



To advance the orthopaedic profession by supporting fellowship and residency programs through the transparent administration of educational grants.

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Dear Musculoskeletal Healthcare Leader,

For decades, the relationship between industry and orthopaedic surgeons has been cooperative and constructive. We have strived to promote mutual goals of innovation and education, and ultimately define, enhance, and sustain quality, cost effective musculoskeletal care to patients around the world. In recent years, interactions to support and grow key missions of research and education have been impacted by increasing oversight and regulation by the government, such as Open Payments reporting. Through the resulting restrictions, burdensome reporting requirements, and increasing downward budgetary pressures, these events have had the unintended consequence of jeopardizing or decreasing the ability to educate the next generation of orthopaedic surgeons.

Established in 2008 to ameliorate the effects of these reforms, OMeGA is recognized as an important third party grants administrator for orthopaedic graduate medical education (GME) across all subspecialties. OMeGA goals are to:

- promote innovation and sustain high quality orthopaedic GME,
- award graduate medical education grants through an accessible, merit-based process, and
- safeguard against conflicts of interest, maintain regulatory compliance, and ensure transparency in the allocation of resources.

The goal of educating the very best orthopaedic surgeons for the future remains paramount. Unfortunately, dwindling institutional budgets and reduced governmental support are at odds with this goal. Additional funding is greatly needed to support every worthy orthopaedic GME program in North America.

Please join us in reinforcing and preserving the viability of the best orthopaedic educational system in the world by supporting OMeGA and orthopaedic GME.

OMeGA continues to receive many meritorious grant requests that go unfunded; please carefully consider your contribution to assure that the number of surgeons trained in the future and the quality of this training is maintained. This is critically important given the vast changes in the U.S. healthcare system and the number of newly insured patients with musculoskeletal problems.

Our best regards,



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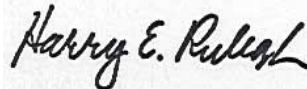
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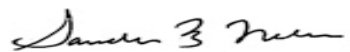
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