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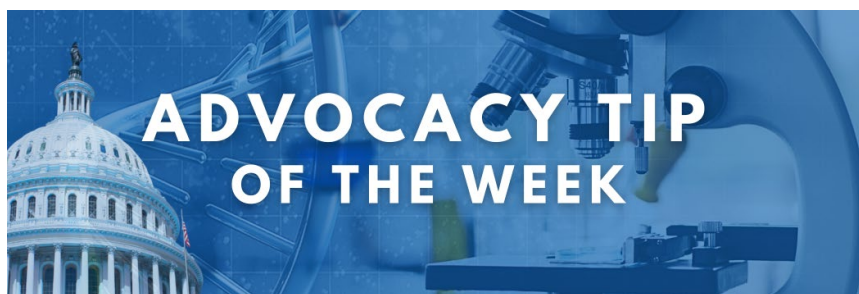
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Have you checked out the ORS YouTube channel? Visit the channel today, and be sure to like it and subscribe. You will not only stay up to date on new content, but you will also help amplify our collective voice in advancing musculoskeletal research. The channel regularly features videos that spotlight the incredible work of ORS members, and it hosts the official *Ask the Experts* video series, which covers topics of broad public interest, such as lower back pain and stem cell therapy. Sharing these videos is a simple way to support our outreach efforts and ensure that accurate, evidence-based information reaches patients, families, and the wider community.

[Visit the ORS YouTube Channel](#)

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.

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Join Us Friday for a Webinar on Global Perspectives: Balancing Research and Clinical Practice



Global Perspectives on Orthopaedic Research: Balancing Research and Clinical Practice

This Friday, October 17, 2025

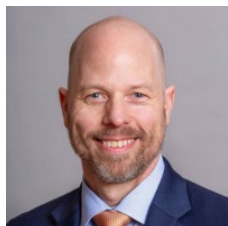
11:00 AM - 12:00 PM Central

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. Webinars are free for ORS Members.

Speakers:



Alexander Schade, BSc, MBBS, MRCS, MPH, PhD
Research Clinical Fellow, Malawi-Liverpool-Wellcome
Warwick Trauma and Orthopaedic Registrar ST6
University Hospitals Coventry and Warwickshire



Roger Cornwall, MD
Professor of Orthopedic Surgery and Developmental Biology
Research Faculty Director
Division of Orthopedic Surgery
Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center

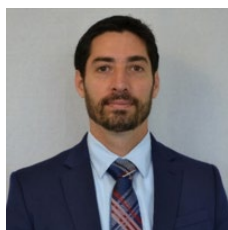
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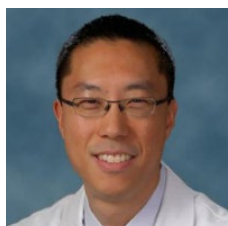
Federico Moscogiuri
Chief Executive Officer
International Federation of Musculoskeletal Research Societies (IFMRS)



Albert Macha, MD
Orthopaedic and Trauma Surgeon
Muhimbili Orthopaedic Institute



Hugo Giambini, PhD
Assistant Professor
Department of Biomedical Engineering
University of Texas San Antonio



Jaimo Ahn, MD, PhD
Professor
Department of Orthopaedics
Emory University School of Medicine



Amel Sassi, MD, MASc

Research Coordinator

Centre for Addiction and Mental Health Hospital



Giulia Crosio, PhD

Postdoctoral Researcher

Columbia University

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and the Tanzania Orthopaedic Association (TOA)**

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Also Coming Soon:

ORS Career Development Webinar: Navigating Industry Relationships

Wednesday, October 22, 2025

12:00 PM - 1:00 PM Central

Academic and industry partnerships can be highly fruitful and can lead to new scientific developments. This webinar will provide guidance for academic researchers on how to forge meaningful and productive industry relationships. Orthopaedic researchers of all stages, including early career, mid-career, and established investigators are encouraged to attend.

Organized by:

The ORS Career Development Committee and the ORS Industry Alliance Committee

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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

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The Call for Late-Breaking Abstracts is Now Open for the ORS 2026 Annual Meeting



The call for late-breaking abstracts is now open for 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 theme for the meeting ties in with the enthusiastic racing community in Charlotte - "Driving Research to Fuel Discovery." Don't miss your opportunity to help us shape the content of our organization's most important event. Submit your late-breaking abstract today. **Submissions are due November 10.**

[Submit Your Late-Breaking Abstract](#)

The call for proposals is open for the **Industry Innovations in MSK Health Session** which will take place at the ORS 2026 Annual Meeting. Following its successful launch at the 2025 Annual Meeting, this lunch-and-learn educational session will highlight specific technical advancements introduced to the market within the past two years by the orthopaedic industry. We are currently accepting proposals from all industry participants. (This is a separate call for proposals, which will be received and reviewed separately from our general

Annual Meeting call for abstracts.) Each accepted proposal will be allocated 10 minutes to present during the session. **Submissions are due November 17.**

[Submit Your Proposal for Industry Innovations](#)

Award Opportunities



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 Today - [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 today, October 13.**

Now Open - [ON Foundation /ORS Education Grants](#) provide \$500 to highly motivated and talented early career investigators to attend the ORS 2026 Annual Meeting, March 27-31, in Charlotte, NC. **Submissions are due November 28.**

Now Open - [The Dr. Peter Roughley Award](#), from the ORS Spine Research Section, provides \$2,000 to support travel for a mentor and trainee team researching spine, disc, and cartilage biology. The award is named in honor of the late Peter Roughley, PhD for his contributions to

proteoglycan research and its role in disc and cartilage structure and function. **Submissions are due December 15.**

Now Open - [The ON Foundation/ORS Orthoregeneration Award](#) provides \$1,000 to a young investigator based on outstanding tissue regeneration research that has been accepted for presentation at the ORS 2026 Annual Meeting. **Submissions are due January 10.**

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.**

[The ORS Implant Section Travel Scholarship](#) provides up to \$2,000 in support for student attendance at the ORS 2026 Annual Meeting. This award is intended to help offset travel costs for students presenting research relevant to orthopaedic implants. **Submissions are due November 19.**

[Read About All Awards](#)

The Call for Abstracts Has Been Extended for the PSRS Symposium

Philadelphia Spine Research Society (PSRS) Symposium

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

The call for abstract submissions has been extended 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 tomorrow, October 14.** [Registration](#) for the event is open now.

[Submit Your Abstracts for PSRS](#)

Another Successful CSCDP is in the Books



The Clinician Scholar Career Development Program (CSCDP) recently took place in Rosemont, IL. This annual workshop hosted 49 participants made up of orthopaedic residents, surgeons in fellowships, and junior faculty who plan to become clinician scholars. This talented group of participants worked alongside leading faculty members for a series of lectures, small group breakout discussions, networking meals, and panel discussions. CSCDP participants are selected through a highly competitive application process. Keep an eye on *ORS Connect* for information about applying for the 2026 event. Thank you to all who attended.

Here is what participants had to say:

"This is a space of incredibly qualified people who genuinely want to share what has worked for them and what hasn't, in order to mentor and sponsor the more junior clinician-scientists in attendance. The level of networking, both with people at levels far in advance of my current position, as well as with other resident clinician-scientists is unmatched. This conference felt

less like a weekend, and more like the start of the rest of my career. I came in with whatever qualified me to be here but am leaving with a plan and a vision for where I want to go."

- Ellen Lutnick, MD, Orthopaedic Surgery, PGY4,
University at Buffalo Dept. of Orthopaedics and Sports Medicine

"As an early-career academic surgeon, this program gave me valuable insight — helping me understand how to design and conduct quality research, approach funding opportunities strategically, and get meaningfully involved in academic initiatives. One of the most valuable aspects was the opportunity to directly interact with pioneers in orthopedic research and learn firsthand from their successes and challenges."

- Allen Kadado, MD, Nationwide Children's Hospital

"The CSCDP is an absolutely 'must attend' in my mind if you have any thought or aspiration of becoming a true orthopaedic clinician scientist."

- Conor N. O'Neill, MD, Fellow - Sports Medicine, Duke University Medical Center

"This program solidified my desire to pursue research and continue to evolve as a physician scientist. Listening to experts who have been successful and realizing it's about the process, not the destination is my biggest take home."

- Alejandro Marquez-Lara, MD, PhD, Atrium Health Wake Forest Baptist

"This year I have been doing a lot of self-reflection and being more intentional to figure out what I want and need for the next steps of my career. The CSCDP is exactly what I needed. From the first talk, it was immediately clear how invaluable the insights and support from this incredible community of surgeon-scientists are, and that has compounded with each session. I feel re-energized and have a sharper focus on my true north and my path to personal and professional success in this career."

- Camille Sullivan, MD, PhD, PGY-4, Orthopaedic Surgery

"This was truly an incredible experience, and it has ignited within me an even stronger desire and passion to continue pursuing and contributing to high-quality, impactful research in the field of orthopedics."

- Nacime Salomao Barbachan Mansur, MD, PhD,
Georgetown Union Memorial Hospital, MedStar Union Memorial Hospital

"After learning about CSCDP, I decided to apply for the 2024 event, like many others aspiring to become clinician-scientists. Unfortunately, my application was not accepted, and I initially felt discouraged from applying again. I was inspired to reapply for CSCDP 2025. To my delight, I was selected for this year's program with generous sponsorship from the North American Spine Society (NASS). Being part of this incredible group of aspiring clinician-scientists was a wonderful learning experience. I encourage colleagues not to lose heart if their application is not accepted the first time. This is an exceptional program, and their persistence will pay off."

-Vishwajeet Singh, MBBS, University of Kentucky

"CSCDP has given me the tools and network I need to launch a career in academic orthopaedics, providing me with key insights into how to balance competing clinical and research demands, identify funding opportunities, and navigate the career trajectory of a clinician scientist."

- Thompson Zhuang, MD, MBA, PGY-4,
Department of Orthopaedic Surgery, University of Pennsylvania

[Read More Comments About CSCDP](#)

Call for Member Nominations for Section Leadership



INTERNATIONAL SECTION
FRACTURE REPAIR

MENISCUS SECTION

ORTHOPAEDIC IMPLANTS

PRECLINICAL MODELS

Skeletal Muscle Section

Spine Section

STRATEGIES IN
CLINICAL RESEARCH

TENDON SECTION

The call for 2026 Member Nominations for Section Leadership is now open. Each ORS Section has various leadership positions available. This is a great opportunity for Members to get involved and assist in achieving their Section's initiatives. If you are a Section Member and you are interested in nominating yourself or a colleague for a role, please click the button below to fill out the form. If you have more than one nomination, please fill out a form for each. [CLICK HERE](#) for position descriptions. Positions are open to ORS Section Members in good standing.

Positions Available* Include:

- Chair-Elect
- Communications Chair
- Membership Chair
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- Education Chair
- Member-at-Large
- JOR Spine Liaison

**Please note that not all positions are available for all sections. See the nomination form for details.*

Nominations are due October 29, 11:59 PM Central.

[Submit Your Nomination](#)

This form is for the nomination of Section Leaders by Section Members. If you are interested in joining a Section, please [CLICK HERE](#).

Applications Due Tomorrow for a \$20K OREF Grant



Applications are due tomorrow, **October 14**, for the **OREF Mentored Clinician Scientist Grant** which provides \$20,000 for the development of new clinician scientists who have demonstrated success as both a clinician and a researcher.

[Apply Today](#)

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.

[Learn More](#)

Maximize Your Science Communication Skills



American Institute for Medical and Biological Engineering (AIMBE) invites you to their **Virtual SciComm & Engagement Workshop**. The workshop will take place October 23 at 1:00 PM Central, and will be led by Karl Leif Bates, Science Journalist and Former Executive Director of Research Communications. This introductory science session will provide an overview of essential science communication skills, with a focus on common challenges, and effective strategies. Participants will gain a practical understanding of how to apply these skills across various public engagement avenues, including commentary writing (e.g., Op-Eds), media interviews, short videos for social media, and more.

[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 is 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](#)

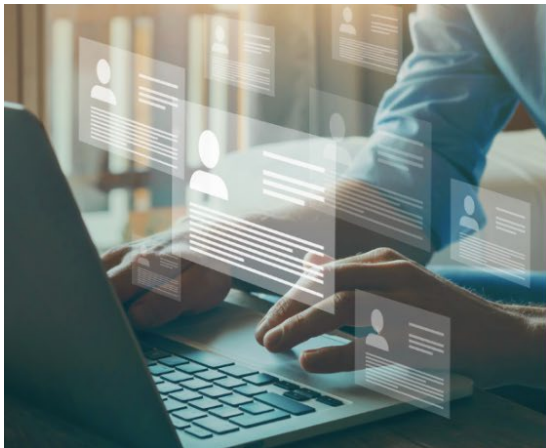
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This beautiful, blue, cozy 1/4 zip ORS sweater is now available. Perfect for cool evenings, the sweater is also a great way to share your support for the organization and your enthusiasm for musculoskeletal research. You can order your own sweater 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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[ORS 2025 Young Investigator Initiative \(YII\)](#)

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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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