15 resident projects if they are committee approved.
- Dr. Borrelli estimated that the committee would recommend funding \$500,000 for fiscal 2007. Discussion was conducted regarding the increase from 2006 which was \$297,000. It was pointed out that the newly established multi-year clinical projects are largely responsible for this increase.

Following motion and second, the BOD unanimously agreed to fund the requested expansion in Resident Grants and the anticipated increase distribution from the research fund.

OTA Certification of Orthopaedic Trauma Centers

Roy Sanders has created a draft list of requirements for Hospitals wishing to receive endorsement of the OTA as Orthopaedic Trauma Centers.

Discussed pros:

- Provide guidance and leverage to surgeons building trauma programs
- Improve the resources available to Orthopaedic Traumatologists to care for their patients
- Provide funding sources criteria to judge and compensate regional trauma centers

Discussed cons:

- Some of the requirements such as continuous plastics coverage may require further vetting and refinement.

Motion was made, seconded and unanimously endorsed to form an *ad hoc* committee to continue exploration and development of minimum requirements for OTA certification. This committee will be appointed by President Bosse and Chaired by Roy Sanders.

Publication of Updated Fracture Classification Scheme

Larry Marsh and the Coding and Classification Committee have nearly completed work on revision of the AO/OTA universal classification system. Extensive discussion was carried out focusing on the publication strategies and financial value and owner of this intellectual property.

Identified Issues:

- This project represents 18 months of work by the committee.
- Lippincott has agreed to publish this as a JOT supplement.
- AO intellectual property rights
- The AO has an active committee working on a similar project.
- Opportunities for revenue:
 - Lippincott
 - Corporate sponsorship
 - Corporate advertising

Motion was made seconded and unanimously passed to have Larry Marsh, Andrew Pollak and Roy Sanders explore options for publication that respect the contributions of the OTA, AO and Lippincott toward this project.

Exploratory Discussions with AONA for Collaboration in Education

Although there are diverse opinions amongst the AO Trustees, there does not appear to be overwhelming support on their side. Steve Olson reported that while that no substantive areas of partnership or co-development have been identified, further discussions are planned.

Evidence-Based Medicine

Bill Obremsky reported on the activities of the evidenced-based committee since its inception in February 2006. All supported recent work in antibiotic prophylaxis and the planned future focus on deep venous thrombosis in trauma. Dr. Obremsky reported that development of future quality guidelines and metrics will most efficiently be done in collaboration with the AAOS utilizing their resources and methodology. Close cooperation with Bill Watters who chairs the AAOS Guidelines oversight committee is anticipated. OTA Board Members with suggestions for future work should communicate these with the OTA Evidenced-Based Project Team.

Role of the OTA in Addressing Malpractice Crisis

Tracy Watson had been tasked with exploring opportunity for the OTA to play a positive role in aiding practicing surgeons with this continuing crisis.

Presented Points:

- Top five reasons for Orthopaedic Malpractice filings are potentially trauma related:
 - Open fractures
 - Missed compartmental syndrome
 - Pulmonary Embolism
 - Infection
 - Fracture Malalignment
- Publishing “standard of care guidelines” was felt to be potentially problematic when deviation from guidelines occurs.
- Neurosurgical success in monitoring of expert testimony was felt to be a model worthy of consideration
- Tracy Watson was asked by the BOD to continue study of this problem and bring back measures that would assist well-intended surgeons and ensure continued accessibility of patients to quality care.

Exploration of a Possible OTA/SIGN Alliance

Background:

- SIGN is an organization founded by Lew Zirkle in 1999
- Mission is to disseminate IM nailing technology throughout the developing world.
- Progress to date:
 - 130 programs around the world
 - 23,000 nails in the world wide database
 - Foundation provides solid nails to participants free of charge
 - Educational emphasis

Discussion question: Should participation in this endeavor be a function of the OTA?

Pros:

- Orthopaedic Trauma represents a growing threat to the global population with the industrialization of Brazil, China, Russia, India etc...
- The mission of this program is consistent with patient care and educational missions of the OTA.
- Large data base is an opportunity for research with statistical power.

Cons:

- Previous Board decisions have generally refrained from direct support of other not-for-profits.

Motion was made seconded and unanimously passed to:

- Provide OTA website and resident lectures to International SIGN participants
- Allow SIGN surgeons to apply for OTA International membership
- Compile a list of OTA members interested in becoming SIGN participants.
- Consider a section of the 2007 Annual Meeting dedicated to "Trauma Care in the Developing World."
- Create an *ad hoc* committee to look for other opportunities for OTA to contribute to trauma care in developing countries.

Leadership in Volunteer Organizations

- A shortened version of the Tecker Leader Development course is being offered at for an afternoon at the 2007 AOA meeting in Ashville, North Carolina.
- Sponsoring of OTA Board Member participation was discussed.

Motion was made seconded and unanimously accepted to sponsor registration for new board members, incoming presidents and new committee chairs.

Miscellaneous

- Coding and Classification has been split into two committees:
 - Classification, Database and Outcomes
 - Practice Management
- President and President-Elect will constitute both committees with representatives from the previous coding and classification committee for continuity.
- Two members from the practice management committee will be assigned to participate on the CPT editorial panel and RUC.

Donations

By: Michael J. Bosse, MD, OTA President

Dear Colleagues,

As you all know, one of the core missions of the OTA is advancement of knowledge through high quality research. OTA has always been a leader in this area, steadily raising our research endowment over the years, and using it to fund well designed basic and clinical scientific projects concerning the care of injured patients. OREF has been a steadfast partner in this process. Over the past 5 years, OREF has directly funded 2.9 million dollars to 45 orthopaedic trauma research grants <http://www.ota.org/downloads/06OREFTrauma2001-2006.pdf>

Because of the importance of this activity, and the success we as a society have had, the OTA Board has decided to initiate a campaign to greatly increase the impact of OTA in orthopaedic research. **The goal is to raise participation by the OTA membership from 11.8% to 100% between now and the end of 2007.** If you have previously contributed at the OREF Order of Merit (\$1,000) I encourage you to continue to send that level of contribution splitting it at \$500 for OREF and \$500 for OTA. If you have not contributed to the OTA this year, **I strongly urge you to donate before the end of December - 2006.** Contributions to orthopaedic trauma research can be made on-line: www.oref.org/ota.

The OTA Board of Directors, Presidential line, and committee chairs have personally pledged at least \$1,000 to support the 2006 OREF/OTA research funding campaign. This will allow us to:



President Michael Bosse presiding at the 22nd OTA Annual Meeting

Donations

- Increase the quality of patient care through multi-center studies
- Provide an opportunity to direct OREF to increasing funding of orthopaedic trauma projects
- Provide answers and advancement to key questions in orthopaedic trauma
- Provide **orthopaedic trauma research** funding to academic centers, research investigators, and residents
- Support the research careers and aspirations of young scientists
- to formulate and improve high standards for orthopaedic trauma call procedures

Additionally, the OTA will be strategically planning critical research initiatives over the next 2 years, which will require additional funding, including:

- Multi-center study programs
- Long term functional outcome investigations

Again, I urge you to participate in the **2006 OTA/OREF** campaign. A contribution of \$1000 or more (OREF Order of Merit) will be handled as it has in the past -the first \$500 of such donations will remain with OREF, and the balance can be directed to specialty societies by the donor (hopefully OTA!) ***In addition, by special arrangement with the OREF Board, OTA member contributions which are \$500-\$999 will result in 40% directed straight to the OTA research fund.*** For example, a \$700 contribution results in OTA receiving \$280 and therefore qualifying you for recognition at the OTA Sponsors Award Level with a listing in the OTA final programs. This exciting new program will allow us to maximize the funding directed to trauma related research. Please contact me michael.bosse@carolinashhealthcare.org or Franzon@aaos.org with any questions.

Michael J. Bosse, MD, OTA President

YOUNG PRACTITIONERS' FORUM AT THE OTA ANNUAL MEETING

By Lisa Cannada, MD

The purpose of this forum held on October 6, 2006, was to encourage the young orthopaedic trauma practitioners who are the future of the organization. The faculty was divided into "The Young" and "The Wise" and included the following:

"The Young"

- (1) Michael Harris, University of Florida at Jacksonville;
- (2) Robert O'Toole, University of Maryland Medical Systems Shock Trauma Center;
- (3) Peter Althausen, Reno Orthopaedics;

"The Wise"

- (1) Jeffrey Anglen, Indiana University;
- (2) Adam Starr, University of Texas, Southwestern;
- (3) Charles Reinert, University of Texas, Southwestern;
- (4) Timothy Bray, Reno Orthopaedics.

The forum was attended by 175 participants. There were 150 counted at tables, the panel, and additional people that came in and out during the hour-long interval. A show of hands revealed that there were 15% residents, 30% fellows, 40% young practitioners, and 15% wise members of the Orthopaedic Trauma Association.

The Forum was organized based on questions and comments which young practitioners have asked over the past few years. The structure of the Forum was designed specifically in response to the emails which were sent when this forum was announced. We began with introduction of the purpose of the Young Practitioners' Forum and everyone having an assigned time period and topic.

"The Young"

- * Mike Harris - getting a dedicated trauma operating room
- * Rob O'Toole - practice pearls for the young orthopaedic trauma surgeon
- * Peter Althausen - developing your referrals and expanding your practice



Dr. Rena Stewart instructs residents at the 2006 OTA Resident Fracture Course

2007 Resident Grant Recipients January 1, 2007 – December 31, 2007 Grant Cycle



Dr. Laura Prokuski in action at the Resident Fracture Course.

- * Lisa Cannada - finding your first job and resources available on the OTA website.

“The Wise”

- * Jeffrey Anglen - Board certification and the new maintenance of certification process
- * Charles Reinert - longevity as a trauma surgeon
- * Adam Starr - carving your own path/finding your niche in orthopaedic trauma
- * Timothy Bray - the community orthopaedic surgeon.

The last half hour of the session was a question and answer session which included how to stay in practice with your typical trauma patient profile, billing, and negotiating contracts. There was additional valuable input by Brad Henley on negotiations, coding and billing. The Forum was a great success, and the attendees were grateful for the OTA's support.



USS Midway /Member Reception

Principal Investigator: Casey Cates, MD
Amount Funded: \$10,000
Co-Investigator: Lisa Cannada, MD
Grant Title: Gait Analysis after Retrograde and Antegrade Intramedullary Nail Fixation of Femoral Shaft Fractures

Principal Investigator: John Ellington, MD, MS
Amount Funded: \$10,000
Co-Investigator: Michael Bosse, MD
Grant Title: Utilizing Nanospheres to Transport Antibiotics Across the Cell Membrane to Kill Intracellular Staphylococcus Aureus

Principal Investigator: Michael Hoenig, MD
Amount Funded: \$10,000
Co-Investigator: Bradley Merk, MD
Grant Title: Treatment of Distal Tibia Extraarticular Fractures: A Biomechanical Comparison of Standard Plating, Locked Plating, and Intramedullary Fixation

Principal Investigator: Paul Karanicolas, MD
Amount Funded: \$10,000
Co-Investigator: Mohit Bhandari, MD, MSc
Grant Title: Blinding of Outcome Assessors in Clinical Trials of Orthopaedic Trauma

Principal Investigator: Abdel Rahman Lawendy, MD
Amount Funded: \$10,000
Co-Investigator: David Sanders, MD
Grant Title: The Pathophysiology of Compartment Syndrome: Intracompartmental Pressure, Skeletal Muscle Viability and Microcirculatory Changes

Principal Investigator: Rajshri Maheshwari, MD
Amount Funded: \$10,000
Co-Investigator: Sean Nork, MD
Grant Title: The Effect of Obesity on Outcomes Among Trauma Patients with Lower Extremity Orthopaedic Injuries

Principal Investigator: James Meeker, MD
Amount Funded: \$10,000
Co-Investigator: Laurence Dahners, MD
Grant Title: The Use of External Suction Drains in Closed Wounds

2007 Research Grant Award Recipients

Clinical Grant Applications (up to \$40,000/year, 2 year grant cycle)

Principal Investigator: Rudolph Reindl, MD

Amount Funded: \$80,000 (2-year grant)

Co-Investigator: Edward J. Harvey, MD
(\$40,000 - 2007, \$40,000 - 2008)

Grant Title: Dynamic Hip Screw vs. Trochanteric Fixation Nail in the Treatment of Intertrochanteric Hip Fractures

Principal Investigator: Gregory K. Berry, MD

Amount Funded: \$80,000 (2-year grant)

Co-Investigator: Hans J. Kreder, MD
(\$40,000 - 2007, \$40,000 - 2008)

Grant Title: A Prospective Randomized Trial Comparing Open Reduction and Internal Fixation, Non-Spanning External Fixation, and Closed Reduction with Percutaneous Fixation in Displaced Distal Radius Fractures with Joint Congruity

Principal Investigator: Kyle J. Jeray, MD

Amount Funded: \$80,000 (2-year grant)

Co-Investigator: J. Scott Broderick, MD
(\$40,000 - 2007, \$40,000 - 2008)

Grant Title: Outcomes of Femur Fractures: RIA versus Standard Reaming

Directed Topic Clinical Study: (up to \$50,000/year, 3 year funding cycle)

Principal Investigator: Heather A. Vallier, MD

Amount Funded: \$150,000 (3-year grant)

Co-Investigator: John Howard Wilber, MD (\$50,000/yr 2007 - 2009)

Grant Title: Timing of Orthopaedic Surgery in the Multiply-injured Patient: Development of a Protocol for Early Appropriate Care



Military Medical Symposium at 2006 OTA Annual Meeting



The faculty from the Damage Control Symposium at the 2006 OTA Annual Meeting.

Basic Research Grants (up to \$25,000, 1 year grant cycle)

Principal Investigator: Francis H. Shen, MD

Amount Funded: \$25,000

Co-Investigator: Shepard R. Hurwitz, MD

Grant Title: Can We Eliminate the Need for Autologous Bone Graft Harvest for Fracture Management? The Use of Multipotential Adipose Derived Stromal Cells in an Activated Matrix for In-Vivo Osteogenesis.

Principal Investigator: Langdon A. Hartssock, MD

Amount Funded: \$25,000

Co-Investigator: Yuehuei An, MD

Grant Title: Effect of Delayed Surgery on Infection Rate of Open Fractures in a Rabbit Model

Principal Investigator: Chuanyong Lu, MD

Amount Funded: \$25,000

Co-Investigator: Theodore Miclau, III MD

Grant Title: Effects of rhBMP-7 on Fracture Healing in an Ischemic Environment

Principal Investigator: Rena L. Stewart, MD

Amount Funded: \$25,000

Co-Investigator: Tien-Min Chu, PhD

Grant Title: Segmental Defect Regeneration Using Biodegradable Load-Bearing BMP-2 Carriers in a Canine Model

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The ORS will continue to invite the author of the best poster at the Annual OTA meeting to display his/her poster at the ORS annual meeting.
- Abstracts for the upcoming OTA 2007 Annual Meeting are due March 1, 2007.
- Highlighted papers from the 2006 OTA Annual Meeting will be presented at the AAOS OTA Specialty Day.
- The Resident Grant Application deadline has been moved up by one week this year to January 25, 2007. The application is now available on-line. The Clinical and Basic Research Grant pre-proposal deadline is April 1, 2007. The pre-proposal grant application will be available by December 15, 2006.
- The AAOS Leadership Fellows Program announced the Class of 2007-2008. Of the 15 Leadership Fellows, 4 are members of the Orthopaedic Trauma Association. They include Michael Archdeacon (University of Cincinnati), Lisa Cannada (University of Texas-Southwestern), Kyle Jeray (Greenville SC Hospital System), and Toni McLaurin (NYU Medical Center).
- The 3rd Annual Residents Advanced Trauma Techniques Course will take place March 30 - 31, 2007 in Rosemont, Illinois. The Course Planning Committee met in October, 2006, and put together an outstanding program. Please encourage your residents to attend. The program will be posted on the OTA website by mid-December. Due to generous industry support, tuition scholarships are available and will cover most of the registration fee - residents pay only \$100 to attend. Course Co-Chairs are William M. Ricci, MD, and Henry Claude Sagi, MD.
- In April the AAOS and the OTA will sponsor their "7th Annual AAOS/OTA Trauma Course: Current Management Strategies, Technical Pearls, and Optimizing Outcomes for Common Fractures." This year's course gives a special focus to minimally-invasive nailing and plating techniques, the use of orthobiologic adjuncts, and current trends in pearls augmented with special videos to demonstrate procedures and their applications. This course offers lectures, question and answers, case presentations, as well as hands-on sessions with related products and devices presented by participating industry companies. The course provides a maximum of 18 *AMA PRA Category 1 Credits*[™] and will take place in St. Augustine, FL, from April 12-15, 2007. To enroll, call AAOS Customer Service at (800)-626-6726 or go online to www.aaos.org/courses and select course #3105.
- **OTA member reception: casual attire. Mandatory: low-heeled, rubber-soled shoes!** Midway Magic is real. No other carrier served our country for 47 years, spanning victory in WWII, Korea, the Cold War, Vietnam, the era of détente and Desert Storm. More than 200,000 Americans shared in the odyssey, setting new standards of naval air operations that remain to this day. As one of the San Diego's newest event venues, the Midway will provide a magical experience for our guests, capturing the beauty of the San Diego Bay and paying tribute to our city's rich naval heritage.
- USBJD is sending out the Call for Applications for the next Young Clinical Investigators workshop—deadline for applications for the next workshop is January 15, 2007. We have received very positive feedback from both young investigator participants and faculty members from all the past workshops. We are looking forward to the next workshop which will be held in Rosemont (Chicago), Illinois on April 27-29, 2007.
- Please request more OTA brochures which were developed by the Public Relations Committee for your waiting room. If you have not received a sample, please contact the OTA office (OTA@aaos.org).