

Dental School will Be Named for its Dean UOP to Honor Dugoni



Arthur Dugoni, DDS

As he celebrates his silver anniversary as dean of the University of the Pacific School of Dentistry (UOP), Dr. Arthur Dugoni is poised to receive a greater honor. The university announced its intention to name the dental school for Dr. Dugoni, calling him "one of the nation's most respected educators and leaders in the dental profession."

As many CAO members know, Dr. Dugoni has influenced the training of California orthodontists since at least 1963. That year, he pioneered and initiated the mixed dentition orthodontic clinic at UOP, which continues to operate under the direction of his son and CAO member, Dr. Steven Dugoni.

In 2002, when the senior Dr. Dugoni was awarded CAO's Distinguished Service Award, he commented, "My commitment to our profession, the specialty of orthodontics, and dental education have been labors of love. I have thoroughly enjoyed the many opportunities presented to me.... We are fortunate to be part of a great

profession and the fantastic specialty of orthodontics."

Only One Other

It is just the second time a dental school has been named for a dean. The Boston University Goldman School of Dental Medicine was named for its first dean, Henry M. Goldman.

"When the university president and board of regents informed me that they wanted to do this, I was overwhelmed with emotion and deeply grateful for the recognition and honor," said Dr. Dugoni. Ceremonies bestowing the accolade are set to take place August 27-28 in San Francisco. They include a leadership symposium, dedication ceremony at the dental school, fundraising dinner at San Francisco City Hall, and a gala celebration featuring entertainment by Bill Cosby.

"I look forward to the celebration with all my family and friends," added Dr. Dugoni. "I just wish my mom and dad could have been there also."

"Dr. Dugoni is a visionary and sets the standard for excellence at Pacific," said Donald V. DeRosa, PhD, UOP president. "Throughout his 55-year career, he has been at the forefront of innovations in dental education and organized dentistry and has educated and inspired more than 6,000 dental students and countless dental professionals." ❖

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Electing Our Friend, Bill Emmerson

By Clelan "Butch" Ehrler

Dr. Ehrler is Chair of CAO's Peer Review Committee and a member of the Legislative Committee. He practices in Rialto.

Organized dentistry has a true friend in Bill Emmerson. I have known Bill for more years than I care to admit and know him to be a leader that inspires – someone who has done an incredible job representing dentistry and someone who has committed much of his personal time to our profession.

Bill has been working on our behalf for many years, and now it is our turn to work for him in his race for Assemblyman of the 63rd district. I have made a commitment to do what I can to ensure him success. And I am asking you to do the same.

While Bill is well known within our organization and with members of the Legislature, his primary opponent in this race is starting off with significantly higher name I.D. than Bill.

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President's Message

We're in This Together

By Michael Ricupito, DDS



Michael Ricupito, DDS

Our practices move teeth, and our patients' self images improve. Component orthodontic and dental organizations share information and resources, and they move our profession forward. Dental societies process quality of care concerns through peer review, and we move what might have been a litigious liability into a commitment to improvement. Every day we touch and "move" each other's lives in personal and professional ways that have tremendous impact on the quality of our lives and profession. In spite of our differences in perspective, it is our common interests that make us realize that we're in this together.

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Our Connectedness

We're members of CAO because of our common interest to provide the best orthodontic care possible in the most successful practices possible. Our association helps us stay informed about the latest in best practices through continuing education offerings, legislative and regulatory change updates, and risk management information. We're staying current by updating resources such as our "You and Your Orthodontist" informed consent and "Bite Down Early" booklets, by regularly modifying our website, and by establishing new committees. The newest committee is the Communication committee, set up to coordinate the overall communication outreach of CAO.

Our Collaborations

We work with component organizations and collaborate with other advocacy groups to strengthen both the special interests of orthodontics as well as aspects of general dentistry. We're working with PCSO to set up joint

doctor and staff continuing education meetings. We're also recommitting energies to strengthen CAO's legislative efforts by working closely with CDA on both orthodontic and general dentistry concerns.

Our Commitment

Our commitment to serve CAO members can only be as strong as our organization's ability to recruit and retain orthodontists and staff volunteers to serve on our various committees. Can we "move" you to be part of our efforts? To assist in selecting members to serve in various capacities, we have added an application to our review process. Applications can be requested by calling 415-441-4697 or by going on-line to our website: www.caortho.org. Click on "info," click on "reports," and seek out the volunteer form. Then fill it in and send it to our headquarters office, one of the best "moves" you can make.

With your help, we can continue to move forward for you and your orthodontic practice! ❖

Instant Gratification: Register Online!

Easier for you; easier for us.

Orthodontic staff who wish to attend CAO's staff education regional meetings can now register online at the CAO website, www.caortho.org.

Be sure to do so at least seven days prior to the meeting date.

Confirmation is almost immediate!

Doctors who attend regional meetings sponsored by the PCSO may also register online.

Do so at the PCSO website, www.pcsortho.org.

If We Build a Better Door Prize...

To bring a little lift to those who attend regional staff education seminars, CAO has secured new door prizes for lucky winners. Thanks go to the following companies and/or organizations.

Bally Total Fitness Corporation
Berkeley Repertory Theatre
Dean Koontz
Hornblower Cruises & Events
OREC Professional Marketing Systems
Ripley's Believe It or Not
San Francisco Wax Museum
See's Candies
Tahoe Biltmore Lodge and Casino

Continuing Education for CEO members and their staff

New CE Offerings for 2004

By **Paul Kasrovi, DDS, MS**,
Chair of CAO's Continuing Education
Committee
and **Traci Fernandes, DDS, MS**



Paul Kasrovi, DDS, MS

Two exciting educational events are in the works for the coming year.

They are the first "Pathways to Professional Growth" offerings, a new umbrella term for all CAO educational efforts. CAO hosts a series of hands-on and interactive workshops for orthodontic staff prior to PCSO's annual session in Palm Springs.

These half-day workshops will provide interactive instruction on clinical and non-clinical topics outside the office environment.

Four separate tracks are designed to target clinical, non-clinical, and dual function staff. Each track is comprised of two 90-minute sessions Saturday afternoon, September 18, just prior to the opening of PCSO's meeting. The four options are

Track #1: Office Systems and Communication / Advanced Word (PracticeWorks – sponsor)

Track #2: Auxiliary Appliances (3M Unitels – sponsor) / Wire Bending (GAC – sponsor)

Track #3: Wire Bending (GAC – sponsor) / Digital Photography (Dolphin Imaging – sponsor)

Track #4: Digital Photography (Dolphin Imaging – sponsor) / Treatment Coordinating Skills

A flyer describing these sessions will be mailed to member offices in early March, and complete registration materials will follow in May. Staff may register for one of the four tracks. The two sessions for each track will be sold as a "package" and cannot be offered in other configurations because of space considerations and registration logistics. Space for each track is limited to the first 36 registrants, and CAO expects all four tracks to sell out well in advance of the August 18 registration cut-off date.

Registration will open in mid-May.

New Offering for Doctors, Too

Concurrent with these staff workshops is a doctors' program presented by John McGill, CPA, MBA, JD, who will address the business aspects of running an orthodontic practice. This program is modeled after the AAO's successful "Orthodontist as CEO" conference hosted last February in Orlando, Florida, which received high praise from those who attended. CAO's Continuing Education Committee (CEC) is pleased to make this successful program available to California orthodontists, something of an "exclusive" for CAO members.

Again, members can expect an informational flyer on this program in early March with complete registration materials scheduled to arrive in mid-May.

More for Next Year

Another exciting project on the planning boards is a "life balance retreat" to be held at a rustic location in mid-April, 2005. Look for more details

MEETINGS CALENDAR

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

CAO Staff Education

Friday, June 4

San Ramon Marriott Hotel*

Dr. Sol Silverman, *Oral Medicine:*

Commonly Occurring Conditions

Dr. Sean Carlson, *Diagnosis and Treatment*

Planning Principles

Friday, December 3

DoubleTree Hotel, Sacramento

PCSO Doctor Education

Friday, June 4

San Ramon Marriott Hotel*

Dr. Gerald Samson, *Engineering and*

Clinical Orthodontics

Friday, December 3

DoubleTree Hotel, Sacramento

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

CAO Joint Doctor/Staff Program

Friday, June 11

Los Angeles Airport Hilton Hotel

Dr. Bette Robin, *Dental Practice Law*

Ellen Grady, *Infection Control Update*

Friday, November 19

Costa Mesa Hilton Hotel

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PCSO ANNUAL MEETING

September 18-21

Palm Springs, California

CAO Pathways to Professional Growth

Saturday, September 18

Palm Springs, California

(See story on this page.)

*New location.

Guest Editorial

Getting Solutions at the State Level

by Mike Huckins

CAO's Associate Executive Director offers this perspective on how CAO works for orthodontics in Sacramento.



Mike Huckins

Considering California's enormous deficit and relatively unfriendly business environment, the two words "solutions" and "state" in the same sentence

may seem like an oxymoron. Especially to an organization like ours, attempting to represent the best interests of orthodontic patients and practitioners. Nevertheless, optimistic about the possibilities for the future, this article explores the process that a 1000 member organization like CAO goes through to find successful solutions in Sacramento.

A Problem-Solving Process

First and foremost, our association analyzes a potential problem or concern, gathers information, and develops strategies accordingly. Is it really a state-level issue? Sometimes local issues like fluoridation policies that are set by local water districts take precedent over state-level consideration. Sometimes federal mandates like Medicaid are, in actuality, implemented and managed by the state – in this case, MediCal (DentiCal). We may also have to determine to what extent other states affect what is going on here in California: Florida may be on the opposite coast, but in terms of orthodontic education or specialty advertising challenges, it might as well be right next door.

Advocacy Partners

During this analysis phase, we utilize the advocacy and informational resources of other larger organizations with common interests: CDA, PCSO, AAO and, of course, state departments and elected officials.

The natural second step then is how our organization will work alongside these groups to address concerns or to achieve common goals. Collaboration with such stakeholders is essential for success.

Larger groups such as CDA will often carry the burden of advocacy for a specialty group like ours. A prime example has been the "specialty advertising bill," sponsored by CDA and carried by Assembly member Jenny Oropeza during the 2001-02 legislative session. This bill was signed into law and requires that "a licensed dentist shall not advertise as or hold himself or herself out as a specialist or advertise membership in or specialty recognition by an accrediting organization unless the practitioner has completed a specialty education program approved by the American Dental Association and the Commission on Dental Accreditation, or is eligible for examination by or is a diplomat of a national specialty board recognized by the American Dental Association."

The specialty advertising issue is a classic example of the importance of partnerships. CAO could never have faced this battle alone, and we appreciate the support that organizations such as CDA provide in our search for state-level solutions that challenge best-care practices in orthodontics.

Multiple Strategies for Success

Advocacy groups also help us develop strategies that work. Multiple-level approaches are often necessary to advocate change and they are far-ranging. They include communication strategies, meetings, public hearings, changes at the regulatory level, legislative action, and – when unavoidable – lawsuits.

The more involved the process, the longer it takes to get closure. For example, we joined the Proposition 65 lawsuit, participated in the settlement, and then worked with an attorney to develop an

understanding that orthodontic materials are exempt. But we are still waiting for written concurrence to that effect. The journey can be frustrating; patience and perseverance need to be constant travel companions in this process.

Key Relationships

Maintaining relationships with stakeholders and building representation to key decision-making bodies are also extremely important. We maintain liaisons to many public policy organizations that affect the orthodontic profession such as the Dental Board of California. Earl Johnson (and before him Bob French) attends Board meetings solely to give orthodontics a voice in this important body. Building on this strategy, CAO's Legislative Committee has recommended that again an orthodontist become member of CDA's Council on Legislation, following in the footsteps of our current president, Michael Ricupito, Bill Emmerson, and others.

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New! Improved!

Revised YYO Available

After several months of concerted effort, a new, revised version of *You and Your Orthodontist* is available. Look for CAO's informed consent booklet for the orthodontic patient in its handsome and distinctive purple cover when you place your next order. The booklet retains the patient-friendly language that members have found so useful since 1983 when it was first published, but it now contains new material that makes it even more effective.

An updated Spanish version will be available by the end of the year.

A task force of four CAO members – Michelle Agazzi of Oakland, Gib Snow of Palmdale, Joe Gray of Upland, and Mike Ricupito of Fremont – carefully reviewed the prior version, last edited in 1998. They both changed and added material to the booklet. In fact, the 2004 version includes 11 new sections that bring this important patient education and compliance tool up to date. In addition, a line for patient or parent initials has been added to each page so that orthodontists can assure that the information has been read.

Significant changes have also been made to the consent form. These include statements about question and answer opportunities, about the inability to guarantee results, and a witness signature line. All are designed to give greater protection to both the orthodontist and patient.

Both booklet and consent form have been carefully reviewed and approved by CAO attorneys.

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use YYO as the subject line. Voicemail orders can be placed 24 hours a day to 415-441-2416. Fax an order form to 415-441-5683. The cost is \$110 for a minimum order of 100 for CAO

members, \$125 for non-members. Bulk discounts are available for orders over 500 with additional discounts for orders over 1,000. Shipping costs are added to all orders.



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Highlights of Programs and Activities

Inside CAO

By Mike Huckins

Associate Executive Director

Here's the inside scoop on organizational activities since our last issue of *California Orthodontist*.

Legislative Committee Chair Gary Baughman of Stockton and committee members Butch Ehrler, Rialto; Robert Hambleton, Pasadena; Earl Johnson, Mill Valley; Greg Johnson, Irvine; Jim Peck, Fair Oaks; Mike Payne, Sacramento; and Norm Jacobson, Salinas, met at the California Dental Association offices in Sacramento on December 5, 2003 and have made a commitment to addressing legislative concerns. The committee plans to

actively track bills, develop CAO position statements, and advocate for legislation that is perceived as beneficial to CAO members.

Full Dental Board As one of his last official acts, Governor Gray Davis filled the remaining slots on the Dental Board. This has raised some concern as it increased the number of anti-amalgamists on that Board. See Earl Johnson's update on page 9.

State Funded Programs With the enormous, multi-year state deficit still looming, there may be additional 10% cutbacks to state-funded programs in the next fiscal year.

COMDA RDA Certification Documentation for X-ray safety and coronal polishing is being required by January 2005 in order for RDAs to continue performing their duties. This was addressed and confirmed at the January COMDA meeting. We will advocate for a more reasonable solution, including the option of grandfathering those RDAs who have previously performed such duties.

Specialty Advertising Lawsuit Implant dentistry has filed a lawsuit against the existing California specialty advertising law (AB1026). CDA conducted a patient perception survey which indicates that general dentists' specialty advertising is misleading. CAO's Board has emphatically stated that the existing California law be maintained.

Website Redesign The Website Redesign Committee, led by Rich Savage of Anaheim Hills, is currently reviewing and receiving feedback on the new website page mock ups. We anticipate testing the new version this spring and having it available for member access later in the year.

Interpretive Services for Limited

English Proficiency For limited English-proficient (LEP) persons participating in federally funded programs, orthodontic practices may be required to offer interpretive services at the initial visit. Utilizing a bilingual friend or family member to translate or providing written materials in that person's primary language are acceptable options, but they may not be available or considered acceptable alternatives by the LEP person. This new requirement has had an impact on medical practices that participate in Medicare. CAO will monitor new guidelines and keep you posted.

You and Your Orthodontist Just another reminder that the new version is out! See pages 5 and 6.

The Shark Riddle from our last issue "Would a great white shark, upon applying 14,000 pounds of pressure when biting the bottom of Mike's ocean kayak, require orthodontic care?"

Answer: No, sharks would not require orthodontic care – although from an extreme sport perspective, it might be fun, if not dangerous, to coax such a challenging patient. Any Jacques Cousteaus out there willing to try?

Why not orthodontics for sharks? Sharks have multiple rows of teeth, which they lose and regenerate on a regular basis, making the long-term application of braces and then retainers impractical. In addition, if you have ever seen the profile of a shark, they have a huge overbite which might cause alarm if observed on a human, but would be considered quite pleasing and a desired facial feature to other sharks.

Alas, the prospects for an underwater orthodontic practice seem limited. ❖

Getting to Solutions

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Perhaps most importantly, one of our own, orthodontist Bill Emmerson of Hemet is running for State Assembly in San Bernadino County (see article on page 1). When government and regulatory input do not succeed, what could be better than having an orthodontist to author legislation to help CAO members' practices excel?

Are You Part of the Solution?

Solutions begin with everyone and at every level. The next time you are tapped on the shoulder to give your time, expertise, or resources to your profession, please consider this request as an investment that benefits all. The rewards will come back to you in professional contacts, a greater knowledge of our spectrum of care, and knowing that you are resolving concerns that will benefit your practice and the orthodontic profession in meaningful ways. ❖

Delta Dental Update

Simplified Filing Fees On Their Way

by **Tom Thompson, DDS**

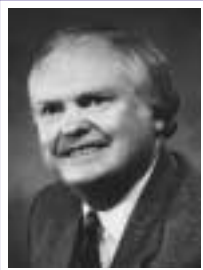
Delta Dental Committee Chair

Delta Dental's Department of Managed Care seems likely to approve a new, simpler method for filing fees in the very near future according to Michael Ginley, Vice President of

Professional Relations for Delta Dental Plan of California (DDPC). In fact, if all goes well, the new procedure notice may arrive in Delta provider offices before this newsletter. At the very least, members should receive the 45-day notice of the new procedure activation by early spring.

For members who are eligible to file for new Delta Dental fees, we recommend that you do it NOW and not wait for the arrival of this new filing procedure. The present composite fee system is flexible and will evaluate a range at the 80th percentile.

Once the simplified fee filing procedure is in place, CAO will be interested in knowing how it is working for you. To provide feedback, contact either Mike Huckins at the CAO office by phone at 415-441-4697 or via email mike@prollins-associates.com. Contact me at thcortho@hotmail.com or call 559-448-9870. ❖



Tom Thompson, DDS

Emmerson

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If your practice is within the 63rd Assembly District, I am requesting that you place a sign and/or campaign literature in your office where your patients can read it. If you live in the district, place a lawn sign in your yard and ask you neighbors to do the same. The 63rd Assembly district consists of the following cities: Fontana, Grand Terrace, Highgrove, Loma Linda, Moreno Valley, Rancho Cucamonga, Redlands, Riverside, San Bernardino, Upland, and Yucaipa.

This race is expected to be one of the most highly contested legislative races in the state and potentially one of the most expensive. Bill's primary opponent has already put \$100,000 of his own money into his campaign and is willing to spend whatever it takes to beat Bill.

Many members of CAO have already written checks to support Bill, and for that he is thankful. However, he still needs our help! Please help support his campaign by sending a check payable to Bill Emmerson for Assembly and mail to P.O. Box 7607, Redlands, CA 92375.

Bill is walking precincts introducing himself to the voters. Nothing leaves more of an impression on a voter than personal contact by a candidate. Unfortunately, Bill will not be able to knock on every door in the district and needs volunteers. I am requesting that you volunteer a couple of hours on a Saturday or Sunday to walk a neighborhood on his behalf. I know Bill would appreciate it. Several dentists did this in Northern California when Dr. Sam Aanestad ran for the Senate seat he now holds, and it proved to be quite effective.

The election is only weeks away and your help is crucial. Please log onto Bill's website www.billemmerson.com and sign up or send a contribution. Together, we can help Bill's dream come true. For that, we will all share in the victory. ❖

New CE Offerings

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on this retreat in future issues of the *California Orthodontist*.

Members who responded to the electronic survey conducted by CAO in early 2003 have provided a road map for creating the new projects described above. The CEC sincerely thanks all those who provided their valuable input.

Regional Meetings Continue

The CEC also continues to coordinate staff lectures held concurrently with PCSO regional meetings in northern and southern California. The upcoming dates and topics for regional meetings in June and November/December are found in the Meetings Calendar on page 3.

Kudos to the Committee

2004 promises to be an exciting year. The CEC's mission of providing excellent continuing education for the entire orthodontic team is stronger than ever before. The committee is made up of volunteer orthodontists as well as members of orthodontic office staff teams, a unique structure in CAO. It continues to work hard to fulfill the educational needs of orthodontists their staff members.

The committee is composed of CAO members Paul Kasrovi, Berkeley, (Chair); Brad Baker, Escondido; Traci Fernandes, Arroyo Grande; Glenn Frial, Laguna Niguel; Kelly Giannetti, Sacramento; and Mike Lyons, Fullerton. In addition, orthodontic staff members who serve include Debbie Curiel from the office of Terrie Yoshikane in Encinitas; and Cindy Ramirez and Ruby Roach from Tom Thompson's office in Fresno. ❖

Dental Board of California Report

Mixed Reviews for Dental Board

by **Earl Johnson, DDS**

CAO Liaison to the Dental Board of California



Earl Johnson, DDS

Good news and not-such good news follow the most recent meetings of the Dental Board of California. Here is a summary of their decisions from both their

November and January sessions.

Expanded Regulations for the Registered Dental Assistant

On the good-news side of the equation, the board gave its final approval to the latest regulation changes for Registered Dental Assistants. Once the new state administration approves these changes, RDAs may

- Size, fit, adjust, intra-orally fabricate, and temporarily cement and remove temporary crowns
- Size, fit, adjust, pre-position, cure in dentist-approved position of and remove orthodontic bands and/or brackets
- Take face bow transfers and bite registrations
- Take impressions for space-maintaining appliances, orthodontic appliances, and occlusal guards

In addition, after completion of board-approved courses, an RDA now may

- Perform coronal polishing
- Remove excess cement from coronal surfaces of teeth under orthodontic treatment by means of an ultrasonic scaler

- Apply pit and fissure sealants

We should note, however, that several additional steps must take place before these regulation changes can take effect. Things look good, but the coast is not yet completely clear.

Dental Materials Fact Sheet

Still no consensus here. The existing "Dental Materials Fact Sheet" that had been produced by the previous Dental Board was sent to committee for a complete rewrite many months ago. After much controversy and discussion, the current re-revised "Fact Sheet" was presented to the board for approval. Following heated discussion, the Fact Sheet was returned again to committee for yet another revision.

Board Membership

The California Dental Board now has a full compliment of members. At the eleventh hour, departing Governor Davis filled the four remaining empty positions. A periodontist, a general dentist, and two lay members were added which bring the board to a full compliment. All of the board appointments are at the will of the new governor. Schwarzenegger may or may not alter the makeup of the existing board. Time will tell.

Changes – Again – to Minimum Standards for Infection Control

Regulations involving the Minimum Standards for Infection Control are still in the process of being clarified and modified.

The process is frustrating. At the last

meeting, it was indicated that semi-critical instruments did not have to be bagged before sterilization. Now, this has been reversed. At this point, semi-critical instruments will need to be bagged before sterilization, just as critical instruments do.

Bottom line: Mouth mirrors will need to be processed the same as needles, Bard Parker blades, etc.

In addition:

- All high and low speed hand pieces and any reusable air/water syringe tips and ultrasonic scaler tips must be heat sterilized between patients.
- Semi-critical instruments (surgical and other instruments that are not used to penetrate soft tissue or bone but contact oral tissue) or containers of semi-critical instruments (cassettes) sterilized by heat or vapor method must be stored in a manner to prevent cross-contamination. Note: They do need to be wrapped or bagged before sterilization.
- All critical instruments (surgical and other instruments used to penetrate soft tissue or bone) still need to be bagged or wrapped before sterilization.

A Chance to Speak Up

There will be regulatory hearings before the board takes a final vote on these infection control modifications. Do mouth mirrors present the same risk as surgical blades? Is there only one way to prevent cross contamination of semi-critical instruments? The Board's current version is stricter than the recently released revised CDC recommendations. Is this indicated, prudent, or logical? Let the board know how you feel! Write a letter to the Board or attend a hearing! Feel free to contact me at earljohnsondds@comcast.net if you would like more information. ❖

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- 2. By email** to info@caortho.org. Use YYO as the subject line.
- 3. By phone voicemail**, 24 hours a day, to 415-441-2416.
- 4. By fax** to 415-441-5683. Use the order form on page 6.

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