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The Changing *face* of Orthopaedics

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These are exciting times!

The world is changing. Its face grows more diverse each day.

The American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons is committed to keeping pace.

We strongly encourage you to consider a dynamic, highly rewarding career in orthopaedics.

Although still in the early years of your medical education, you are undoubtedly thinking about your professional future. Here are a few things to know about why orthopaedics might be right for you.

A growing need

Current trends tell the story. Musculoskeletal injuries and disorders are increasing dramatically in all communities as our population ages. These rising numbers present orthopaedic specialists with tremendous opportunities to do great good, to help patients return to active lifestyles, to conduct breakthrough research, to teach, and to build satisfying careers and practices.

As our population grows rapidly more diverse, our need for physicians who reflect this diversity and are accessible to new communities and individuals also grows significantly. **For medical students interested in making a difference, orthopaedics offers a world of opportunity.**

Gratifying rewards

As an orthopaedic surgeon, connect your actions to meaningful results. You will diagnose, treat and help patients return to a better quality of life with and less pain and improved function. These patients reflect your community. Infants, children, teens, adults, and increasing numbers of elderly patients, professional athletes and weekend warriors—all have the potential to present interesting and challenging diagnostic problems that require the analyses, procedures and rehabilitation programs only an orthopaedic surgeon can provide.

In consultation with your patients and other health care professionals, **your decisions will make a positive difference in the lives of real people.**

A variety of choices and opportunities

Five years of study in an orthopaedic residency program prepares you for general orthopaedic practice. An additional year in specialized training allows you to focus on the hand, spine, foot, shoulder, hip, knee, sports medicine or pediatric orthopaedics.

Orthopaedic opportunities are available in solo and group practices, and in single and multi-specialty offices. You may concentrate on a single orthopaedic area or focus on several. You may even seek a position that combines teaching, research, and clinical practice in an academic setting.



Lifelong intellectual challenges

The practice and science of orthopaedics is constantly changing. In the last few decades, new techniques, devices, medications and diagnostic approaches have expanded treatment options, improved outcomes and opened entirely new avenues of study and research. As an orthopaedic surgeon, one thing is certain: **You will always be learning, sharing knowledge, expanding your skills and developing new talents throughout your career.**

Interested? Take the next step!

If you are a woman or minority medical student and want more information about a career in orthopaedics, please contact the Academy about our unique mentoring programs. Each program pairs a participant with an experienced, successful orthopaedic surgeon who is ready to advise and guide you toward your career goal.

The Ruth Jackson Orthopaedic Society is interested in attracting qualified women into orthopaedics.

American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons Committee on Diversity and the *JR Gladden Orthopaedic Society* encourage qualified minorities and women to join this profession.

Diversity starts here

For more information about joining a mentoring program, contact the *American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons*.

Call 800.626.6726

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YES. I want to learn more!

Please send me information regarding:

American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons Mentoring Program (minority and women candidates)

OR

Ruth Jackson Orthopaedic Society Mentoring Program (women candidates)

Your name: _____

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How did you learn of these mentoring programs?

What prompted your interest in orthopaedics?

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