

Society Toolkit:
American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons' Registry Program to Collect COVID-19 Data

AAOS values the relationships it holds with the society groups who are committed to the mission of utilizing quality registries to improve patient care.

To support these societies with content to use to inform their members about AAOS Registry Program news and updates, this toolkit was created.

If this content is worthy to share and disseminate with your members, please find different lengths of the same announcement that you can utilize for your own communication channels (newsletters, blogs, social, website, email). If you would like additional copy, including a quote or questions answered, and/or the graphic in this document, please let us know.



Newsletter or Blog Article:

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WHY NOW?

The AAOS has taken swift action to understand COVID-19's current and future impact on musculoskeletal care. With more than 1.97 million procedures across four registries, the AAOS Registry Program already collects clinical data to support orthopaedic surgeons, hospitals, health systems, and ambulatory surgery centers (ASCs) in providing the highest quality musculoskeletal care. Now more than ever, it is critical to collect data that will provide additional insights on the quality of care and outcomes of orthopaedic patients in the COVID-19 environment.

WHAT WILL THE DATA REVEAL?

By adding the ICD-10 code to the AAOS Registry Program, sites who contribute the data will have the ability to monitor the impact of COVID-19 on patients undergoing future joint replacement procedures. Tracking COVID-19 data will help analyze the impact of COVID-19 on outcomes, trends of surgery based on the pause in elective surgery, and the trends of patient-reported outcomes (PROMs) due to delayed procedures. It will also track the potential impact on CMS value-based payment models and coverage for patients recovering from COVID-19. On a broader scale, long-term data from the registries may allow for future insights into COVID-19 and its impact on clinical outcomes.

Key learnings from the AAOS' Registry Program will be delivered to participants, the orthopaedic community, and the broader public throughout the coming years.

HOW ARE CURRENT AND NEW REGISTRY PARTICIPANTS IMPACTED?

Hospitals, health care systems, practice groups, and ASCs already participating in the registries will not need to join a new registry or engage in a new way to submit their data. Capturing this code will not change the site's workflow since it was added as an accepted value for existing diagnosis or comorbidity code files. The ICD-10 code can be submitted as a pre-operative comorbidity or prior diagnosis present on admission and as a reason for readmission.

Participants who have questions about submitting the new code can reach out to AAOS Registry Support at RegistrySupport@aaos.org for assistance. To enroll in a registry, contact an AAOS Registry engagement associate via email RegistryEngagement@aaos.org, phone 847-292-0530, or visit www.aaos.org/registries.

Short E-Newsletter with Link to Read More:

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Version A – Inclusive of four AAOS Registries

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Read more... <https://www.aaos.org/registries/covid-19-data/>

Version B – Specifically for the registry the society is involved with:

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Social Media:

Here are a few suggested social tweets. For the second bullet, feel free to insert the registry that is most relevant to your audience(s). We can add the Bit.ly URL once the webpage is updated.

- Now more than ever, it is critical to collect data that will provide insights on the future impact of #COVID19 on MSK care. Read about the latest @AAOS1 Registry Program enhancement. [www.aaos.org/registries/covid-19-data/] #OrthoCOVID #OrthoTwitter
- The @AAOS1 has taken swift action to understand the #COVID19 impact on MSK care. Read about how the [INSERT NAME OF REGISTRY] has added the ICD-10 code to help guide future joint replacement procedures. [www.aaos.org/registries/covid-19-data/] #OrthoCOVID #OrthoTwitter

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