

# The Academy of Chiropractic Orthopedists

**Academy President's Letter**

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Fellows of the Academy,

## **STILL TIME TO REGISTER FOR NEXT WEEK**

**There is still time to attend for the ACCO convention and orthopedic specialty conference in San Antonio, Texas. Great speakers are scheduled on "Failed Back Syndrome". Please check the ACCO website at [www.accoweb.org](http://www.accoweb.org) for additional information.**

## **AMERICAN COLLEGE OF CHIROPRACTIC ORTHOPEDISTS CONVENTION 2009**

The annual ACCO convention and orthopedic specialty conference this year is co-sponsored by the American College of Chiropractic Orthopedists and the Texas Council of Chiropractic Orthopedists in San Antonio, Texas May 8<sup>th</sup> 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> 2009, at the [Hyatt Regency San Antonio, on the riverwalk](#). It will be a great educational program in a splendid venue. It is a fantastic opportunity to mingle with the orthopedic specialty coalition and members of the Academy (ACO), American College of Chiropractic Orthopedists (ACCO), Council on Chiropractic Orthopedics (CCO) and the Texas Council of Chiropractic Orthopedists (TCCO). This is a great opportunity to talk about and exchange ideas for the future of the specialty. Many of the ongoing activities in orthopedics will be discussed at this venue.

The many orthopedic specialty organizations of the chiropractic profession including the [Academy](#), [ACCO](#), [CCO](#) and [TCCO](#) will have their annual meetings at this conference. Come join these groups!

## **CONGRESS OF DIPLOMATES**

The Congress of Diplomates will meet for a Presentation of Papers Saturday evening 9 MAY 2009 at the ACCO conference from 5:00 to 5:50 p.m. This year's presentations will focus on the basics of writing case reports and a clinical topic of interest on complete resorption of a free fragment disc herniation in the lumbar spine confirmed by follow up MRI

**FALL 2009  
ACADEMY DIPLOMATE EXAMINATION**

The next orthopedic specialty board certification examination leading to Diplomate of the Academy of Chiropractic Orthopedists (DACO) status will be held on the campus of National Chiropractic College / [NUHS](#) in Lombard, Illinois on 14 NOV 2009. Plan to attend an orthopedic board review. For more information please visit the Academy Diplomate [Exam Page](#).

**DIPLOMATE EXAMINATION REVIEW**

This is a great opportunity for you to notify a colleague who has completed the Diplomate classes in the past and didn't complete the process to take the review courses and sit the orthopedic board certification examination.

Orthopedic examination review classes will be held by National University of Health Sciences SEP 19-20 and OCT 10-11 2009. Please contact [NUHS](#) for additional information or visit the [Academy Exam Review page](#) for details.

A 24 hour review class will be held by the [Texas Council of Chiropractic Orthopedists](#) AUG 14, 15 & 16 2009 in the Dallas Texas area (exact location to be determined). Visit the [TCCO](#) web site for upcoming details.

**ACADEMY DELPHI COMMITTEE**

The Academy has been vigorously expanding the Delphi process for examination development. Not only is this going to be used for updated MCQ questions and OSCE scenarios for the Diplomate examination, but for the development of additional tracts for the re-certification process that is coming soon. The Academy is working on expanding this process for the chiropractic orthopedic specialty.

**COLLEGE NEWS  
ORTHOPEDIC DIPLOMATE PROGRAM**

[Palmer](#) College of Chiropractic is again offering the Orthopedic Diplomate program. The program will begin this fall in September 2009. If you are interested or if you know a group of doctors in your area that wish to attend the Orthopedic Diplomate Program contact Palmer Continuing Education at (800) 452-5032.

## ACADEMY MEMBERSHIP DUES

Recently the Academy has received several letters of inquiry about membership and dues renewal.

Members of the Academy are designated as *Fellows of the Academy of Chiropractic Orthopedists* (FACO). Academy membership is comprised of certified chiropractic orthopedists. These are doctors of chiropractic who have completed extensive post-doctoral education in non-surgical orthopedics, and have passed an orthopedic specialty board certification examination to become certified chiropractic orthopedists (*Diplomate*).

The Academy is independent from all chiropractic political organizations. No other chiropractic organization membership is necessary for membership in the Academy.

While many organizations have membership dues paid at the same time annually for all members, the Academy dues are renewed on the member's anniversary date noted on the Fellow certificate.

The Academy is grateful for your participation and continued dedication to further advance the orthopedic specialty and the chiropractic profession. It is only through your support and team work that the specialty is able to accomplish these professional advances.

Thank you for your continued support of the Academy.

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