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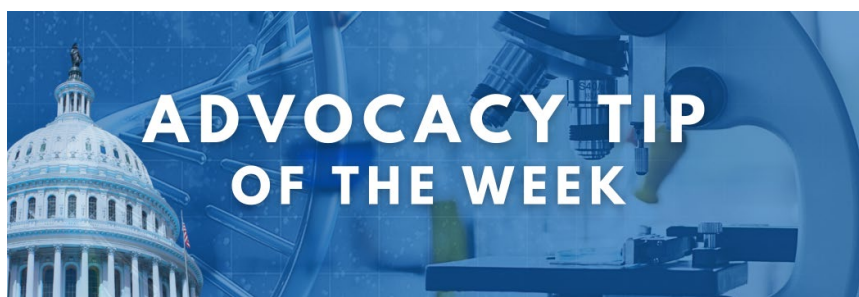
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**Immediate Action Needed:
Write to Congress Today**



Congress has proposed research funding for FY2026, but your help is needed right now to urge lawmakers to pass the budget before tomorrow's midnight deadline. If Congress does not pass any of the 12 appropriations bills for FY2026 by tomorrow, September 30 at midnight, a government shutdown will begin, further disrupting biomedical research and slowing critical innovations. Please take a few moments today to urge your Representatives and Senators to pass the budget on time. AIMBE (American Institute for Medical and Biological Engineering) has prepared a letter template you can quickly personalize and send to your Senators and Representatives. It will only take a few moments to make your voice heard, but your action can have invaluable impact. Thanks to Jason Marvin, PhD - AIMBE Director, Outreach and Engagement, and ORS Member for providing this important action item.

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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.

Join Us Wednesday for a Webinar on Implant Infection



Introduction to Orthopaedic Implant Infection

This Wednesday, October 1, 2025

12:00 PM - 1:00 PM Central

Join us this Wednesday for a webinar that 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. Webinars are free for ORS Members.

Speakers:



Lauren Priddy, PhD

Associate Professor

Biomedical Engineering Program

Department of Agricultural and Biological Engineering

Mississippi State University



Amber Jennings, PhD

Associate Professor

Department of Biomedical Engineering

University of Memphis

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Josh Roth, PhD

Assistant Professor

Department of Orthopedics and Rehabilitation, Mechanical Engineering
University of Wisconsin-Madison



Nikita Iyer

Medical Student

Temple University

Organized by:

The ORS Orthopaedic Implants Research Section

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Also Coming Soon:

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

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**Global Perspectives on Orthopaedic Research:
Balancing Research and Clinical Practice**

Friday, October 17, 2025
11:00 AM - 12:00 PM Central

There is a wealth of clinical data related to orthopaedic disease and treatment. However, there is a knowledge gap in how to formalize such data in research and communicate it with the broader orthopaedic community. In a joint effort, the ORS Scientific Communications Committee, the International Federation of Musculoskeletal Research Societies (IFMRS), and the Tanzania Orthopaedic Association (TOA), will present a webinar to address these research challenges. This second webinar in our *Global Perspectives* series will feature leading voices in the field who will provide guidance on balancing research and clinical practice. The webinar has been developed for the benefit of practicing physicians, clinicians, and orthopaedic researchers, with a special focus on the East African region.

Organized in Partnership:

**The ORS Scientific Communications Committee,
The International Federation of Musculoskeletal Research Societies (IFMRS),
and the Tanzania Orthopaedic Association (TOA)**

Supported by:

The Orthopaedic Trauma Association (OTA)

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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

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Beyond the Bench: Translating Skeletal Muscle Research with Large Animal Models

Wednesday, November 5, 2025

12:00 PM - 1:00 PM Central

This webinar will discuss the complexities and challenges associated with using various animal models for skeletal muscle research. Leading experts in the field will provide best practices for designing translational studies, leveraging the strengths of different models, developing new tools and techniques for large animal research, and addressing the limitations that arise when bridging the gap between small and large animal research.

Organized by:

The ORS Preclinical Models Research Section and the ORS Skeletal Muscle 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 - Fellows Submissions Due Tomorrow



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 Tomorrow - [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 tomorrow, 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.



Our most recent ORS Ambassador event took place in New York City. This sold out event at the Bella Union Rooftop Bar offered an excellent networking opportunity for the NYC orthopaedic community. Irina Heggli, PhD, ORS Ambassador, and Gabriella Bond, ORS Member, organized the event. Irina stated, "I'm delighted to share that the event was a great success. We had excellent attendance from institutions across the city, including many PIs. The venue was very well received, and participants



shared enthusiastic feedback throughout the evening."

Highlights included an overview of the benefits of ORS membership from longtime member James Iatridis, PhD, who described a "cohesive and focused community of musculoskeletal researchers that is particularly special during this dynamic and complicated time for science." We also had an introduction of the new ORS Skeletal Muscle Section from member Woojin Han, PhD, networking opportunities, raffles, games, giveaways, and much more.

Attendee Feedback:



"It was so fun to catch up with people I met at previous conferences and expand my network within the city, I can't wait for the next one! I loved the networking bingo!"

- *Maddie Gordon, ORS Member*



"What an incredible evening at the ORS networking mixer! Grateful for the enlightening conversations against the NY skyline."

- *Thomas Bina, President of EGSC*

"I really enjoyed catching up with familiar faces and meeting new ones across NYC's orthopaedic research community - the atmosphere was fantastic!"

- *Levon Rodriguez, ORS Member*

“The event was a wonderful way to meet people in the field and learn about the exciting research other groups are doing around the city!”

- *Dario Fucich, NYU Langone Orthopedics*

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Member Spotlight



Meet ORS Member Khizar Hayat, DVM. Khizar is a veterinarian from Pakistan, currently in the final phase of his PhD at City University of Hong Kong in collaboration with Cornell University. His research explores the bonding mechanisms between bone and calcified cartilage at the osteochondral junction, focusing on collagen fibrils and their role in joint integrity. His projects also include mapping the 3D orientation of collagen fibrils and investigating cartilage-specific cx43 knockout models for post-traumatic osteoarthritis and chondrocyte bioenergetics.

[Meet Khizar](#)

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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.

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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.

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Mark Your Calendar!

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12:00 PM - 1:00 PM Central

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

Starts This Thursday - October 2 - 4, 2025

Rosemont, IL

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October 8, 2025

7:00 PM - 8:00 PM Central

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October 8 - 11, 2025

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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.



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