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In 2015, AOPA awarded a grant for a systematic review on partial foot amputation to Michael Dillon, PhD of La Trobe University. Earlier this year, an article from this research was published in *Biomed Central* as an open access article (subscription is not required): "[Outcomes of dysvascular partial foot amputation and how these compare to transtibial amputation: a systematic review for the development of shared decision-making resources](#)". This month, a new article has been published in *Archives of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation*, and is available as open access with no login required to view it. Read the article: "[While Mortality Rates Differ After Dysvascular Partial Foot and Transtibial Amputation, Should They Influence the Choice of Amputation Level?](#)" Read about all of [AOPA's research efforts](#).

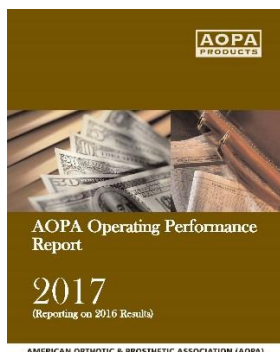
Be Sure to Use the Proper CMS-1500 Form

Effective August 30, 2017 any paper claims submitted to Medicare must be submitted using the current CMS-1500 form, version 02/12. To verify if you are using the correct form double check the version number on the top of the claim form and in the lower right hand corner. The version number should be 02/12.

Paper claims not submitted using the CMS-1500 form version 02/12 will be returned and not processed. Questions? Contact Joe McTernan (jmcternan@AOPAnet.org) or Devon Bernard (dbernard@AOPAnet.org).

AOPA Releases Results from Member Benchmarking Survey

Now Available: 2017 Operating Performance Report and 2017 Compensation and Benefits Report

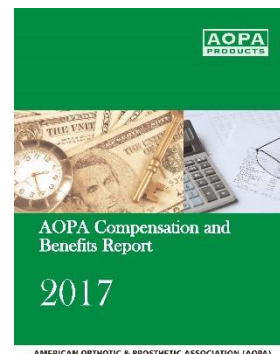


Do you need to know how your compensation and benefits compare with similar sized O&P companies or those in your geographic region? As a forward thinking manager, do you want to know how your company's financial performance compares with O&P industry leaders?

There is no better industry resource for this type of information than AOPA's annual Operating Performance Report and bi-annual Compensation and Benefits Report. Results of these member surveys are now available electronically in AOPA's bookstore. To order your copy, [visit the bookstore](#).

2017 Operating Performance Reports member/nonmember
\$185/\$325

2017 Compensation and Benefits Report member/nonmember \$285/\$425



Promote your Brand with AOPA's new Apparel Program

AOPA is partnering with Encompass Group, a leading provider of health care apparel to offer members special prices on customized polos, scrub tops and lab coats. Customized embroidery is available.

For more information on products and available colors, go to www.iconscrubs.com. Enter access code: ICON-AOPA. Then enter your AOPA member id, and create your user profile.



Contact bleppin@AOPAnet.org for additional information or call 571-431-0810.

O&P PAC Corner Update

The O&P PAC Corner provides information on the activities of the O&P PAC, including the names of individuals who have made recent donations to the O&P PAC and the names of candidates the O&P PAC has recently supported. The O&P PAC recently received donations from the following AOPA member(s)*:

- Lisa Arbogast
- Vinit Asar
- David Boone, PhD ,CP, MPH
- Frank Bostock, CO
- William Carver, BOCP
- Robert Compton, C.ped
- Kenneth Cornell, CO
- Joseph DeLorenzo, CP
- Mitchell Dobson, CPO, FAAOP
- Esperanza Friedman, CO

- Arlene Gillis, CP, FAAOP
- Elizabeth Ginzel, CPO, LPO
- Eddy Gosschalk, CPO
- Elizabeth Hammer, BOCO, CFO
- Michael Hamontree
- Steven Herrera, CPO
- Denise Hoffman
- Jack Jones, Jr., BOCO, CO
- Curt Kowalczyk, CO
- Alfred Kritter, CPO, FAAOP
- Anita Liberman-Lamphear, MA
- Elizabeth Mansfield
- Brad Mattear, LO, CPA
- Dave McGill
- Wendy Miller, BOCO, CDME
- Aaron Moles, CPO
- Michael Oros, CPO, FAAOP
- Curt Patton, CP
- Don Pierson, Co, Cped.
- Ricardo Ramos, CP, C.Ped., LP
- Jack Richmond, CPOA
- Dewain Ritchie
- John Roberts, CPO
- Duane Romo, CPO
- Bradley Ruhl
- Scott Sabolich, CP
- Scott Schneider
- Dale Sheen, CO
- David Sisson, CP
- Mark Smith, CP
- Chris Snell, BOCO
- Ronald Snell, CP
- William Snell, CPO
- Jack Steele, CO
- Bernie Veldman, CO
- Frank Vero, CPO

The purpose of the O&P PAC is to advocate for legislative or political interests at the federal level, which have an impact on the orthotic and prosthetic community. The O&P PAC achieves this goal by working closely with members of the House, Senate and other officials running for office to educate them about the issues, and help elect those individuals who support the orthotic and prosthetic community.

To participate in, support and receive additional information about the O&P PAC, federal law mandates that eligible individuals must first [sign an authorization form](#), or contact Devon Bernard at dbernard@AOPAnet.org.

*Due to publishing deadlines this list was created on 09/18/2017 and includes only donations/contributions made/ received between 08/29/2017 and 09/18/2017. Any donations/contributions made/received on/or after 08/29/2017 will be published in a future issue of the SmartBrief.

Upcoming AOPA Events

October 11, 2017	<i>AFO/KAFO Policy</i> AOPA Webinar Learn more and register here
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November 6-7, 2017	<i>Coding & Billing Seminar</i> Phoenix, AZ Learn more and register here
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November 8, 2017	<i>Gift Giving: Show Your Thanks & Remain Compliant</i>
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AOPA Webinar
[Learn more and register here](#)

Save the date:

January 5-7, 2018 AOPA Leadership Conference (Invitation Only)
Palm Beach, FL

September 26-29, 2018 AOPA National Assembly
Vancouver, BC, Canada

AOPA 2nd World Congress Highlights

AOPA's Centennial Celebration and World Congress in Las Vegas set a new record with over 2,500 attendees! Exhibitors and attendees came from 41 countries, making it a truly global event.

The exhibit hall opened with a performance from the Las Vegas production La Reve- the Dream, with an impressive dancer doing backflips on a prosthetic leg. The morning opening session presented Saeed Zahedi, PhD with the Lifetime Achievement awards and 4 notable inventors were honored for their contribution to O&P: Van Phillips (Flex-Foot); Marty Carlson, CPO(E), FAAOP (Tamarack Flexure Joint); M.E. "Bill" Miller, CO, (The Boston Brace System); and Kelly James, (C-Leg).



The educational line-up was described as our "best ever", with presentations on Exosekeletons, Osseointegration, Gait Salvage, CMT, and all the latest clinical research. Business managers learned all about documentation, heard from the DME MACs, watched demos of the [AOPA Co-OP](#), and more, while pedorthic and technical education covered all the latest topics.

As part of the Prosthetics 2020 research initiative, findings from the RAND Study "Economic Value of Advanced Transfemoral Prosthetics" were presented – that microprocessor knees (MPKs) provided economic benefits and quality of life improvement over non-MPKs. The study is now available on [RAND's website](#). Al Dobson, PhD presented the updated Dobson-DaVanzo cost-effectiveness study using the 2007-14 Medicare data, that found that O&P care is still cost-effective, similar to the 2007-10 data.



Attendees enjoyed the Walk through Time showcase in the Exhibit Hall, with artifacts and photos spanning O&P's history. The Party with a Purpose fundraiser for AOPA's government relations efforts brought in over \$50,000, at an exclusive party at the 1923 Bourbon Bar Speakeasy.

See all the photos on [Flickr](#) and search #AOPA2017 on Twitter.