

Strategic Directions

Goal 1 -- Health Policy

- FOS will advocate public policies that ensure quality musculoskeletal care in Florida.
- Work to obtain effective medical liability reform.
- Develop advocacy relationships and lines of communication with public officials, consumer groups, medical associations, and third party payors.
- Promote the involvement of orthopaedic surgeons in grassroots advocacy efforts.
- Oppose health care delivery systems that erect barriers between patients and access to orthopaedic surgeons.
- Oppose fragmentation of musculoskeletal services.
- Advocate for fair and equitable compensation for the delivery of orthopaedic services.

Goal 2 -- Professional Education

- Provide educational programs for orthopaedic surgeons in the management of all musculoskeletal conditions.
- Support the efforts of the AAOS to identify and promote appropriate evidenced based care.
- Support Patient Centered Care

Goal 3 -- Public Education

- Educate the public on the management and prevention of musculoskeletal conditions.
- Promote the specialty of orthopaedic surgery.
- Support Patient Centered Care

Goal 4 -- Practice Management

- Collect and disseminate information impacting Florida orthopaedic surgeons and their practices.
- Promote programs to increase the success of members' practices.
- Improve relationships with orthopaedic office managers to help orthopaedic surgeons improve practice management techniques.

Goal 5 -- Diversity

- Promote the delivery of culturally competent care.
- Support efforts to diversify the profession and the orthopaedic work force

Goal 6 -- Structure and Governance

- Be an active participant in state orthopaedic associations, the American Association of Orthopaedic Surgeons, the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons, the Southern Orthopaedic Association, and the Florida Medical Association.
- Develop and maintain a mechanism for identifying and training FOS leaders.
- Maintain an affordable dues structure while ensuring fiscal stability.
- Promote an effective membership recruitment process.
- Maintain and ensure the effective continuity of business management for the organization.
- Pursue non-dues sources of revenue that conform to the conflict of interest policy of the FOS.
- Identify and implement organizational changes to broaden participation of our members.

Goal 7 -- Unity

- FOS will advocate for unity and for opportunities to collaborate with orthopaedic subspecialists and all orthopaedic surgeons practicing throughout the State of Florida.
- To achieve this goal, the FOS will:

- Include subspecialty interests in educational programming
- Advocate for subspecialty interests
- Reach out to other orthopaedic-related organizations as appropriate.

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