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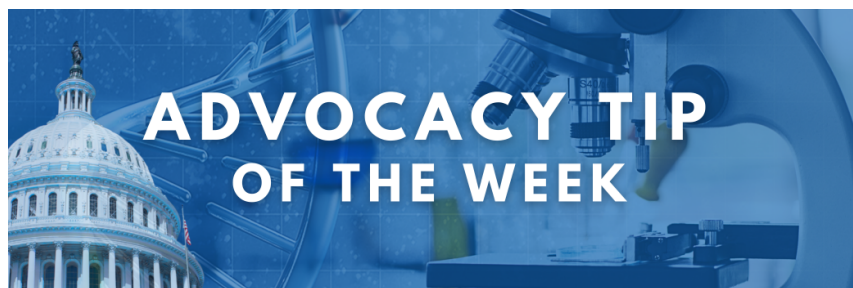
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Promote Science Policy



ADVOCACY TIP OF THE WEEK

Want to stay informed and engaged in science policy? The Federation of American Societies for Experimental Biology (FASEB) hosts bi-weekly Advocacy Town Halls - virtual meetings open to anyone interested in promoting science policy. These sessions provide updates from Capitol Hill, highlight concrete action items for the research community, and outline where and how to make an impact with outreach or advocacy efforts.

[Learn More or Register](#)

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. [Please let us know if there is anything that you are doing](#) to advocate for science.

Join Us for the Annual Business Meeting of the Membership

ORS Members, you're invited to attend the virtual ORS Annual Business Meeting of the Membership—your opportunity to hear directly from ORS leadership. We'll share an overview of the financial health of the organization (including confirmation of audit findings), the current state of membership, and a report from the president on recent Board actions, including adoption of Strategy 2030, and the identification of near-term strategic priorities.

You'll also learn more about the benefits and opportunities available to you as an ORS Member, with time for questions and open discussion.

We look forward to seeing you online for this important meeting.

ORS Annual Business Meeting of the Membership

December 10, 2025
11:00 AM - 12:00 PM Central

[Register](#)

Register for the ORS 2026 Annual Meeting, Poster Session Applications Due Friday



Registration is open for the ORS 2026 Annual Meeting. The 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." Be a part of our organization's most important event. Register today.

[Register](#)

[View the Schedule-at-a-Glance](#)

For those who submitted **Late-Breaking Abstracts**, please note that acceptance notices will be sent this Wednesday, December 3.

Due Friday - The call for applications is 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 this Friday, December 5.**

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

Due Friday - The call for applications is 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 this Friday, December 5.**

Apply for the Postdoctoral Fellow Match Poster Session

It's Time to Renew Your Membership for 2026



Thank you ORS Members for being a valued part of our organization. Your passion, commitment, and innovation continue to drive our mission forward. We hope you've enjoyed all the benefits of being part of the ORS community—and we're thrilled to share that membership in 2026 will be even better.

Big News!

Based on your feedback, we've expanded and upgraded ORS member benefits to deliver **more value, more access, and more opportunities** than ever before. Every member will now enjoy:

- **Access to all eight ORS Research Sections** – explore new areas and collaborations without limits.
- **Full LearnORS access** – dive into a rich library of online, on-demand education and professional development resources.
- **More Annual Meeting access** – enjoy additional sessions and experiences, now included with your registration.
- **Advocacy resources** – engage in the issues shaping the future of orthopaedic research.

These new benefits—**valued at over \$1,200**—are included at every membership level. Plus, your **ORS 2026 Annual Meeting registration** now includes the most popular networking events **and lunch on Saturday and Sunday**—making it easier than ever to connect, collaborate, and recharge.

Your ORS Membership Includes:

- Discounted registration for meetings and events, including the **ORS 2026 Annual Meeting, March 27–31 in Charlotte, NC**
- Access to more events and sessions at the Annual Meeting
- Full LearnORS access: online education, webinars, and video library year-round
- Membership in **any** ORS Research Section
- Eligibility for prestigious **awards and grants**

- Online subscriptions to the **Journal of Orthopaedic Research (JOR)** and **Journal of Orthopaedic Research – Spine (JORS)**, plus opportunities to publish
- **Free** manuscript submission to *JOR*
- 20% discount on *JORS* manuscript submissions
- Networking and leadership opportunities across the orthopaedic research community
- Advocacy tools, volunteer opportunities, and access to the ORS Career Center—at discounted rates
- And much more...

You have the option to renew or join as part of the registration process for the ORS 2026 Annual Meeting. You can also renew or join without registering for the event.

[Renew/Join and Register](#)

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Award Opportunities



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.

[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 December 12.**

[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](#)

JORS Editor's Pick



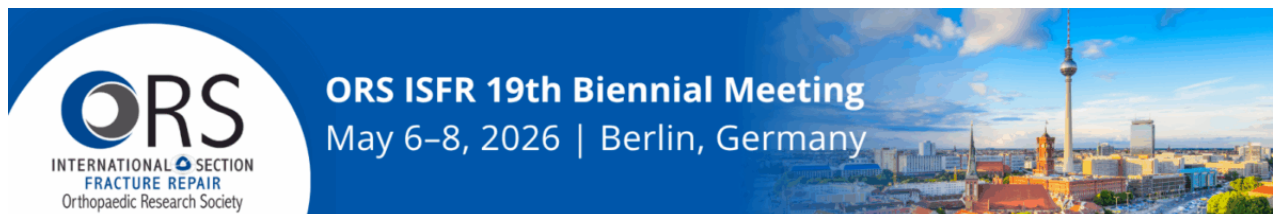
High-Resolution 3-Dimensional Micro-CT Imaging of Intervertebral Discs Using a Novel Contrast Agent

Journal of Orthopaedic Research - Spine, Published: October 7, 2025

The nucleus pulposus (NP) in the intervertebral disc (IVD) is the first structure to exhibit degenerative changes during IVD degeneration (IDD). Currently, micro-computed tomography (micro-CT) imaging of the NP is a limiting factor in detecting IDD at an early stage. While contrast-enhanced micro-CT has been investigated, an effective contrast agent for IVD has not been identified. This study investigates potassium iodide (KI) as an effective contrast agent for micro-CT-based IVD visualization across multiple animal models to study IDD.

[Read More](#)

The Call for Abstracts is Open for ISFR 2026



The call for abstracts is open for the ORS International Section of Fracture Repair (ISFR) 19th Biennial Meeting. The meeting will take place May 6–8, 2026 in Berlin, Germany, and it will be collocated with the AO Germany Conference. ISFR will foster growth and innovation in the fields of fracture repair, bone regeneration, and orthopaedic trauma. This cross-disciplinary meeting will bring together scientists, clinicians, engineers, and trainees to present pre-publication work and exchange ideas that will drive advancement. Submit your abstract today for a chance to present at this important meeting. Registration for the event is open now.

Abstracts are due January 19, 2026.

[Submit Your Abstract](#)

[Register](#)

ORS Ambassador Event in Ireland



The University of Limerick will host its 31st Annual Conference of the Section of Bioengineering of the Royal Academy of Medicine in Ireland in Athlone, Ireland, January 23-24, 2026. The event will provide a forum for attendees to exchange expertise, watch keynote speakers, participate in interactive workshops, and network. ORS Ambassador David Hoey, PhD will be in attendance at the event to promote our organization and musculoskeletal research.

[Register](#)

[For More Information on the ORS Ambassadors](#)

Webinar Recordings Available



Our 2025 webinar series is now over, and we would like to thank everyone who presented and attended. This year, ORS hosted 1,520 registered participants over 26 different webinars which included scientific and career development sessions, virtual social hours, a Q&A with the Board, and many more. We are currently planning another year of programming filled with great educational value and scientific insights from expert speakers. If you missed any of our webinars, on-demand recordings are available in the [LearnORS Video Library](#).

2025 Webinar Recordings

- Joint Ventures: Understanding the Past, Present, and Future of Elbow and Ankle Arthroplasty
- Rodent Models 101: An Introduction to Genetic and Transgenic Mouse Models
- Meniscus Matters: New Frontiers in Research
- An Introduction to Animal-Free in Vitro Models
- ISFR 3-Minute Pitch Competition
- Animal Models for Tendon Research: Comparative Considerations for Optimizing Translational Validity
- A Tendon-cy to Heal: Regenerating Tendons and Ligaments in Zebrafish
- Introduction to Orthopaedic Implant Infection
- Meniscus Matters: The Asian Chapter
- Global Perspectives on Orthopaedic Research: Balancing Research and Clinical Practice
- Biostatistics Webinar on Novel Methods in Musculoskeletal Research
- Beyond the Bench: Translating Skeletal Muscle Research with Large Animal Models
- Animal Models of Aging 101

2025 Career Development Webinar Recordings

- How to Construct an Effective CV
- Growing Your Career with ORS: Engaging and Empowering our Asian Colleagues
- Compassionate Leadership Summer Series: From Burnout to Balance
- Compassionate Leadership Summer Series: Confident, Compassionate, and Aligned Leadership
- Musculoskeletal Research at the VA
- Global Perspectives on Orthopaedic Research: Collecting and Publishing Orthopaedic Data
- Navigating the New Normal: Strategies for Success in a Shifting NIH Landscape
- Navigating Industry Relationships
- The Power of Patient Stories in MSK Research Development: Aligning Innovation with Real World Needs

2025 Members Only Webinars

- New Member Orientation
- Q&A with the Board

[View the Video Library](#)

\$200K in New OREF Grants Open Now



\$200,000 in grant funding is available from Orthopaedic Research and Education Foundation (OREF). Applications are being accepted for funding for arthritis, shoulder, prevention of youth sports injuries research, and opportunities for K Award recipients and residents. Learn more about these programs or apply via the link below.

[Learn More or Apply](#)

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](#)

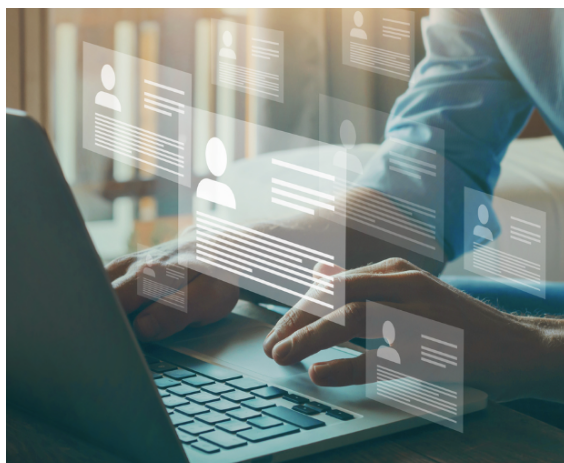
ORS Sweaters Available



This beautiful, blue, cozy 1/4 zip ORS sweater is now available. Perfect for cold weather, 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



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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.

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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Athlone, Ireland,

[ORS 2026 Annual Meeting](#)

March 27 - 31, 2026

Charlotte, NC

[The ORS International Section of Fracture Repair \(ISFR\) 19th Biennial Meeting](#)

May 6 - 8, 2026

Berlin, Germany

[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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