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## **COURSE SCHEDULE**

*Presenting Multispecialty  
Continuing Medical Education  
for Surgeons*

**ORTHOPAEDIC  
CRANIOMAXILLOFACIAL  
SPINE  
VETERINARY**



**Transforming Surgery, Changing Lives**



AO North America is a nonprofit organization dedicated to the advancement of patient care, in orthopaedic, craniomaxillofacial and veterinary surgery.

The organization's mission is to improve the care of patients with musculoskeletal injuries and their sequelae in North America, through education and research in the principles, practice and results of treatment.





## A letter from the President of AO North America

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As President of AO North America, I would like to share with you the overall mission of our organization and specifically our focus on education. Within the worldwide AO Foundation, the musculoskeletal trauma specialty has experienced remarkable growth in size and scope during the last decade. This growth has had a positive impact on the musculoskeletal trauma specialty in North America, particularly in the educational activities offered as well as other projects within our organization.

AO North America is a nonprofit specialty society whose goal is to advance the practice of trauma care and improve patient outcomes. We work to accomplish this goal by continuing to follow the longstanding principles of AO philosophy—education, research, development and documentation. We are committed to collaborating with musculoskeletal trauma surgeons, related medical practitioners, scientists, professional societies, and industry partners in a non-commercial environment, encouraging new ideas and initiatives leading to improved patient care.

Our educational activities include annual courses, symposia and regional fracture summits targeted to practicing surgeons and residents specializing in the management of musculoskeletal injuries. As evidenced by AO North America's Systematic Education approach, course offerings begin with the basic principles and techniques of operative fracture management and move to addressing complex fracture care in a variety of educational sessions. Specialty courses are intensive, focused offerings toward skeletal fixation of specific anatomical areas such as hand, foot and ankle, upper extremity, pelvic, hip and geriatric fracture care. Each educational offering has its own unique structure encompassing a mix of didactic sessions, hands-on laboratory experience (some with cadaver specimens), small group discussions, expert panels and live surgery transmissions, depending on the objectives and content of the program presented.

AO North America is recognized for the excellent surgical education it provides. Attendance at an AO North America educational activity can be both valuable and beneficial as you strive to improve patient care during your career in orthopaedics and the treatment of trauma fractures.

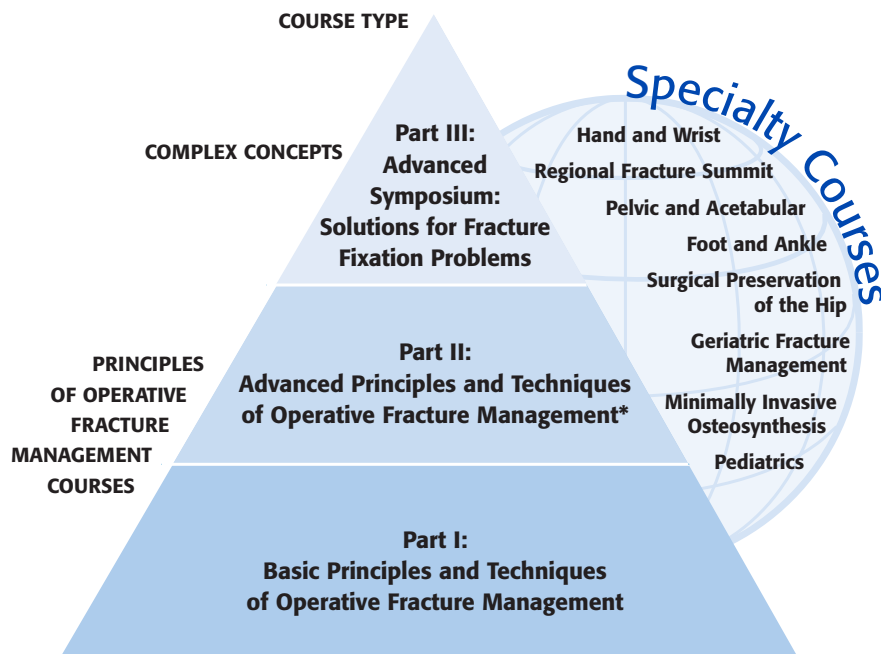
Sincerely,



John H. Wilber, MD  
President, AO North America

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AO North America Trauma Systematic Education Approach



\*Basic Principles and Techniques of Operative Fracture Management, Part I, is a prerequisite for taking Part II.

**▲ Principles**

PART I: Provide fundamental knowledge of operative treatment of fractures and nonunions, based on AO Principles. (Recommended for PG1 and PG2)

**▲ Advanced Principles**

PART II: Focus on the treatment of complex fractures and fracture complications (completion of Part I required). (Recommended for PG3–PG5)

**▲ Complex Concepts**

PART III: “Advanced Symposium” discusses new and advanced trauma reconstruction and fixation techniques.



**Specialty Courses, Symposia and Summits**

Intensive, focused, educational offerings oriented toward skeletal fixation of specific anatomical areas.



## Orthopaedic Courses

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| January 16–19         | Northeast Regional Fracture Summit<br>Stowe, Vermont  | August 22–25    | Basic Principles and Techniques of Operative Fracture Management Course for Residents<br>La Jolla, California   |
| January 20–23         | Symposium on Surgical Preservation of the Hip<br>Lake Tahoe, California   | August 27–30    | Basic Principles and Techniques of Operative Fracture Management Course for Residents<br>La Jolla, California   |
| January 31–February 3 | Basic Principles and Techniques of Operative Fracture Management Course for Residents<br>Charlotte, North Carolina                  | September 10–13 | Principles of Operative Fracture Management Courses<br>Part 1: Basic Principles<br>Part 2: Advanced Principles<br>Newport, Kentucky (Cincinnati, Ohio area) |
| February 5–8          | Basic Principles and Techniques of Operative Fracture Management Course for Residents<br>Charlotte, North Carolina                  | October 15–18   | Foot and Ankle Fracture Management Course<br>Las Vegas, Nevada (Henderson)  |
| March 15–20           | Principles of Operative Fracture Management Courses<br>Part 1: Basic Principles<br>Part 2: Advanced Principles<br>Sun Valley, Idaho | November 19–22  | Advanced Principles and Techniques of Operative Fracture Management Course<br>Atlanta, Georgia  |
| March 26–28           | Minimally Invasive Osteosynthesis (MIO) Course<br>Las Vegas, Nevada (Henderson)   | November 20–22  | Eastern Regional Fracture Summit<br>Pinehurst, North Carolina   |
| April 3–5             | Western Regional Fracture Summit<br>Coronado, California  | December        | Orthopaedic Courses<br>Davos, Switzerland   |
| April 16–19           | Principles of Operative Fracture Management Course<br>Part 3: Solutions for Fracture Fixation Problems<br>Miami, Florida            |                 |   |
| April 30–May 3        | Pelvic and Acetabular Fracture Management Course<br>Birmingham, Alabama   |                 |   |
| May 2–5               | Basic Principles and Techniques of Operative Fracture Management Course for Residents<br>Indianapolis, Indiana                      |                 |   |
| May 7–9               | Basic Principles and Techniques of Operative Fracture Management Course for Residents<br>Indianapolis, Indiana                      |                 |   |
| June 5–6              | Management of the Geriatric Fracture Patient<br>Miami Beach, Florida  |                 |   |
| July 10–12            | Canadian Regional Fracture Summit<br>Calgary, Alberta   |                 |   |

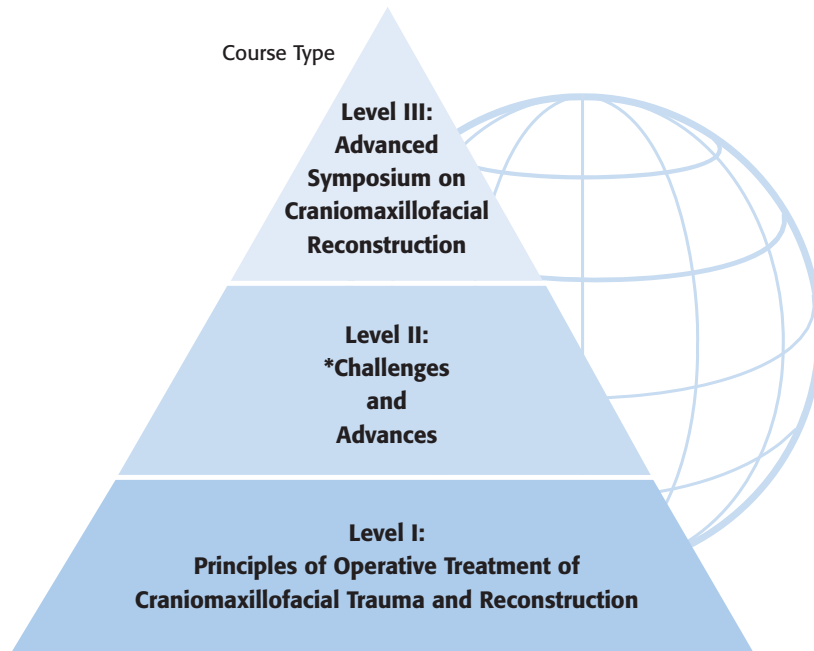


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**AO Craniomaxillofacial North America Systematic Education Approach**

▲ **Principles of Operative Treatment of Craniomaxillofacial Trauma and Reconstruction**

LEVEL I: Provide fundamental knowledge of the principles of stable internal fixation and fracture healing, according to AO Principles.

▲ **Challenges and Advances**

LEVEL II: Intensive focused educational offerings oriented toward new and advanced craniomaxillofacial reconstruction and fixation techniques.

\*Courses offered to date include: Aesthetic Facial Skeletal Surgery, Cadaver Practical Workshop, Distraction, Great Debates, Mandible, Minimally Invasive Surgery, Orbital, and Pediatrics.

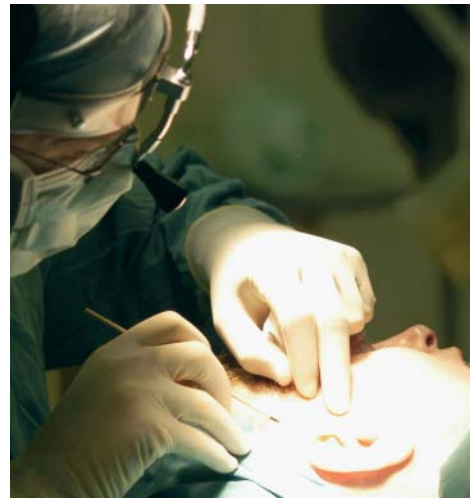
▲ **Advanced Symposium on Craniomaxillofacial Reconstruction**

LEVEL III: Focus on the most difficult and challenging posttraumatic craniomaxillofacial hard and soft tissue problems and deformities, emphasizing reconstruction.



## Craniomaxillofacial Courses

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| January 10–11           | <b>Principles of Operative Treatment of Craniomaxillofacial Trauma and Reconstruction</b><br>San Francisco, California         |
| January 17–18           | <b>Challenges and Advances: Distraction Osteogenesis</b><br>Salt Lake City, Utah   |
| February 27–<br>March 1 | <b>Advanced Symposium on Advances in the Management of Surgery</b><br>Cancun, Mexico   |
| March 12–14             | <b>Challenges and Advances: Microsurgery</b><br>Baltimore, Maryland  |
| March 21–22             | <b>Principles of Operative Treatment of Craniomaxillofacial Trauma and Reconstruction</b><br>NYC/NJ area                       |
| April 18–19             | <b>Challenges and Advances: Orbital</b><br>Rosemont, Illinois  |
| April 25–26             | <b>Principles of Operative Treatment of Craniomaxillofacial Trauma and Reconstruction</b><br>Louisville, Kentucky              |
| August 22–23            | <b>Principles of Operative Treatment of Craniomaxillofacial Trauma and Reconstruction</b><br>Oakbrook, Illinois (Chicago area) |
| September 12–13         | <b>Principles of Operative Treatment of Craniomaxillofacial Trauma and Reconstruction</b><br>Alexandria, Virginia              |
| November 14–15          | <b>Principles of Operative Treatment of Craniomaxillofacial Trauma and Reconstruction</b><br>Los Angeles, California           |
| December                | <b>Craniomaxillofacial Course</b><br>Davos, Switzerland  |



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## Continuing Medical Education

### Message from AOSpine North America Chairman

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As chairman of the AOSpine North America Board, I welcome your participation in our spine education offerings. The purpose of this board is to allow AO spine surgeons the opportunity to address their unique and specific needs that are not part of the “traditional” AO umbrella.

Historically, the spine group was reorganized in 2003, through a process that culminated in the development of a template for governance of the AO spine specialty. Now known as “AOSpine International,” this organization has an increased measure of autonomy while continuing to be part of the AO Foundation. AOSpine International is led by a board chaired by Michael E. Janssen, DO, which oversees coordinated international research efforts, spine instructional courses, and internationally based educational programs such as live surgery seminars and traveling fellowships. The international group also oversees the regional groups—North America, Latin America, Asia-Pacific, and Europe.

AOSpine North America is partnered with AO North America for educational support and direction, thanks to a well-established Continuing Medical Education process and common commitment to the AO principles and the “AO family” in North America. This commitment to the educational process by AOSpine North America ensures presentation to its members of the latest cutting edge technology and techniques as related to spinal disease management.

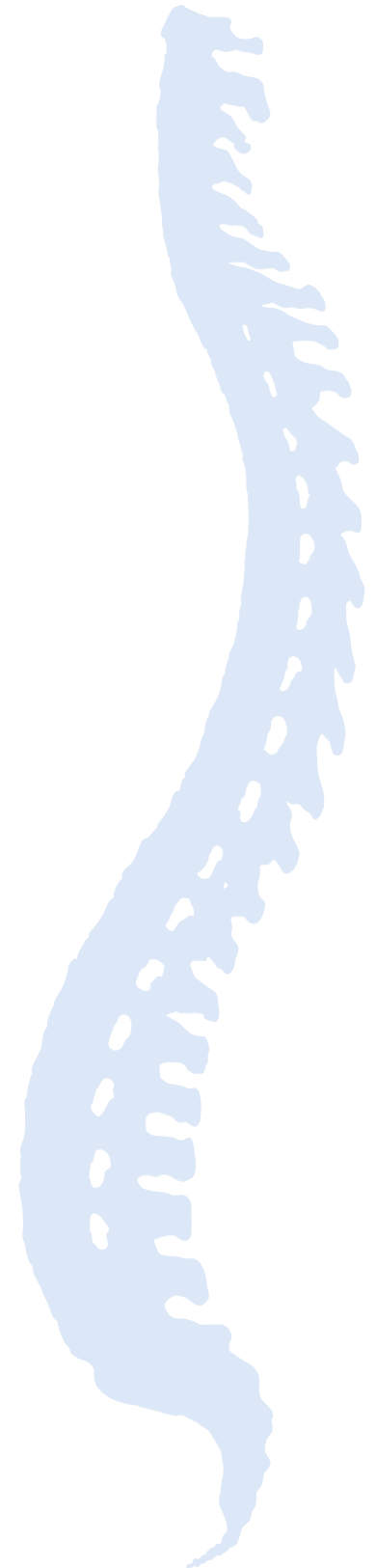
AOSpine North America is a not-for-profit organization whose goal is to advance the practice of spine care and improve patient outcomes. AOSpine North America will work to accomplish this goal by adhering to the main foundations of the AO philosophy—education, research, and documentation. Our objective is to work in collaboration with spine surgeons, related medical practitioners, scientists, professional societies, and industrial partners in a non-commercial environment to encourage new ideas and initiatives to improve patient care. The AOSpine North America Board is highly energized to advance these objectives.

Sincerely,



Robert A. McGuire, Jr., MD  
Chairman, AOSpine North America

**For information on AOSpine Membership, please go to [www.aospine.org](http://www.aospine.org)**

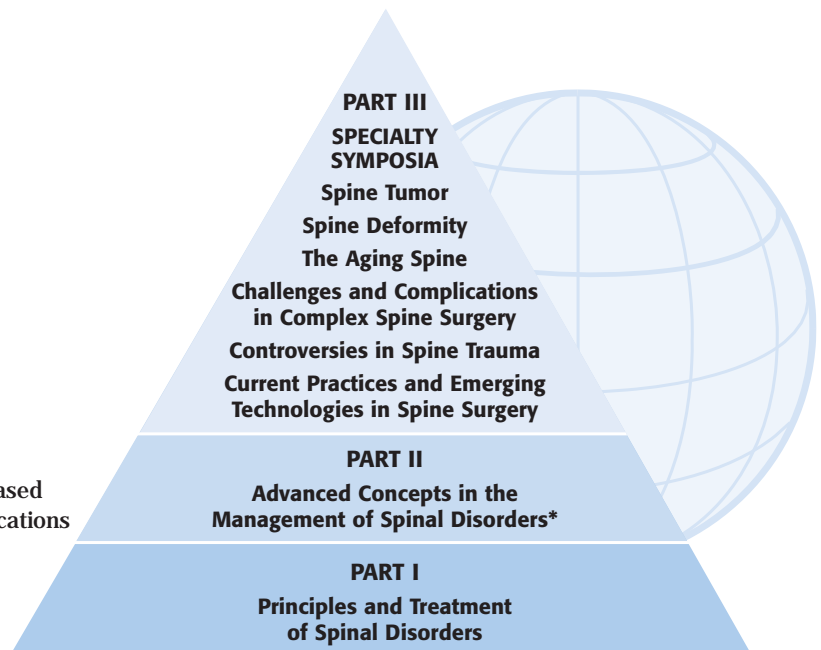




## Spine Courses

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| January 16–18 | Principles and Treatment of Spinal Disorders for Residents and Fellows<br>Las Vegas, Nevada (Henderson)             |
| February 5–8  | *Advanced Concepts in the Management of Spinal Disorders<br>Sun Valley, Idaho                                       |
| March 27–29   | *Spine Tumor Symposium<br>Houston, Texas  |
| April 24–26   | Principles and Treatment of Spinal Disorders for Residents and Fellows<br>Philadelphia, Pennsylvania                |
| May 16–17     | *Enhancing Patient Safety in Spine Surgery: An Evidence-Based Approach to Managing Complications<br>Nassau, Bahamas |
| August 6–9    | *Advanced Concepts in the Management of Spinal Disorders<br>Miami Beach, Florida                                    |
| August 28–30  | Principles and Treatment of Spinal Disorders for Residents and Fellows<br>Las Vegas, Nevada (Henderson)             |
| December      | Spine Courses<br>Davos, Switzerland   |

## AOSpine North America Progression in Education



\*For residents and fellows, attendance at an AOSpine North America Principles and Treatment of Spinal Disorders Course is strongly recommended before participating in this Course.

### Principles and Treatment of Spinal Disorders

PART I: Comprehensive principle-based introduction to the management of common spinal disorders, spinal surgery, and instrumentation in a two-and-one-half-day program for residents and fellows.

### Advanced Concepts in the Management of Spinal Disorders\*

PART II: Interactive case-based presentations and discussions highlighting the advances, complications and controversies of complex spine disorders and surgery. Practical exercises on sawbones are included in the three-and-one-half-day program.

### Specialty Symposia

PART III: Didactic, interactive, case-based program intended for practicing surgeons. Addresses the current practices, management, controversies and perioperative care of the specific focus in a one-and-one-half-day program.

\* These activities are co-sponsored by the AANS

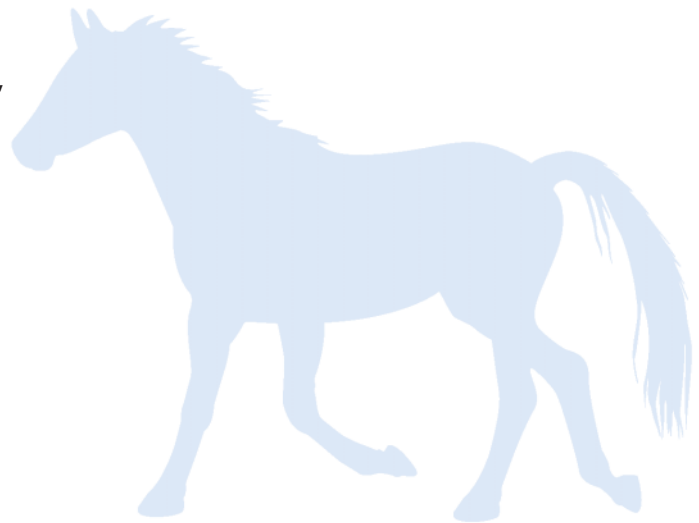
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### Veterinary Courses

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- April 15      **Veterinary Technician Workshop**  
Columbus, Ohio
- April 16–19      **Small Animal Principles and Advanced, and Equine Advanced Veterinary Courses**  
Columbus, Ohio
- September 17–20      **Small Animal Principles and Masters Veterinary Courses; Equine Advanced Workshop**  
La Jolla, California



### Podiatric Courses

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- February 12–15      **Podiatric Basic Course**  
Atlanta, Georgia
- May 14–17      **Podiatric Advanced Course**  
Denver, Colorado
- November 5–8      **Podiatric Basic Course**  
Los Angeles, California



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## AO North America

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Since 1958, the AO has been the leader in musculoskeletal trauma education for disorders and trauma of the musculoskeletal system. Today, AO North America continues that long tradition of teaching excellence, and is proud to offer CME activities for multiple specialties involved in the care of the musculoskeletal system. AONA offers a spectrum of educational activities beginning with residents, and then progresses to the practicing surgeon. AONA allows the surgeon to be a life long learner by offering modern teaching techniques and state-of-the-art courses that are tailored for today's learner and the requirements for licensure and board re-certification. We encourage you to visit the AONA website at [www.aona.org](http://www.aona.org). Consider not only attending a course, but becoming a member of AONA. Join the tradition.

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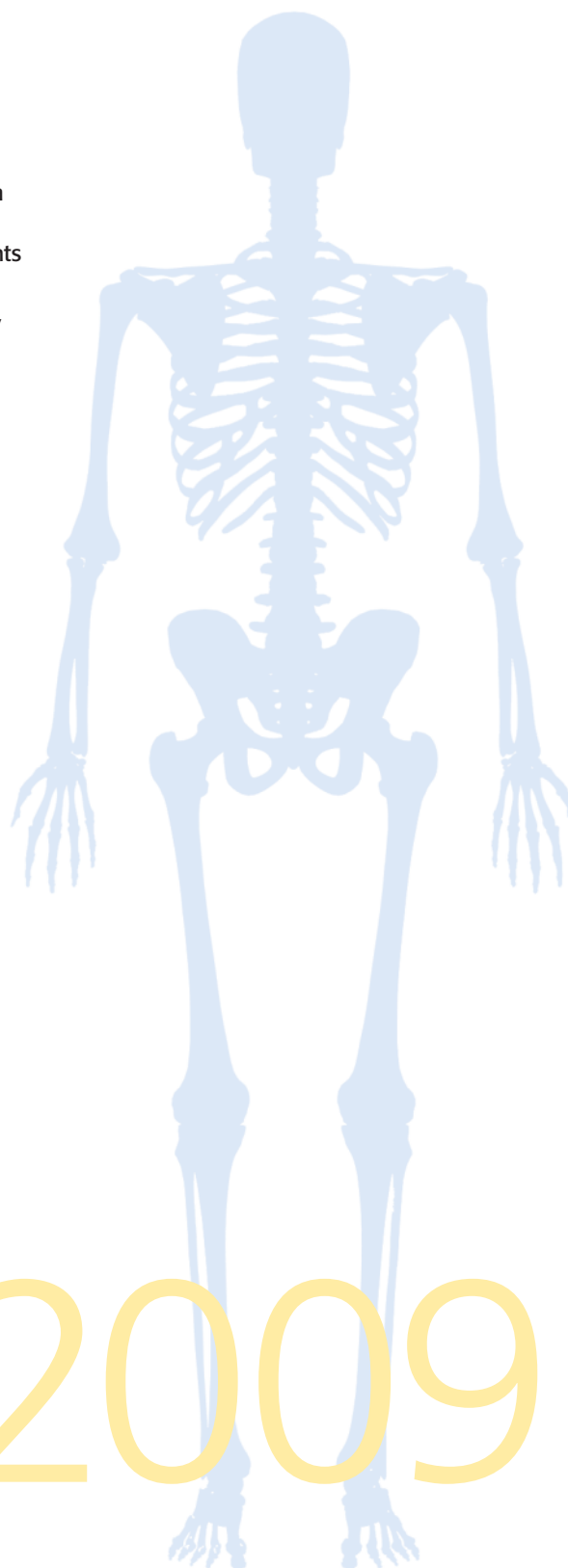
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### Accreditation

AO North America is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME) to provide continuing medical education for physicians.



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Thank you for your interest in



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