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Michael A. Berkowitz Administrator Dear Fellow Orthopaedic Administrator:

I am pleased to announce the Spring Meeting of the Texas Orthopedic Administrators Association (T-BONES) will be held Friday, May 5th, 2006 at the Four Seasons Hotel in Houston. In addition, there will be a 4 hour, Advance Coding for Orthopaedic Surgeons, T-Bones Members and Office Staff on Thursday, May 4th from 1PM - 5PM. On Thursday evening T-Bones Members have been invited to a dinner hosted for our members by Genzyme Biosurgery, which will be held at a location near the hotel.

T-Bones will he held in conjunction with the Texas Orthopedic Association (TOA) annual meeting. All T-Bones attendees are invited to participate in the TOA meetings and events (May 5th and 6th). I will be emailing to you the TOA program.

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

Jamie Claypool is a Practice Management Consultant with J. Claypool Associates. She will be speaking about how to perform a chart audit in your medical practice.

Adam Hathorn is a Regional Account Manager for Genzyme Biosurgery. He will make a presentation on current Medicare issues including ASP reimbursement and how it affects the practice, the CAP program, Part D and the "advantage" program.

Lonnie Hirsch is a Co-Founder of Healthcare Success Strategies. He will be discussing the important issue of developing a marketing plan for your Orthopaedic practice.

Frank Kittredge, Jr. is the Senior Principal for Mitretek Healthcare. He will be speaking about strengthening the hospital-physician relationship.

Audrey Selden is the Senior Associate Commissioner of Consumer Protection for the Texas Department of Insurance. She will be discussing the current status of the new Workers' Compensation Networks.

I am enclosing a tentative program as well as a registration form, which give additional information about this meeting. The expense for the Friday, May 5th, meeting is \$50, which includes breakfast and lunch. Please send your registration form <u>as soon as possible</u> since I must notify the hotel of the number of registrants. The meeting will be held at Four Seasons Hotel. The hotel has agreed to reserve a block of rooms <u>under the name of TOA</u> for those interested individuals, but there is a deadline for reserving rooms at the convention rate. Reservations need to be made through the hotel 713-650-1300.

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 Administrator D MAB/ww Enclosures

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