

April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2008

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 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2008 at the Westin Riverwalk Hotel in San Antonio. On Thursday evening T-Bones attendees have been invited to a dinner hosted for our members by Genzyme Biosurgery, which will be held at the Wine Cellar at Boudros.

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 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24th). In addition, TOA is sponsoring Reimbursement & Coding Seminar with an Update on Workers' Compensation on May 22<sup>nd</sup> with physicians, office managers and office staff. (Please see attachment)

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

**Dan Christensen** is an Attorney at Law with Carlson Law Firm, P.C. He will be speaking about treating third-party personal injury cases.

**Cary Edgar** is Director of Ancillary Care Solutions. Cary will be presenting information about adding ancillary services to your medical practice.

**Donna Kinney** is the Manager of Research and Data Analysis for the Division of Medical Economics for the Texas Medical Association. She will be discussing the Annual TMA Physician Survey.

**Creg Parks** is Chief Executive Officer for PACT Medical Management Group. Creg will be speaking about managed care contract strategies.

**Amy Rich is** a Health Care Policy Communications Specialist with the Texas Department of Insurance. She will be talking about physician involvement and new initiates in the Texas Workers' Compensation system.

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 23rd, meeting is \$75, 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 the Westin Riverwalk 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 210-224-6500.

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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