



SOCIETY OF ORTHOPEDIC  
ANESTHESIA PAIN  
REHABILITATION

The Society of Orthopedic Anesthesia, Pain and Rehabilitation (SOAPR) is a new organization dedicated to a multidisciplinary approach to patients undergoing orthopedic surgery. The mission of the society is to promote orthopedic anesthesia, pain management, and rehabilitation as a subspecialty and to establish and promote best clinical practice guidelines. This will be achieved through education including the development of an orthopedic anesthesia fellowship, research, and the establishment of best clinical practice guidelines.

Orthopedic surgery represents one of the most innovative perioperative environments and the development of orthopedic anesthesia, pain management, and rehabilitation as a subspecialty is a natural outgrowth of this. The introduction of new orthopedic surgical techniques has brought a need for new and specific anesthesia, pain management, and rehabilitation protocols and the promotion of a multidisciplinary approach to orthopedic patients to optimize outcome and minimize cost.

SOAPR membership is open to any anesthesiologists, orthopedic surgeons, physiatrists, and corresponding residents and fellows involved and/or interested in the management of orthopedic patients.

As a society SOAPR's mission is to:

- Support a multidisciplinary approach including orthopedic surgeons, anesthesiologists, pain specialists, and physical medicine physicians involved in the perioperative care of orthopedic surgical patients
- Develop and promote an orthopedic anesthesia fellowship
- Educate and support a multidisciplinary approach to orthopedic surgical patient
- Publish a quarterly SAOPR newsletter
- Develop educational guidelines for subspecialty training in orthopedic anesthesia, pain management, and rehabilitation
- Provide discounts to its member on registration fees for SOAPR annual and regional meetings and regional anesthesia workshops
- Funding for orthopedic anesthesia, pain, and rehabilitation research via SOAPR research foundation
- Promote communications, interactions, and the development of multidisciplinary task forces to develop clinical practice guidelines
- Develop a SOAPR web site with specific emphasis on the education of its members and interested patients
- Seek representation in the ASA House of Delegates, and the Editorial Board of relevant Orthopedic, Anesthesiology, Pain and Rehabilitation journals