



2026 AAHKS Orthopaedic Team Member Course

Friday, Nov 6, 2026

7:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Gaylord Texan Resort & Convention Center

Location: Tate B (Vineyard Tower)

Faculty

E. Bailey Terhune, MD, Chair

Christopher M. Melnic, MD, Vice Chair

Emily Steen, PA-C, APP Chair

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Robert A. Burnett, MD
Christopher N. Carender, MD
Niall H. Cochrane, MD
P. Maxwell Courtney, MD
Brian C. Fuller, MD

Grace Garrett, MSN, AGACNP-BC
Charles P. Hannon, MD, MBA
Katharine D. Harper, MD, FRCSC
Stefanie Hermann, PA-C
Beau J. Kildow, MD
David N. Kugelman MD
DeAnna Maasarani, PA-C
Katherine E. Mallett, MD

Kristie R. Miller, PA-C
Brian T. Nickel, MD
Catherine W. Njathi-Ori, MD
Kelly K. O'Reilly, RN
Joshua P. Rainey, MD
W. Christian Thomas, MD
Christopher R. Torres, PA-C
Jacob M. Wilson, MD
Mark Wu, MD

Agenda

Breakfast & Introduction (7:00 a.m. – 7:40 a.m.)

7:00 a.m.	Breakfast	<i>Location TBD</i>
7:30 a.m.	Introduction	E. Bailey Terhune, MD, Chair

Session I | Preoperative Optimization (7:40 – 8:30 a.m.)

Moderator: E. Bailey Terhune, MD

7:40 a.m.	Nonoperative Treatment of DJD: What Works, What Doesn't and What to Tell Your Patients	DeAnna M. Maasarani, PA-C
7:50 a.m.	Preoperative Risk Factors: Getting Patients Safely Ready for Surgery	Stefanie Herrmann, PA-C
8:00 a.m.	Is it My Hip, My Back or My Knee...Or Is it All Three?	Christopher R. Torres, PA-C
8:10 a.m.	Packing Light: Excelling at Outpatient Surgery	Kelly K. O'Reilly, RN
8:20 a.m.	Panel Discussion	All faculty

Session II | Maximizing Value: Billing and Coding (8:30 – 9:30 a.m.)

Moderator: Beau J. Kildow, MD

8:30 a.m.	Inside a High-Performing Arthroplasty Clinic	Hany S. Bedair, MD
8:40 a.m.	PROMs in Practice: Compliance, Quality and Clinical Impact	Hayden N. Box, MD
8:50 a.m.	Billing and Coding in TJA: Mastering E/M Without Guesswork	P. Maxwell Courtney, MD
9:00 a.m.	The Global Period: Inside the 90-Day Bubble	David N. Kugelman MD
9:10 a.m.	APP Autonomy and Practice Expansion	Kristie R. Miller, PA-C
9:20 a.m.	Panel Discussion	All faculty

Break (9:30-9:50 a.m.)

Session III | Perioperative Hot Topics (9:50 – 10:40 a.m.)

Moderator: Brian T. Nickel, MD

9:50 a.m.	Preoperative and Intraoperative Collaboration with Anesthesia: Keys to Success	Catherine W. Njathi-Ori, MD
10:00 a.m.	Mastering Wound Closure and Post-Op Wound Issues	Grace Garrett, MSN, AGACNP-BC
10:10 a.m.	Postoperative Protocols: Multimodal, TXA, Steroids and Beyond	Emily L. Steen, PA-C
10:20 a.m.	The Post-Op Visit: Key Milestones and Red Flags to Recognize	W. Christian Thomas, MD

10:30 a.m.	Panel Discussion	All faculty
Session IV Primary Knee and Hip Essentials: Case-Based Discussion (10:40 – 11:45 a.m.) Moderator: Christopher N. Carender, MD		
10:40 a.m.	THA in 2026: Indications, Techniques and Emerging Options	Joshua P. Rainey, MD
10:50 a.m.	Challenges in THA: Common Complications and How to Avoid Them	Robert A. Burnett, MD
11:00 a.m.	TKA in 2026: Indications, Techniques and Emerging Options	Christopher M. Melnic, MD
11:10 a.m.	Challenges in TKA: Common Complications and How to Avoid Them	Omar A. Behery, MD, MPH
11:20 a.m.	Complex Primary TJA: Case-Based Discussion	All faculty
Lunch & Networking (11:45 a.m. – 12:20 p.m.)		
11:45 a.m.	<i>Lunch may be picked up outside of the Course Room. Please return to your seat by 12:20 p.m.</i>	Location TBD
Working Lunch (12:20 – 1:15 p.m.) Moderator: Christopher M. Melnic, MD		
12:20 p.m.	Stump the Experts: MDs vs. APPs Head-to-Head Challenge! • Preop Playbook: PROMs, Infection Risk, Lab Cutoffs • Show Me the Codes: Modifiers, Global Period, Bundled Payments • OR & Anesthesia Pearls: TXA, Adductor Canal Blocks, Periarticular Injections, Medications • Hip & Knee Hardware: Approaches, Bearing Designs, Revision Constructs • Trouble in Paradise: Instability, PJI Workup and Decision-Making, Postop Issues	Stefanie Herrmann, PA-C Kelly K. O'Reilly, RN Emily L. Steen, PA-C Christopher R. Torres, PA-C Brian C. Fuller, MD Katharine D. Harper, MD, FRCSC Mark Wu, MD W. Christian Thomas, MD
Session IV Complications Masterclass (1:15 – 2:30 p.m.) Moderator: Charles P. Hannon, MD		
1:15 p.m.	Evaluating the Painful TKA: Building a Differential Diagnosis	Jacob M. Wilson, MD
1:25 p.m.	Evaluating the Painful THA: Why Does a THA Still Hurt?	Brian C. Fuller, MD
1:35 p.m.	Diagnosis of Periprosthetic Joint Infection: Making Sense of the Work-Up	Katherine E. Mallet, MD
1:45 p.m.	Postoperative Complications After TKA: What to Do and When	Niall H. Cochrane, MD
1:55 p.m.	Postoperative Complications After THA: What to Do and When	Christopher N. Carender, MD
2:05 p.m.	Revision TJA: Case-Based Discussion	All faculty
Adjourn (2:30 p.m.)		