



Call for Papers

Advance Your Career * Improve Patient Care * Gain National Recognition

The American Orthotic & Prosthetic Association (AOPA) will host the 106th National Assembly September 6-9 at the JW Marriott Hotel and adjoining Indiana Convention Center (ICC), located in downtown Indianapolis, Indiana. The program will consist of general sessions, as well as five concurrent breakout tracks, an Expo, Networking Events and workshops.

If you are interested in sharing your expertise with attendees at the 2023 National Assembly, please submit proposals to the appropriate Workgroup as outlined below.

Clinical Education:

If you are interested in presenting a Free Paper on an orthotic, prosthetic, or pedorthic topic, please complete the [submission form](#) and attach two copies of your abstract (one with author and contact information and the other blind, without your name and contact information). All submissions will be considered for the prestigious Thranhardt Award.

Through a partnership with RATE, plans to publish a Journal of Proceedings is in progress. Therefore, it is extremely important that your abstract be formatted appropriately. Your abstract must include the Title, Purpose, Methods, Results, Conclusion and Significance. Please take a few moments to review the [sample abstract](#) form which contains submission guidelines. Incomplete abstracts will be returned. Authors submitting multiple abstracts on a common subject may be asked to condense or alter abstracts prior to publication.

Business Education:

Are you a seasoned business professional with significant experience in managing an orthotics and/or prosthetics patient care or manufacturing business? Share your successes at the 2023 National Assembly and compete for the prestigious Sam E. Hamontree Business Education Award. The winner of the Hamontree award will take home \$1,000. The workgroup will select the top submissions to compete for the Hamontree award during the National Assembly—then the audience will select the winner. Complete the [submission form](#) today.

Post Mastectomy Education:

The Assembly Committee will offer a two-day education track for Post-Mastectomy Fitters. The Post-Mastectomy Education workgroup is interested in reviewing a variety of submissions, but especially Case studies, Physiological/Emotional Care and Innovations, and Technology. Please complete the Post-Mastectomy Education [submission form](#) to have your presentation considered.

Technical:

Quick Links

[Clinical Free Paper \(Orthotic, Prosthetic and/or Pedorthic\)](#)

[Business Submissions](#)

[Post Mastectomy](#)

[Technical Education](#)

[Technical Tips and Tricks Contest](#)

[O&P Digital Education](#)

[Symposia – All areas of learning](#)

Become a technical presenter during the 2023 National Assembly. The workgroup is looking for a wide variety of education to accommodate all levels of experience. Please complete the [Technical Education submission form](#) to have your presentation considered.

Technical Tips and Tricks

This session will be based on your short videos featuring a fabrication tip or trick on a fabrication method. Videos should be 2-3 minutes in length and can be on a tool, fabrication technique, design, or other technical related problem-solving method. The audience will select the winner(s) and cash prizes of \$500, \$250, and \$100 will be awarded. Open to technicians and fabricating practitioners. [The submission form is now available.](#)

Digital O&P Care:

Back by popular demand--The Digital O&P Care Workgroup was created because AOPA has found that the process of digital transformation in our field has progressed to a point where this topic deserves a track on its own at the Assembly. The lines around traditional topics like CAD CAM, patient data management, and design for manufacturing in 3D printing have blurred and current computer programs tackle multiple aspects of the patient care. Additionally, the innovations in digital technology that are being discussed and in progress are likely to combine multiple aspects of O&P even more so we need to get ready for the future. Submit a presentation proposal for this innovative education track. The program will be divided into three categories featuring Data, Design, and Application. While the Digital O&P Care Workgroup is interested in a variety of education topics, they are specifically interested in the following.

DATA: Remote patient monitoring, App based data, DATA – What, When, How – Synthesis, and Implementation of an outcomes measuring program.

DESIGN: Modification Software, Remote education tools, CFab services, and Proper limb alignment in digital shape capture.

APPLICATION: Telehealth, HIPAA Compliance Online Digital, Collaborative – EMR with referrals, Digitizing fee schedules through AI, and Robotics in O&P.

Please complete the [Digital Education submission form](#) to have your presentation considered.

Timeline

Wednesday, January 4	Call for Papers Announcement
Friday, March 31	Call for Papers Submission Deadline (3 months)
April 3– April 14	Paper Grading (2 weeks)
Monday, April 17	Grading Complete
Tuesday, May 1	Program Organized (2 weeks)
Friday, May 5	Confirmation letters to presenters
Monday, May 15	Program on Website; Registration Open
Monday, May 15	Preliminary Program complete and available digitally. Printed and mailed with O&P Almanac

Manufacturers who wish to educate or promote a specific product line should consider a Manufacturers' Workshop (available for purchase to exhibiting companies only). For further information regarding the submission process or the National Assembly in general, contact AOPA Staff at Assembly@AOPAnet.org.

We look forward to receiving your submission.