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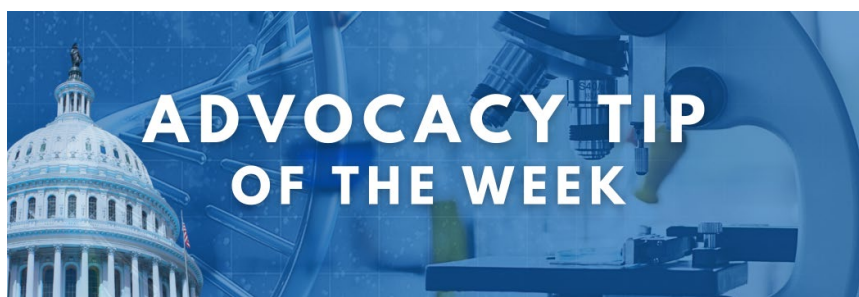
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**Take Action
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The American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS) has put together a fantastic “Take Action Toolkit” designed to help you engage, educate, and inspire. Whether you’re a seasoned advocate or just starting out, the toolkit provides practical resources to strengthen collaboration, communicate science effectively, and increase public understanding of how research impacts everyday life. Explore opportunities to connect with your community, share your expertise, and stand up for science - there’s something for every interest and schedule.

[Access the Toolkit](#)

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

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contribute, please email ryan.tomlinson@jefferson.edu.
[Please let us know if there is anything that you are doing](#) to
advocate for science.

Late-Breaking Abstracts Are Due Today for the ORS 2026 Annual Meeting



Due Today - Late-breaking abstracts are due today 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. This is your last chance to submit your abstract for the Annual Meeting. **Submissions are due today - Monday, November 10.**

[Submit Your Late-Breaking Abstract](#)

Now Open - The call for applications is now open for the **3rd Annual Postdoctoral Fellow Match Poster Session** which will take place at the Annual Meeting. This program will give ORS Trainee Members (senior graduate/medical students, and residents) the opportunity to present posters to highlight their experiences and goals for their postdoctoral training and careers. **Applications are due December 5.**

[Apply for the Postdoctoral Fellow Match Poster Session](#)

Now Open - The call for applications is now open for the **6th Annual Future Faculty Poster Session** which will take place at the Annual Meeting. This program will give ORS Post-Graduate Trainee Members (post-docs, residents, and fellows) the opportunity to present posters on their research in preparation for their first independent research faculty positions. **Applications are due December 5.**

[Apply for the Future Faculty Poster Session](#)

The call for proposals is open for the **Industry Innovations in MSK Health Session** which will take place at the 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](#)

ORS Board Nominations Due Friday



Nominations for the 2026 ORS Board of Directors are due this Friday. This is a great opportunity for qualified ORS Members to take their membership to the next level, and to contribute to the future of the organization. Board Directors contribute to the Board's responsibilities of establishing strategic direction, setting annual priorities, approving the annual operating budget, providing oversight ORS programs, and ensuring that bylaws, policies, and procedures support the effective and efficient operations of the Society.

Open Positions for 2026:

- 2nd Vice President (Must be an Engineer)
- Secretary
- Member-at-Large (Must be an Established Member)
- Advocacy Council Chair
- Sections Council Chair
- Research Council Chair

Nominations will be reviewed by the ORS Nominating Committee, and eligible nominees will be placed on a ballot that will be distributed to members for a vote later this year. Election results will be ratified by the Board. Newly elected Directors will take their seats on the Board at the close of the ORS 2026 Annual Meeting in Charlotte, NC at the end of March. If you are interested in any of these roles on the Board, or know of someone who deserves consideration, please fill out the form linked below. You can only submit one nominee for each position.

All nominations must be received by this Friday, November 14, 2025, at 11:59 PM Central.

Nominate an ORS Member for the Board

"I have met the most amazing people, from students all the way to masters in our fields, in my roles on the ORS Board. As a member of the Board, you help bring these member experiences and passions to life and shape the future of the ORS and its missions."

- Susan V. Bukata, MD, FAOA, FAAOS

Immediate Past President, ORS Board of Directors

Professor and Chair, UCSD Orthopaedics

Join Us to Learn the Latest About the ORS



ORS Members, please join us for the ORS Annual Membership Business Meeting. This is your opportunity to hear from ORS leadership as they share the financial state of the society, present membership data, and discuss what is new with the organization. You will learn more about the benefits and opportunities available to you as an ORS Member, and you will have the opportunity to ask questions or share your thoughts. We hope to see you there for this very important meeting.

ORS Annual Membership Business Meeting

December 10, 2025

11:00 AM - 12:00 PM Central

[Register](#)

Join Us Wednesday for a Webinar on Aging Animal Models



Animal Models of Aging 101: Insights, Limits, and Future Directions

This Wednesday - November 12, 2025

12:00 PM - 1:00 PM Central

This webinar will address the challenges of using aging animal models in musculoskeletal research, with the goal of building greater consensus and clarity in the field. We will provide perspectives on knee and spine osteoarthritis, review key literature, discuss how variability in age selection complicates cross-study comparisons, and showcase recent work on senescence and intervertebral disc degeneration. Attendees will learn about the challenges and opportunities that can guide more consistent and impactful study design in preclinical animal models of musculoskeletal research. Webinars are free for ORS Members.

Speakers:



Brian Diekman, PhD

Associate Professor

Lampe Joint Department of Biomedical Engineering

University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill



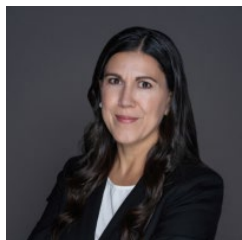
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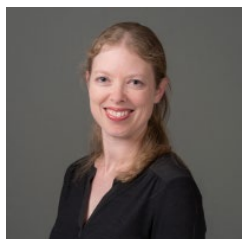


Maria Isabel Menendez Montes, DVM, PhD

Assistant Professor

Department of Orthopaedic Surgery

Washington University in St Louis



Annette McCoy, DVM, MS, PhD, DACVS

Associate Professor, Equine Surgery

University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign

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Also Coming Soon:

The Power of Patient Stories in MSK Research Development:

Aligning Innovation with Real-World Needs

Wednesday, November 19, 2025

12:00 PM - 1:00 PM Central

This webinar will highlight the vital role of patient advocacy in shaping musculoskeletal research and innovation and will showcase how patient narratives – especially from those living with chronic or complex MSK conditions – can identify overlooked clinical needs, inspire new research directions, and guide more human-centered solutions. Through case studies and a collaborative framework, speakers will demonstrate practical methods for embedding patient perspectives into translational research, clinical trial design, and technology development. Joe Musgrove, pitcher for the San Diego Padres, will share his experience recovering from his 2024 surgery and his personal rehab journey. We encourage MSK researchers, orthopaedic clinicians, tech transfer professionals, medical device entrepreneurs, patient engagement specialists, and regulatory or funding agency representatives seeking to align innovation with real-world needs to attend.

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**Award Opportunities,
One with Submissions Due Today**



The following awards are 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 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 today, Monday, 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.**

[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.**

[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.**

[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 International Section of Fracture Repair \(ISFR\) Lifetime Achievement Award](#)

honors a cutting-edge researcher and/or clinician scientist in the areas of fracture repair, bone regeneration, bone biology, or trauma. **Submissions are due January 12.**

[The ORS International Section of Fracture Repair \(ISFR\) Interdisciplinary Academic Exchange Grant](#)

provides \$5,000 for an ORS ISFR member to visit a research lab to collaborate and exchange knowledge in fracture repair and/or bone regeneration research. **Submissions are due January 12.**

[Read About All Awards](#)

ORS Member Spotlight



Meet Lidan You, PhD. Lidan is a professor in the department of mechanical and materials engineering at Queen's University and holds the Tier 1 Canada Research Chair in Cell Mechanics and Mechanobiology. She obtained her PhD from the City University of New York and completed postdoctoral training at Stanford University. Before joining Queen's, she held cross-appointed positions at the University of Toronto as the Erwin Edward Hart Professor in Mechanical and Industrial Engineering and as a Professor in the Institute of Biomedical Engineering.

[Meet Lidan](#)

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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](#)

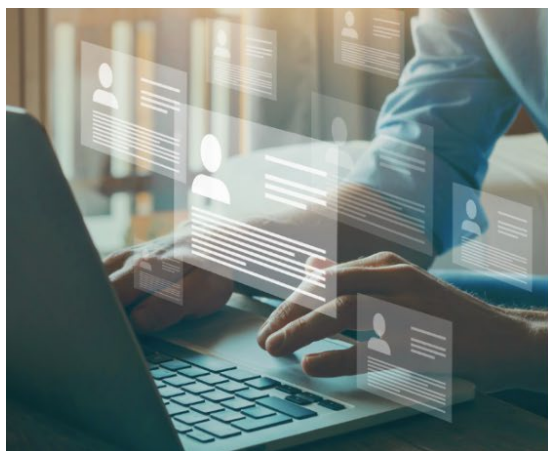
ORS Sweaters Available



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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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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