

March 8, 2002

Dear Fellow Orthopaedic Administrator:

I am pleased to announce the Spring Meeting of the Texas Orthopedic Administrators Association (T-BONES) will be held Friday, April 12th, 2002, at Doubletree Guest Suites Hotel in Austin. There will be an all day meeting on Friday, as well as a dinner, for those interested, on Thursday, April 11th, at the Doubletree Hotel.

In addition, we will be going to Esther's Follies for an evening of entertainment. Esther's is an Austin tradition. It is located at 525 East 6th Street.

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

Chris Davidson is the Chief Software Engineer for Orthospot. He will present information regarding the Internet and E-Commerce.

Mike Cushman is the new Director of the Department of Health Care Delivery with the Texas Medical Association. He is one of the invited speakers who will address issues concerning the Texas Worker's Compensation System including the proposed Medical Fee Guideline.

Bill Darling is an attorney with Brown and McCarroll in Austin. He will discuss HIPAA Compliance as well as fraud and abuse issues.

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, April 12th, 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 Doubletree Guest Suites. 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 512-478-7000.

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,

Michael A. Berkowitz
Clinic Administrator

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Enclosures