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Free Prior Authorization Webinar for AOPA Members

AOPA Begins Prior Authorization Education Efforts

Introduction to Prior Authorization Webinar. Free for AOPA members.

February 25th 2016, 1:00 PM EST. (There is also a February 18 webinar that has reached capacity.)

Register for the [February 25th webinar](#).*Preparation for Prior Authorization Webinar.* \$99 AOPA members/\$199 non-members

March 24th and March 31, 2016, 1:00 PM EST.

Register for the [March 24th webinar](#) or the [March 31st webinar](#).*Note that registrants of the [2016 Monthly Webinars](#) have this webinar included**Articles Published in the *Military Medicine* Journal Supplement on Cost-Effectiveness of O&P Care, and OTS Orthotics**

Journal Mailed to all AOPA Members

There are two articles that are very important to all AOPA members which are included in the recent edition of the *Military Medicine* Supplement: the Dobson-DaVanzo study on cost-effectiveness, which demonstrates, using four years of Medicare data, that timely O&P intervention saves payers' money, and a manuscript developed by a Multi-Disciplinary Task Force headed by John Fisk, M.D. The manuscript covers distinctions between OTS and customized orthotics, the importance of the orthotist's notes and records, and other key clinical issues. [Read more.](#)

Alarming O&P Provisions Included in the President's Proposed Budget

Unlikely to be Passed but Reminds AOPA and its Members to Stay Vigilant about Threat of Competitive Bidding

The President's Budget for Fiscal Year 2017, sent to Congress by President Obama on February 9, contains some wording that could cause concern and possible panic in the O&P community. Page 72, under the heading "Provide Authority to Expand Competitive Bidding for Certain Durable Medical Equipment" contains the text "This proposal expands the competitive bidding program to additional categories, including: inhalation drugs, all prosthetics and orthotics, ..." [Read more.](#)

Register for the 2016 Policy Forum

New Format Includes Legislation-Writing Congress

Join us April 26 -27, 2016 in Washington, DC for a new Policy Forum experience. Senator Bob Kerrey will preside over the Tuesday, April 26 morning Legislation-writing Congress to write a simple 1-2 page piece of legislation to take to the Hill on Wednesday, April 27. This is your opportunity to make your voice heard and participate in the landmark event. [Learn More and Register.](#)

**O&P Almanac Wins Bronze in Prestigious Association Trends All Media Contest**

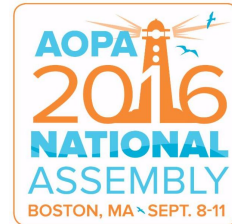
More than 400 Entries

The *O&P Almanac* has been honored with a Bronze award for the Association TRENDS' 2015 All Media Contest for the monthly trade association publication category. The TRENDS All Media Contest is an annual competition held exclusively for associations, recognizing the most creative and effective communication vehicles developed in the industry over the prior year. The 2015 competition included 400 entries in 22 categories of association communications. [See all winners.](#)

Present at the AOPA National Assembly in Boston

Call for Papers for the September 8-11, 2016 Meeting

The 2016 Planning Committee is seeking high-quality education presentations for the 99th Annual AOPA National Assembly to be held September 8-11, 2016 at the Hynes Convention Center in downtown Boston, MA. [Submit your clinical, technical, business, symposia, and student posters.](#)



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