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AOPA Announces Student Poster Contest Winners

Tyler Klenow, Morgan Oxenrider and Megan Kelly are this Year's Winners

AOPA will be presenting two awards for students and residents at the 2016 AOPA National Assembly - The Edwin and Kathryn Arbogast for the best prosthetic poster presentation and the Otto and Lucille Becker Award for the best orthotic poster presentation. The purpose of these awards is to encourage students and residents to share their research through outstanding poster presentations. The 2016 Winners are listed below:

Edwin and Kathryn Arbogast Award

Tyler Klenow, "A Metric to Quantify the "Dead Spot" Phenomenon in Prosthetic Gait: An Analysis of Sagittal Center of Pressure Progression and Its Velocity"

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Otto and Lucille Becker Award

Morgan Oxenrider and Megan Kelly, "The Capacity Foot Orthoses to Modulate Plantar Foot Tissue Stiffness"

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Jurisdiction D DME MAC Published Audit Results

76-99% Denial Rates

Noridian Healthcare Solutions, LLC, who serves as the Jurisdiction D DME MAC, has recently released results of some of its ongoing pre-payment audits for O&P services. The published results include those related to CROW walkers, spinal orthoses, knee orthoses, AFOs, and therapeutic shoes billed during the second quarter of 2016. The high denial rates for all of these pre-payment reviews mean that claims for these HCPCS codes will remain under pre-payment review going forward. It is important to remember that many of these denials may have been avoided by responding to requests for additional documentation or ensuring that proof of delivery documentation meets Medicare's published requirements. [Read the detailed results.](#)

Last Week of \$30 Off the Illustrated Guide

Celebrating 30 Year Anniversary

We are celebrating 30 years of the easy-to-use O&P reference manual, AOPA's Illustrated Guide, with a \$30 off sale! The guide covers orthotics, prosthetics and shoes, and includes the HCPCS code for the official Medicare descriptor and an illustration for each code. And now it is \$30 off until August 30! [Shop now.](#)



September 14 Webinar: Fill in the Blanks: Know Your Forms

\$99 members/\$199 non-members

Join AOPA for a one hour webinar and earn 1.5 CEs, while learning everything you need to know about forms used in O&P billing. During this webinar September 14, at 1:00 PM, an AOPA expert will answer these questions:

- Are your prescriptions compliant with Medicare?
- Are you putting all the correct information on Proof of Delivery forms?
- Do you require a Letter of Medical Necessity for your claims?
- When should the Certifying Statement be signed by the doctor?

[Register now.](#)

Make the Alumni Connection at the 2016 AOPA Assembly

You can also connect with Alumni with the "AOPA 365" App

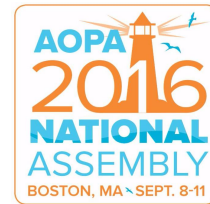
Meet up with your fellow alumni at Sidebar lounge in the Sheraton Lobby for an informal gathering. The first 25 alumni at each event wearing their school pride button (available at information or NCOPE booth) get a free drink, courtesy of your host.

Thurs, Sept 8, 7:15 PM, *Northwestern*, Hosted by Mark Edwards, CP, MHE

Fri, Sept 9, 6:30 PM, *Eastern Michigan*, Hosted by Wendy Beattie, CPO;

Fri, Sept 9, 8:00 PM, *University of Washington*, Hosted by Ann Yamane, CPO

Sat, Sept 10, 6:00 PM, *University of Hartford/Newington*, Hosted by Matt Parente, CPO



In Remembrance of Robert K. Denison, CO

Certified Orthotist Remembered for His Kindness and Dedication to the Profession

On July 8th, Robert "Bob" Kraft Denison died peacefully at his home surrounded by family. He was born in 1928 in New Haven, Connecticut. His family moved to Baltimore in 1932 so his father could practice orthotics. Ruth and Cedric founded C.D. Orthopedic Appliance Corp the next year. At age 12, Bob was working alongside his parents.



He became a Certified Orthotist in 1949 and was a Charter member of AAOP. During his career as an orthotist, he attended numerous children's clinics, including Johns Hopkins Scoliosis, John F. Kennedy Kreiger Institute, Baltimore County Cerebral Palsy, D.C. Society for Crippled Children, Allegheny County Maryland League for Crippled Children, and Falls Church Development Center. Patients and doctors alike remember him for his kindness and dedication.

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