March 6, 2025

Dear Orthopaedic Resident:

On behalf of OREF, I would like to invite you to participate in the **OREF Western Resident Research Symposium on Wednesday, September 24, 2025 at the University of California, San Francisco.** The host is Benjamin Ma, MD, Chair, Department of Orthopaedic Surgery at the University of California, San Francisco in California. 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 7:00 a.m. with breakfast and registration. The symposium itself will begin promptly at 8:00 a.m. PST 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 **Thursday, May 1, 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 Wednesday, September 24, 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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