



AAO Council on Orthodontic Practice  
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ACTION or CONSENT: Consent  
Committee Name: Council on Orthodontic Practice  
Committee Chair Name: Renee Pompei

Current Committee Members:, Adam Welmerink, Madeline Goodman, Scott Hubbard, Robert Selden, Ryan VanLaecken, Lana Helms, Dani Phillis, Mary Hoffman; Trista Felty and Enrique Cruz co-BOT liaisons

Short Summary: COOP has continued its support of orthodontists' career needs from residency to retirement with initiatives such as the Practice Transitions Portal, creation and maintenance of Practice Forms, creation and maintenance of the Online Career Center, production of the Business of Orthodontics and Clinical Webinars, and the Orthodontic Staff Club. COOP recently launched the Online Office Design Series this past spring, as reported in 2022 ad-interim Report. COOP has also begun working with the National Eating Disorders Association (NEDA) to create a toolkit for orthodontists to identify patients with eating disorders and so that orthodontists can play a part in getting the necessary help. The next Face-to-Face meeting will take place Saturday, December 9, 2023 in St. Louis, MO at the AAO headquarters.

## Report

Committee Topics/Activities:

<b>COOP Committee Report</b>	
<u>Topics/Activities/Updates</u>	<u>Discussions/Outcomes</u>
<b>National Eating Disorders Association – AAO Partnership</b> <i>ongoing</i>	<p>NEDA partnership will provide educational resources for orthodontists to help them recognize eating disorder warning signs and to understand triggering behaviors and language that can cause harm. It may also provide scripting on how to talk to patients/parents about eating disorders so patients can get the help they need.</p> <p>A COOP subcommittee has identified and prioritized projects and tasks, including modifications to the health history form; member webpage with tips, downloadable content including flier with QR code to NEDA's website, and potential short videos; potential article for Practice Management Bulletin; and webinar with NEDA.</p> <p>Current content available on the AAO website includes a screening tool, Helpline, Blog, and map of service providers for eating disorder services</p>
<b>Practice Management Forms</b> <i>ongoing</i>	<p>With the help of subject matter experts and AAO legal, COOP developed an informed consent for patients</p>

	<p>undergoing treatment via Maxillary Skeletal Expansion/TAD expansion. The TAD (implant) Supported Expander Consent form was adopted by the BOT and will be made available to AAO members.</p> <p>The Forms subcommittee is also reviewing the Bisphosphonates/Antiresorptive Drug Supplemental Informed Consent for needed updates. A member notified AAO Legal on incorrect verbiage regarding Forteo. The form was sent to Dr. Zehorwki, also a Doctor of Pharmacy, for review. Decision on any modification is pending that review.</p> <p>Recently approved and in process of implementation: Partial Treatment Informed Consent, Bonded Lingual Retainer, Media Release Patient, Social Media Consent Employee form, Adult Medical History form (3 versions), and Under 18 Medical History form (3 versions), AAO Transfer forms Patient in Active Treatment and Patient in Retention. Sent to Marketing</p> <p>The forms that have been updated for Inclusionary language are now available on the AAO member website.</p>
<b>Educational Webinars</b> <i>ongoing</i>	<p>COOP continues to organize and provide regular live CE webinars on a variety of topics related to clinical practice and practice management. The 2023-24 Webinar schedule is included below. These webinars are later archived and accessible on the AAO Education site.</p> <p>COOP will also be tasked with examining the current organization of digital CE to ensure it has optimal navigability and searchability.</p>
<b>Practice Transitions Portal</b> <i>ongoing</i>	<p>COOP and AAO staff are continuing to work together to revise content to the new Practice Transitions Portal which will be a valuable collection of resources for guidance on finding an associate position, hiring associates, starting practices from scratch, partnerships, and selling/buying practices.</p>

Webinar series

9/13/23	Amy Wood, "Why HiPPAA sucks"	Team
9/20/23	Dr. Vishnu Raj, "The Alveolar Limites of Tooth Movement"	Doctor
9/27/23	David King, "Optimal Existence for Orthodontists, Body Mind Spirit, Family and Business" Business of Ortho	
10/17/23	Shannon Patterson and Doug Copple, "Considerations for Orthodontic Partnerships in Private Practice" Business of Ortho	
10/19/23	Dr. Federico Hernandez Alfaro, "From Orthognathic to Orofacial Surgery", Doctor	
10/27/23	Diana Weaver, "Flexing UP as an FC"	Team

11/7/23	Jackie Dorst, "Orthodontic Instrument Sterilization"	Team
11/9/23	Doug Copple and Shannon Patterson "Should I Stay or Should I Go? Considerations for Private Equity Affiliation"	Doctor
12/5/23	Tracey Mowad, "Leadership Techniques to Transform Your Culture" Business of Ortho	
1/11/23	Jackie Dorst, "OSHA- Team-Up for Safety"	Team

Respectfully submitted,

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