January 31, 2025

Dear Orthopaedic Resident:

On behalf of the Orthopaedic Research and Education Foundation (OREF), I would like to invite you to participate in the **Mid-Atlantic Region Resident Research Symposium on Friday, May 2, 2025,** at the **University of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.**

MaCalus Hogan, MD, Chair, Department of Orthopaedic Surgery, University of Pittsburgh, is the host. 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.

The event will commence at 7:00 a.m. with registration and breakfast. The symposium itself will begin promptly at 8:00 a.m. and close with an awards 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 **Wednesday, March 5, 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 May 2, 2025, and please 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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