May 29, 2025

Dear Orthopaedic Resident:

On behalf of OREF, I would like to invite you to participate in the **OREF Midwest Resident Research Symposium on Friday, September 19, 2025 at the University of Chicago School of Medicine.** The host is Jennifer Moriatis Wolf, MD, PhD Chair, Department of Orthopaedic Surgery and Rehabilitation Medicine at the University of Chicago Medicine. The symposium provides a wonderful opportunity for area residents to assemble, socialize, network, and most importantly, educate one another.

This will be a great experience for all residents, whether you are competing or just listening. For the last 20+ years, the symposia have been hosted by institutions throughout the U.S., and each one has been met with great support and enthusiasm. We consistently hear how valuable and enjoyable the experience is for orthopaedic residents.

This event will begin at 12 noon with lunch and registration. The symposium itself will begin promptly at 1:00 p.m. CST and close with an awards lunch reception.

To submit an abstract for consideration, please go to **https://www.oref.org/abstracts** to download an abstract submission form and instructions. Completed abstracts must be uploaded via the OREF website. The link to upload documents is on the same page as the form and instructions. Your **abstract(s) must be submitted** to OREF **via the OREF website** no later than **Monday, July 14, 2025.** You may submit up to three abstracts, but no more than one abstract, per person, will be selected for presentation.

I look forward to seeing you on Friday, September 19, 2025. We hope you will consider submitting an abstract for the competition. To RSVP, or if you have any questions about the symposium, you can contact Carmen Metoyer at (847) 430-5111 or at [metoyer@oref.org](mailto:metoyer@oref.org). You may also contact me directly at (847) 430-5109 or at [cummins@oref.org](mailto:cummins@oref.org).

Sincerely,

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