



 LOUISIANA ORTHOPAEDIC ASSOCIATION

2026
Annual Meeting
Preliminary Program

INTERCONTINENTAL
NEW ORLEANS

MARCH 19-21, 2025

President's Message



Jeffrey Sketchler, MD

Dear Colleagues,

As the president of the Louisiana Orthopaedic Association, it is my sincere pleasure to invite you to our annual meeting taking place March 19-21, 2026. This year's meeting will be held in the newly renovated event spaces of the Hotel Intercontinental in New Orleans. With the help of our program director, Dr. Jessica Rivera, we've put together a dynamic ensemble of presenters and topics to maximize your learning experience.

I will have two special guest speakers who are leading authorities in their field of orthopaedics to share their expertise with us: Craig Della Valle, MD from Rush, who will discuss the latest on Periprosthetic Joint Infections; and Doug Letson, MD from the Moffitt Cancer Center, who will present a novel treatment approach to treating musculoskeletal tumors.

In addition to sessions on a variety of topics including hip arthroplasty, hand, knee ACL, and trauma/periprosthetic fractures, there will be a "Resident's Sawbones Relay" on Friday and on Saturday, some of our colleagues will present their most trying experience to-date in the "My Worst Case" symposium. As we learn from our own mistakes, so too are we likely to learn much from each other's.

My goal is to make this year's meeting one of the most fun, practical, informative, and memorable for us all.

I look forward to seeing you there!

Best Regards,

Jeffrey Sketchler, MD

Jeffrey Sketchler, MD
President, Louisiana Orthopaedic Association

Presidential Guest Speakers



Craig J. Della Valle, MD

Dr. Craig J. Della Valle is a native of New York and received his undergraduate and medical degrees from the University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia. He completed his residency at the Hospital for Joint Diseases in New York City. During his residency he spent a full year devoted to clinical and basic science research in the field of adult reconstructive surgery. Dr. Della Valle completed a fellowship in adult reconstructive surgery at Rush University Medical Center and Central DuPage Hospital.

He is presently the Aaron G. Rosenberg endowed professor of orthopaedic surgery and chief of the section of adult reconstruction at Rush University Medical Center in Chicago, Illinois.

Dr. Della Valle specializes in primary and revision total joint arthroplasty and has done more than 15,000 hip and knee replacements. A respected researcher, he has more than 300 peer-reviewed publications on topics including unicompartmental, primary, and revision total knee arthroplasty as well as total hip arthroplasty, hip resurfacing, and revision total hip arthroplasty.

Dr. Della Valle is a member of The Hip Society, The Knee Society and The International Hip Society. He is also a past president of the American Association of Hip and Knee Surgeons, past president of the Mid-America Orthopaedic Association and is in the presidential line for The Knee Society.

Meeting Accreditation Information

This activity has been planned and implemented in accordance with the accreditation requirements and policies of the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME) through the joint partnership of the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons and the Louisiana Orthopaedic Association. The American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons is accredited by the ACCME to provide continuing medical education for physicians.

The American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons designates this 2026 LOA Annual Meeting March 19-21 to be held in New Orleans, Louisiana for a maximum of approximately **10.5* AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™**. Physicians should claim only the credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.

*9.5 CME Credits for Scientific Program

*1 CME Credits for Scientific e-Poster Sessions



G. Douglas Letson, MD

Dr. G. Douglas Letson is executive vice president of clinical affairs and physician-in-chief at Moffitt Cancer Center, as well as prior chair of the Sarcoma Department. In addition, he is a professor of surgery, radiology, and orthopaedics at the University of South Florida.

As an orthopaedic oncology surgeon, Dr. Letson's research and clinical interests include: novel therapeutic agents to treat sarcoma; limb salvage for bone and soft tissue tumors; segmental prosthesis; new hinge designs; and soft tissue attachment for metallic prosthesis. He has a keen interest in new techniques and design of instrumentation for minimal invasive reconstructive surgery. He collaborated with Stanmore Corporation in England to develop a non-invasive leg lengthening implant and is the only physician in the United States to implant and lengthen the limbs of several children successfully.

A graduate of Louisiana State University (LSU) School of Medicine, Dr. Letson completed his residency in orthopaedics at LSU-affiliated hospitals and he was chief resident at LSU Children's Hospital. He pursued advanced training through a musculoskeletal oncology fellowship at Massachusetts General Hospital-Harvard Medical School and was awarded Clinical Oncology Fellow of the American Cancer Society.

As a leader in medical education, he is a frequent guest speaker at local and international physician conferences teaching annual musculoskeletal oncology review courses in Oxford, England, Venice, Italy, and Hong Kong. He has started multiple educational courses worldwide in medical education and is also the founder of the Florida Keys Musculoskeletal Oncology review course which is now in its 20th year.

Dr. Letson has received numerous awards, including American Orthopaedic Academy Honor Society, Professor of the Year at Orlando Regional Healthcare, Teacher of the Year for the USF Radiology Department, and Best Doctors in America. He previously served on the board of directors of the National Comprehensive Cancer Network (NCCN) and has served on the editorial board of several orthopaedic journals, including the Journal of the National Comprehensive Cancer Network and the Cancer Control Journal.

Preliminary Scientific Program

(Presenters and times are subject to change)

Thursday, March 19

12:00 pm - 5:00 pm
Board of Directors Meeting

12:00 pm - 5:00 pm
Meeting Registration

12:00 pm - 5:00 pm
Exhibitor Setup

Friday, March 20

6:00 am - 4:50 pm
Meeting Registration

6:00 am - 7:30 am
Scientific e-Posters
(Presenters will be available to answer questions)

6:30 am - 7:00 am
Continental Breakfast with Exhibitors

7:00 am - 7:15 am
Welcome and Announcements*
Jeffrey Sketchler, MD, LOA President
*CME Credit Not Available

7:15 am - 7:30 am
LOA First Business Meeting*
*CME Credit Not Available

7:30 am - 8:15 am
Session 1: Knee ACL
Moderator: Michael Hartman, MD, LSU New Orleans

Panel: Ryan Roubion, MD, Metairie Orthopedics & Sports Medicine
Matthew Fury, MD, Baton Rouge Orthopaedic Clinic
Brian Godshaw, MD, Ochsner Health

8:15 am - 8:35 am
BREAK - PLEASE VISIT EXHIBITS

Session 2: Hip Arthroplasty
Moderator: Jeffrey Sketchler, MD, Pontchartrain Orthopedics and Sports Medicine

8:35 am - 8:45 am

Introductions and Session Overview

Jeffrey Sketchler, MD, Pontchartrain Orthopedics and Sports Medicine

8:45 am - 8:50 am
Posterior/ Mini-Posterior Approach
Chad Millet, MD, Southern Orthopaedics

8:50 am - 8:55 am
Direct Anterior Approach
Lance Estrada, MD, Orthopaedic Associates of New Orleans

8:55 am - 9:00 am
Robotically-Assisted THA
Scott Yerger, MD, LG Orthopaedic Center

9:00 am - 9:20 am
Case Presentations

9:30 am - 10:15 am
Breakout Abstract Presentations 1A

9:30 am - 10:15 am
Breakout Abstract Presentations 1B

9:30 am - 10:15 am
Breakout Abstract Presentations 1C

10:20 am - 10:40 am
BREAK - PLEASE VISIT EXHIBITS

10:45 am - 11:30 am
Session 3A: Knee Arthroplasty

Moderator: William Sherman, MD Tulane University

10:45 am - 11:30 am
Session 3B: "I'm Biased. You Should Use This Plate and Fix Fractures This Way!"
Moderator: Blane Sessions, MD Louisiana Hand and Shoulder Center

Panel: Leslie E. Sisco-Wise, MD, Ochsner Health
Lauren Saunee, MD LSU New Orleans
Blane Sessions, MD, Louisiana Hand and Shoulder Center
Ryan L. Bliss, MD, Baton Rouge Orthopaedic Clinic

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11:30 am - 12:15 pm

Session 4: Prosthetic Joint Infection

Moderator: Matthew Cable, MD, LSU New Orleans

Case-Based Panel Discussion

Panel: Willard A. Moore III, MD, Ochsner Health

Fernando L. Sanchez, MD, Tulane University

Michelle Blyth, LSU New Orleans

12:15 pm - 1:15 pm

LUNCH BREAK WITH EXHIBITORS*

*CME Credit Not Available

12:30 pm - 1:15 pm

Resident Sawbones Competition*

- sponsored by Stryker

Host: Jeffrey Sketchler, MD, Pontchartrain Orthopedics and Sports Medicine

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1:15 pm - 2:15 pm

Presidential Guest Speaker - Craig J. Della Valle MD

Moderator: Jeffrey Sketchler, MD, Pontchartrain Orthopedics and Sports Medicine

Current Concepts in the Prevention, Diagnosis, and Treatment of Peri prosthetic Joint Infection

Craig J. Della Valle, MD, Midwest Orthopaedics at Rush

Legislative Update*

Moderator: K. Samer Shamieh, MD AVALA Spine

*CME Credit Not Available

2:15 pm - 2:45 pm

1812 Group

2:45 pm - 3:05 pm

BREAK - PLEASE VISIT EXHIBITS

3:05 pm - 3:50 pm

Best of LOA Research Presentations

Moderator: Jessica Rivera, MD, LSU New Orleans

3:50 pm - 4:50 pm

LAMMICO Session 1*

*CME Credit Not Available

Medical Documentation: From A Legal Defense Perspective*

Kenneth E. Rhea, MD, Medical Risk Management Consulting

5:00 pm - 6:30 pm

PRESIDENT'S RECEPTION

Saturday, March 21

6:00 am - 1:00 pm

Meeting Registration

6:00 am - 7:30 am

Scientific e-Posters

(Presenters will be available to answer questions)

6:30 am - 7:00 am

Continental Breakfast with Exhibitors

6:45 am - 7:45 am

LAMMICO Session 2*

*CME Credit Not Available

Patient Participation in Care: Challenges And Solutions

Kenneth E. Rhea, MD, Medical Risk Management Consulting

7:45 am - 7:50 am

Welcome and Announcements*

Jeffrey Sketchler, MD, LOA President

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7:50 am - 8:35 am

Session 6A: Trauma/ Peri prosthetic Fractures

Moderator: Peter C. Krause MD, LSU New Orleans

Panel: Avrey A. Novak, MD, LSU New Orleans

James F. Mautner, MD, Ochsner Health

Daniel Miles, MD, Tulane University

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7:50 am - 8:35 am

Session 6B: Shoulder Arthroplasty

Moderator: Michael J. O'Brien, MD, Tulane University

Case-Based Panel Discussion

Panel: Matthew D. Williams, MD, Louisiana

Orthopaedic Specialists

Geoffrey Stone, MD, Gulf Coast

Orthopedics

Joey LaMartina, MD, St. Tammany

Bone and Joint

R. Shane Barton, MD, Willis Knighton

Health

8:35 am - 8:55 am

BREAK - PLEASE VISIT EXHIBITS

8:55 am - 10:40 am

Session 7: My Worst Case

Moderator: Jessica Rivera, MD, LSU New Orleans

10:40 am - 11:40 am

Presidential Guest Speaker - G. Douglas Letson, MD

Moderator: Jeffrey Sketchler, MD, Pontchartrain
Orthopedics and Sports Medicine

Novel Therapies for the Treatment of Sarcomas

Using Genetic Signatures, Radiomics and

Immunotherapy

G. Douglas Letson, MD, Moffitt Cancer Center

11:40 am - 11:55 am

LUNCH BREAK

11:55 am - 12:40 pm

Session 8 - Rotator Cuff: A Case-Based Panel

Discussion

Moderator: Felix "Buddy" Savoie, MD, Tulane University

Panel: Matthew D. Williams, MD, Louisiana

Orthopaedic Specialists

Joey LaMartina, MD, St. Tammany Bone and
Joint

Michael J. Leddy III, MD Mid-State

Orthopaedic & Sports Medicine Center

Michael J. O'Brien, MD, Tulane University

12:40 pm - 12:55 pm

Second Business Meeting and LOA Award

Announcements*

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12:55 pm - 1:00 pm

Closing Remarks/ Adjournment*

Jeffrey Sketchler, MD, LOA President

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Register Today!



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