Title: Rocket Fuel for the Young Academic Orthopaedic Surgeon – The NIH K Award

Precis: NIH funding mechanisms are critical to advancing scientific knowledge in the U.S. but are underutilized by Orthopaedic Surgeons. The NIH Career Development Award (K Award) pathway provides early support for young, academic Orthopaedic Surgeons with an emphasis on personal development as researchers and successful future NIH funding initiatives. This symposium will review the key elements of the K Award mechanism and pearls/pitfalls for future applicants.

Faculty (in alphabetical order):
- Matthew Dobbs, MD PhD (OREF may substitute for other leadership) – speaker, OREF, R01-funded
- James Heckman, MD – moderator
- Eric Henderson, MD – speaker, K Award Recipient
- Morgan Jones, MD – speaker, K Award recipient
- Christian Lattermann, MD – speaker, K Award Recipient
- Robert Magnussen, MD – speaker, K Award recipient
- Kurt Spindler, MD – speaker, NIH Researcher/Study Section Member, K Award mentor, R01-funded
- Chuck Washabaugh, PhD – speaker, NIH/NIAMS Program Director - Orthopaedic Research Program
- Kurt Weiss, MD – speaker, K Award recipient

Description:
This Career Development Session will review key elements of the NIH K Award, which provides support for young, academic surgeons, emphasizing personal and longitudinal development as researchers.

Learning Objectives:
Objective 1: To acquaint young, academic orthopaedic surgeons with the NIH Career Development (K) Award.

Objective 2: To provide an overview of the K Award application process and strategy.

Objective 3: To understand the financial implications of K Award receipt and supplemental funding opportunities.
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