

September 18, 2001

Dear Fellow Orthopaedic Administrator:

I am pleased to announce the Fall Meeting of the Texas Orthopedic Administrators Association (T-BONES) will be held Friday, October 26th, 2001, at the Omni San Antonio Hotel San Antonio. There will be an all day meeting on Friday, as well as a dinner, for those interested, on Thursday, October 25th, 2001, at the Omni San Antonio Hotel.

I have received commitments from five speakers who will provide valuable information to our group. They will address a variety of relevant topics.

Donna Kinney is the Manager of Research and Regulatory Affairs for the Texas Medical Association. She will present her analysis of the proposed TWCC Fee Schedule.

Scott McInally is the Executive Director of the Research and Oversight Counsel on Workers' Compensation. He will discuss current issues related to HB 2600 and the ROC.

Julian Rivera is an attorney with Brown and McCarroll in Austin. He will discuss physician issues including lawsuits, advertising and Medical Board Investigation of Physicians.

Audrey Seldon is the Senior Associate Commissioner in Consumer Protection for the Texas Department of Insurance. She will present information about prompt pay rules.

Len Wright is a health care consultant with The Practice Advisory Group in Houston. He will speak about adding physician and services to medical group practices as well as other practice development issues.

I am enclosing a tentative program as well as a registration form, which give additional information about this meeting. The expense for the Friday, October 26th, meeting is \$75, which includes breakfast and lunch. Please send your registration form as soon as possible since I must notify the hotel of the number of registrants. The meeting will be held at Omni San Antonio Hotel. The hotel has agreed to reserve a block of rooms for those interested individuals, but there is a deadline for reserving rooms at the convention rate. Reservations need to be made through the hotel at 210-691-8888.

Please contact me at 281-440-6960 (office) or 713-728-4882 (home) if you have any questions concerning this information. I hope you will be able to attend this most important meeting. Thank you for your time and cooperation.

Sincerely,

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Enclosures