

Coming Up/On Deck:

[ADVOCATE VIA PODCAST](#)

[JOIN US WEDNESDAY
FOR A WEBINAR ON
REGENERATING
TENDONS AND
LIGAMENTS](#)

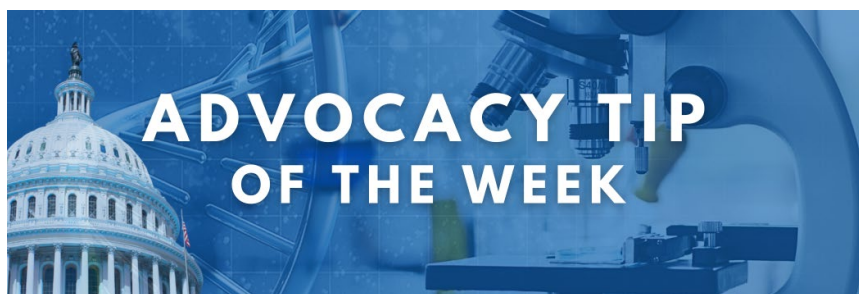
[ENTER THE BUSINESS
INNOVATION
COMPETITION AT THE
ORS 2026 ANNUAL
MEETING](#)

[AWARD OPPORTUNITIES
- SUBMISSIONS DUE
FRIDAY](#)

Also in This Issue:

[LOCAL OUTREACH AND
NETWORKING](#)

Advocate Via Podcast



You can be an advocate via podcast! Bone Health and Osteoporosis Foundation (BHOFF) is looking for academic researchers to appear on their podcast, [Bone Talk](#). This opportunity is a great way to advocate for orthopaedic research by giving the public and key decision makers access to your scientific story. If you're interested, [email Claire Gill](#), CEO of BHOFF. Also, check out the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons (AAOS) [AAOS Advocacy Podcast Series](#), which offers deep insights on health policy and research advocacy by experts in the field. Finally, you may enjoy a recent episode of [This Academic Life](#), which featured a former NIH program officer who was caught up in the thousands that were laid off from the federal government earlier this year.

The [Advocacy Tip of the Week](#) is produced by Ryan Tomlinson, PhD and Sade Williams Clayton, PhD of the ORS Public Outreach Committee. This regular feature will provide you with quick and simple actions you can take to advocate for and promote scientific research. If you have a tip you would like to contribute, please email ryan.tomlinson@jefferson.edu.

[THE CALL FOR
ABSTRACTS IS OPEN FOR
THE PSRS SYMPOSIUM](#)

[OREF GRANT, AWARD
AND FELLOWSHIP
OPPORTUNITIES](#)

[REGISTER FOR THE
ICORS 2025 WORLD
CONGRESS](#)

[ARTICLE SUBMISSIONS
FOR *JOR* SPECIAL ISSUE](#)

[ORS SWEATERS
AVAILABLE](#)

[FIND YOUR NEXT
OPPORTUNITY AT THE
ORS CAREER CENTER](#)

[FIND OR POST EVENTS
ON THE ORTHOPAEDIC
EVENTS CALENDAR](#)

**Join Us Wednesday for a Webinar on Regenerating Tendons
and Ligaments**



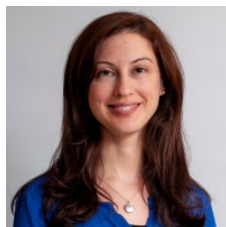
**A Tendon-cy to Heal:
Regenerating Tendons and Ligaments in Zebrafish**

This Wednesday, September 24, 2025

12:00 PM - 1:00 PM Central

This webinar will present state-of-the-art research in tendon and ligament regeneration using the zebrafish model system. Thomas Schilling, PhD will introduce zebrafish as a model system and the advantages it offers to studying the intricacies of tendon and ligament cell biology. Jenna Galloway, PhD and Joanna Smeeton, PhD will present on tendon and ligament regeneration. Webinars are free for ORS members.

Speakers:



Jenna Galloway, PhD

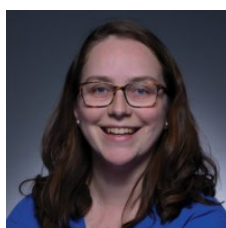
Associate Professor

Laurie and Mason Tenaglia MGH Research Scholar 2022-2027

Department of Orthopedic Surgery

Massachusetts General Hospital

Harvard Medical School



Joanna Smeeton, PhD

H.K. Corning Assistant Professor of Rehabilitation Medicine Research

Department of Rehabilitation and Regenerative Medicine, Columbia Stem
Cell Initiative
Columbia University

Speaker and Organizer:



Thomas Schilling, PhD

Professor

Department of Developmental and Cell Biology
University of California, Irvine

Organized by:



Nathaniel Dymont, PhD

Associate Professor

Departments of Orthopaedic Surgery and Bioengineering
University of Pennsylvania

Organized by:

The ORS Tendon Research Section

[Register](#)

--

Also Coming Soon:

Introduction to Orthopaedic Implant Infection

Wednesday, October 1, 2025

12:00 PM - 1:00 PM Central

This webinar will cover the fundamentals of orthopaedic implant infection. Attendees will leave with an understanding of the challenges that infection plays in the implant space as well as the science that governs these challenges. The webinar will set the stage for our in-

person workshop at the ORS 2026 Annual Meeting that will focus more on applications of mitigating risk, diagnosis, and treatment of infection.

Organized by:

The ORS Orthopaedic Implants Research Section

[Register](#)

--

Meniscus Matters: The Asian Chapter

Wednesday, October 8, 2025

7:00 PM - 8:00 PM Central

As part of our continued efforts to advance the global science of meniscus research, the ORS Meniscus Research Section launches the next installment of our webinar series focusing on clinical standards in meniscus repair in the USA and Japan. This session will bring together leading clinicians from both countries to compare treatment approaches, share best practices, and foster collaboration. Creating a platform for dialogue across borders strengthens global connections and inspires new directions in clinical care and research for the meniscus community.

Organized by:

The ORS Meniscus Research Section

[Register](#)

--

Biostatistics Webinar on Novel Methods in Musculoskeletal Research

Wednesday, October 29, 2025

12:00 PM - 1:30 PM Central

Rigorous application of biostatistics in reliable clinical research ensures that conclusions drawn are valid, reproducible, and useful for improving care in orthopaedics. Xiaoxiao Sun, PhD, Associate Professor, University of Arizona, and Joel Gagnier, MSc, PhD, Associate

Professor, Western University Canada will present on applied biostatistics in orthopaedic studies. They will lead a discussion on propensity score analyses in clinical research and statistical and machine learning approaches for modeling longitudinal multimodal data.

Organized by:

The ORS Strategies in Clinical Research Section

[Register](#)

Enter the Business Innovation Competition at the ORS 2026 Annual Meeting



The call for submissions is open for the Business Innovation Competition (BIC) at the ORS 2026 Annual Meeting. The Annual Meeting will take place March 27-31 in Charlotte, NC, and will bring together attendees of all career levels and disciplines to connect and explore the latest innovations in orthopaedics. The Business Innovation Competition will provide the opportunity for those with a great idea in the field of musculoskeletal research to validate the market potential of their technology and develop a commercialization plan through expert mentorship and feedback to assist in translating their ideas from bench to market. This program is ideal for early-stage companies, clinicians, researchers, and students of all levels. All participants are required to submit an **Executive Summary, which will be due October 10.**

[Submit Your Executive Summary](#)

Award Opportunities - Submissions Due Friday



The following awards are now open for submissions. Keep an eye on this space in future issues of *ORS Connect*, as we will be updating the opportunities regularly. Please note that all submissions are due at 11:59 PM Central on each listed due date.

Due Friday - [The Farshid Guilak Outstanding Achievement in Mentoring Award](#) celebrates the commitment of outstanding mentors in the ORS community who promote the success of new investigators in the pursuit of independent orthopaedic research. This *Outstanding Achievement in Mentoring Award* was renamed in recognition of Dr. Guilak's vast contributions in helping musculoskeletal researchers to advance their careers. **Nominations are due this Friday, September 26.**

Due Friday - [The Marshall R. Urist, MD Award](#) is a \$5,000 award that honors an investigator who has a sustained ongoing body of focused research in tissue regeneration as it relates to the musculoskeletal system. **Submissions are due this Friday, September 26.**

[ORS Fellows](#) have demonstrated exemplary service and leadership, substantial achievement, expert knowledge, and significant contributions to the ORS, its governance, and the field of musculoskeletal research. Fellows will represent ORS as the thought leaders and topic experts in their respective disciplines. **Submissions are due September 30.**

The ORS Meniscus Section proudly presents the inaugural **[ORS Meniscus Momentum Award](#)** to honor a mid-career investigator who has demonstrated impactful research

contributions to the meniscus field, as well as excellence in collaboration, mentorship, innovation, and service to the ORS Meniscus Section. **Submissions are due November 10.**

[Read About All Awards](#)

Local Outreach and Networking



The ORS Ambassadors promote our organization and musculoskeletal research by hosting and attending various networking events throughout the world. The Ambassadors are currently involved with the following event:

Aurora, CO - [7th Annual D'Ambrosia Orthopedic Symposium](#)

This event will include pre-and post-doctoral trainee presentations, two poster sessions, keynote lecture, and awards.

October 22, 2025, 9:00 AM - 7:00 PM

University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus, 1890 N. Revere Ct., Aurora, CO and via Zoom.

Hosts: Michael David, PhD - Associate Chair, ORS Ambassadors, and Honey Hendesi, PhD - ORS Ambassador

Registration is required and a virtual attendance option is available.



The recent ORS Ambassador event in Sundance, UT was a great success. Anton Bowden, PhD, Chair, ORS Ambassadors, hosted the ORS Ambassador Regional Symposium Poster Session. The event was part of SOARS, which was held in conjunction with the co-located annual Summit hosted by Summit Brain, Spine and Orthopedics. 150 event attendees visited 26 research posters from 7 different institutions and representing 15 different labs. Thanks to all who participated.

[Learn More](#)

The Call for Abstracts is Open for the PSRS Symposium

Philadelphia Spine Research Society (PSRS) Symposium

Friday, November 7, 2025 | University of Delaware, Newark, DE

The call for abstract submissions is now open for the 2025 Philadelphia Spine Research Society (PSRS) Symposium. The event will be held on Friday, November 7, 2025, at the University of Delaware, FinTech Innovation Hub in Newark, DE. This year marks the 20th anniversary of the Philadelphia Spine Research Society's founding. The program will include keynote talks from clinicians, research leaders, scientists, and students. The meeting will cover all areas of spine research, from basic to clinical, and encompass the broad areas of development, pathophysiology, aging, pain, diagnostics, and therapeutics. **Abstracts are due October 10, 2025.**

[Submit Your Abstract for PSRS](#)

OREF Grant, Award and Fellowship Opportunities



OREF has a variety of funding, educational and award opportunities available, including support for NIH K Award recipients, recognition for outstanding research, and leadership skill development. Visit the OREF website for more information.

[Learn More](#)

Register for the ICORS 2025 World Congress



Registration is open for the International Combined Orthopaedic Research Societies (ICORS) 2025 World Congress. The event will take place October 8-11 in Adelaide, Australia. ICORS is an alliance of societies that promotes basic, translational, and clinical musculoskeletal research worldwide. The ICORS World Congress takes place every three years. A range of primary fields of research will be represented, including: biology, biomechanics, clinical, imaging, and tissue engineering.

[Register](#)

Article Submissions for JOR Special Issue



The *Journal of Orthopaedic Research (JOR)* has an open call for a special issue:

Tendon from Mechanism to Therapy – Emerging Technologies and Therapeutic Outcomes

This special issue will build on the ORS Tendon Conference 2024 Mechanism to Therapy – Emerging Technologies and Therapeutic Outcomes hosted by Mayo Clinic on May 30-June 1, 2024. The issue will contain perspectives, reviews, and original research papers that developed around the Tendon Conference and recent Tendon Section areas of interest. This issue will serve as a valuable resource for researchers, trainees, and investigators new to tendon research, while also fostering collaborations between experts in the field. The guest editors for this issue will be Anne Gingery, PhD (Mayo Clinic) and Karin Grävare Silbernagel, PT, ATC, PhD, FAPTA (University of Delaware). **The deadline for submissions has been extended until December 31, 2025.**

You can submit your article for the special issue via the link below. Be sure to answer “yes” to the question, “Is this submission for a special issue?” Then select "Tendon from Mechanism to Therapy" from the drop-down menu.

[Submit Your Article](#)

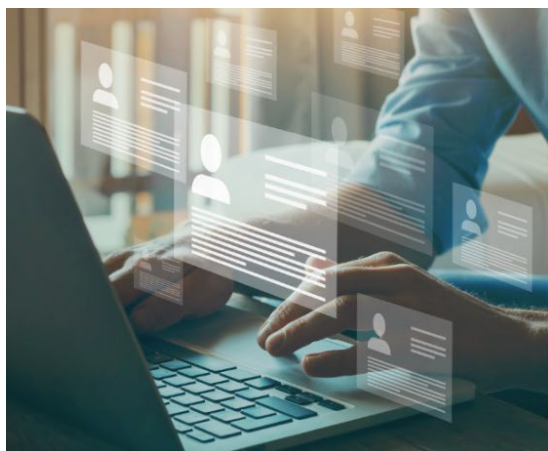
ORS Sweaters Available



This beautiful, blue, cozy 1/4 zip ORS sweater is now available. Perfect for cool evenings, the sweater is also a great way to share your support for the organization and your enthusiasm for musculoskeletal research. You can order your own sweater now via the link below.

[Order Today](#)

Find Your Next Opportunity at the ORS Career Center



ORS Career Center

Search All Locations 
[Advanced Search](#)

Check out the ORS Career Center to post jobs, post a resume, create a profile, find jobs, apply, or sign up for job alerts. The Career Center offers: Career Coaching, Resume Writing, Reference Testing, and a Career Learning Center. Check out this important resource today.

[Visit the ORS Career Center](#)

Find or Post Events
on the Orthopaedic Events Calendar



The Orthopaedic Events Calendar on the ORS website lists events that are of potential interest to those in the orthopaedic community. ORS Members are welcome to submit applicable events at no charge through the Submit Event button at the top of the calendar on the site. This is an excellent opportunity to spread the word about your orthopaedic-related events, ensuring they reach a wider and engaged audience.

[Find or Post Events](#)

Mark Your Calendar!

[Webinar: A Tendon-cy to Heal - Regenerating Tendons and Ligaments in Zebrafish](#)

This Wednesday, September 24, 2025

12:00 PM - 1:00 PM Central

[Webinar: Introduction to Orthopaedic Implant Infection](#)

Wednesday, October 1, 2025

12:00 PM - 1:00 PM Central

[ORS 2025 Clinician Scholar Career Development Program](#)

October 2 - 4, 2025

Rosemont, IL

[International Combined Orthopaedic Research Societies \(ICORS\) Congress 2025](#)

October 8 - 11, 2025

Adelaide, Australia

[Webinar: Meniscus Matters - The Asian Chapter](#)

October 8, 2025

7:00 PM - 8:00 PM Central

[Executive Summaries Due for the Business Innovation Competition at the ORS 2026 Annual Meeting](#)

October 10, 2025

[Abstracts Due for the 2025 Philadelphia Spine Research Society \(PSRS\) Symposium](#)

October 10, 2025

[ORS 2025 Young Investigator Initiative \(YII\)](#)

October 17 - 19, 2025

Rosemont, IL

[ORS Ambassadors Event: 7th Annual D'Ambrosia Orthopedic Symposium](#)

October 22, 2025

9:00 AM - 7:00 PM Mountain

Aurora, CO

[Webinar: Biostatistics - Novel Methods in Musculoskeletal Research](#)

October 29, 2025

12:00 PM - 1:30 PM Central

[The 2025 Philadelphia Spine Research Society \(PSRS\) Symposium](#)

November 7, 2025

Newark, DE

[Submissions Due for JOR Special Issue: Tendon from Mechanism to Therapy – Emerging Technologies and Therapeutic Outcomes](#)

December 31, 2025

[ORS 2026 Annual Meeting](#)

March 27 - 31, 2026

Charlotte, NC

[Dates, Events, and People in Orthopaedic History](#)

We would like to continue to note important people, dates, and accomplishments in the history of orthopaedics in *ORS Connect*. If you have something or someone that should be recognized, particularly around days, weeks, or months of a specific dedication, please **[click here](#)** to submit your information.



Orthopaedic Research Society

9400 W. Higgins Road, Ste. 225
Rosemont, Illinois 60018

(847) 823-5770

ors@ors.org

Connect with ORS on Social Media:

Facebook

Twitter (X)

LinkedIn

TikTok

Instagram

Bluesky

Orthopaedic Research Society • 9400 West Higgins Road, Suite 225, Rosemont, Illinois 60018, United States • [8478235770](tel:8478235770)

powered by  MemberClicks
