



 LOUISIANA ORTHOPAEDIC ASSOCIATION

2026  
*Annual Meeting*  
Preliminary Program

INTERCONTINENTAL  
NEW ORLEANS

MARCH 19-21, 2023



## Jeffrey Sketchler, MD

Dear Colleagues,

As the president of the Louisiana Orthopaedic Association, it is my sincere pleasure to invite you to our annual meeting taking place March 19-21, 2026. This year's meeting will be held in the newly renovated event spaces of the Hotel Intercontinental in New Orleans. With the help of our program director, Dr. Jessica Rivera, we've put together a dynamic ensemble of presenters and topics to maximize your learning experience.

I will have two special guest speakers who are leading authorities in their field of orthopaedics to share their expertise with us: Craig Della Valle, MD from Rush, who will discuss the latest on Periprosthetic Joint Infections; and Doug Letson, MD from the Moffitt Cancer Center, who will present a novel treatment approach to treating musculoskeletal tumors.

In addition to sessions on a variety of topics including hip arthroplasty, hand, knee ACL, and trauma/periprosthetic fractures, there will be a "Resident's Sawbones Relay" on Friday and on Saturday, some of our colleagues will present their most trying experience to-date in the "My Worst Case" symposium. As we learn from our own mistakes, so too are we likely to learn much from each other's.

My goal is to make this year's meeting one of the most fun, practical, informative, and memorable for us all.

I look forward to seeing you there!

Best Regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jeffrey Sketchler, MD". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Jeffrey Sketchler, MD

President, Louisiana Orthopaedic Association



## Craig J. Della Valle, MD

Dr. Craig J. Della Valle is a native of New York and received his undergraduate and medical degrees from the University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia. He completed his residency at the Hospital for Joint Diseases in New York City. During his residency he spent a full year devoted to clinical and basic science research in the field of adult reconstructive surgery. Dr. Della Valle completed a fellowship in adult reconstructive surgery at Rush University Medical Center and Central DuPage Hospital.

He is presently the Aaron G. Rosenberg endowed professor of orthopaedic surgery and chief of the section of adult reconstruction at Rush University Medical Center in Chicago, Illinois.

Dr. Della Valle specializes in primary and revision total joint arthroplasty and has done more than 15,000 hip and knee replacements. A respected researcher, he has more than 300 peer-reviewed publications on topics including unicompartmental, primary, and revision total knee arthroplasty as well as total hip arthroplasty, hip resurfacing, and revision total hip arthroplasty.

Dr. Della Valle is a member of The Hip Society, The Knee Society and The International Hip Society. He is also a past president of the American Association of Hip and Knee Surgeons, past president of the Mid-America Orthopaedic Association and is in the presidential line for The Knee Society.

### Meeting Accreditation Information

This activity has been planned and implemented in accordance with the accreditation requirements and policies of the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME) through the joint partnership of the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons and the Louisiana Orthopaedic Association. The American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons is accredited by the ACCME to provide continuing medical education for physicians.

The American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons designates this 2026 LOA Annual Meeting March 19-21 to be held in New Orleans, Louisiana for a maximum of approximately **10.5\* AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™**. Physicians should claim only the credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.

*\*9.5 CME Credits for Scientific Program*

*\*1 CME Credits for Scientific e-Poster Sessions*



## G. Douglas Letson, MD

Dr. G. Douglas Letson is executive vice president of clinical affairs and physician-in-chief at Moffitt Cancer Center, as well as prior chair of the Sarcoma Department. In addition, he is a professor of surgery, radiology, and orthopaedics at the University of South Florida.

As an orthopaedic oncology surgeon, Dr. Letson's research and clinical interests include: novel therapeutic agents to treat sarcoma; limb salvage for bone and soft tissue tumors; segmental prosthesis; new hinge designs; and soft tissue attachment for metallic prosthesis. He has a keen interest in new techniques and design of instrumentation for minimal invasive reconstructive surgery. He collaborated with Stanmore Corporation in England to develop a non-invasive leg lengthening implant and is the only physician in the United States to implant and lengthen the limbs of several children successfully.

A graduate of Louisiana State University (LSU) School of Medicine, Dr. Letson completed his residency in orthopaedics at LSU-affiliated hospitals and he was chief resident at LSU Children's Hospital. He pursued advanced training through a musculoskeletal oncology fellowship at Massachusetts General Hospital-Harvard Medical School and was awarded Clinical Oncology Fellow of the American Cancer Society.

As a leader in medical education, he is a frequent guest speaker at local and international physician conferences teaching annual musculoskeletal oncology review courses in Oxford, England, Venice, Italy, and Hong Kong. He has started multiple educational courses worldwide in medical education and is also the founder of the Florida Keys Musculoskeletal Oncology review course which is now in its 20th year.

Dr. Letson has received numerous awards, including American Orthopaedic Academy Honor Society, Professor of the Year at Orlando Regional Healthcare, Teacher of the Year for the USF Radiology Department, and Best Doctors in America. He previously served on the board of directors of the National Comprehensive Cancer Network (NCCN) and has served on the editorial board of several orthopaedic journals, including the Journal of the National Comprehensive Cancer Network and the Cancer Control Journal.

## Thursday, March 19

12:00 pm - 5:00 pm  
Board of Directors Meeting

12:00 pm - 5:00 pm  
**Meeting Registration**

12:00 pm - 5:00 pm  
**Exhibitor Setup**

## Friday, March 20

6:00 am - 4:50 pm  
**Meeting Registration**

6:00 am - 7:30 am  
**Scientific e-Posters**  
(Presenters will be available to answer questions)

6:30 am - 7:00 am  
**Continental Breakfast with Exhibitors**

7:00 am - 7:15 am  
**Welcome and Announcements\***  
Jeffrey Sketchler, MD, LOA President  
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7:15 am - 7:30 am  
**LOA First Business Meeting\***  
\*CME Credit Not Available

7:30 am - 8:15 am  
**Session 1: Knee ACL**  
**Moderator:** Michael Hartman, MD, LSU New Orleans

Panel: Ryan Roubion, MD, Metairie  
Orthopedics & Sports Medicine  
Matthew Fury, MD, Baton Rouge  
Orthopaedic Clinic  
Brian Godshaw, MD, Ochsner Health

8:15 am - 8:35 am  
**BREAK - PLEASE VISIT EXHIBITS**

**Session 2: Hip Arthroplasty**  
Moderator: Jeffrey Sketchler, MD, Pontchartrain  
Orthopedics and Sports Medicine

8:35 am - 8:45 am  
**Introductions and Session Overview**  
Jeffrey Sketchler, MD, Pontchartrain  
Orthopedics and Sports Medicine

8:45 am - 8:50 am  
**Posterior/ Mini-Posterior Approach**  
Chad Millet, MD, Southern Orthopaedics

8:50 am - 8:55 am  
**Direct Anterior Approach**  
Lance Estrada, MD, Orthopaedic Associates of  
New Orleans

8:55 am - 9:00 am  
**Robotically-Assisted THA**  
Scott Yerger, MD, LG Orthopaedic Center

9:00 am - 9:20 am  
**Case Presentations**

9:30 am - 10:15 am  
**Breakout Abstract Presentations 1A**

9:30 am - 10:15 am  
**Breakout Abstract Presentations 1B**

9:30 am - 10:15 am  
**Breakout Abstract Presentations 1C**

10:20 am - 10:40 am  
**BREAK - PLEASE VISIT EXHIBITS**

10:45 am - 11:30 am  
**Session 3A: Knee Arthroplasty**  
**Moderator:** William Sherman, MD Tulane  
University

10:45 am - 11:30 am  
**Session 3B: "I'm Biased. You Should Use  
This Plate and Fix Your Wrist Fractures This Way!"**  
**Moderator:** Blane Sessions, MD Louisiana Hand  
and Shoulder Center

Panel: Leslie E. Sisco-Wise, MD, Ochsner  
Health  
Lauren Saunee, MD LSU New  
Orleans  
Blane Sessions, MD, Louisiana Hand  
and Shoulder Center  
Ryan L. Bliss, MD, Baton Rouge  
Orthopaedic Clinic

11:30 am - 12:15 pm

## Session 4: Prosthetic Joint Infection

**Moderator:** *Matthew Cable, MD, LSU New Orleans*

### Case-Based Panel Discussion

Panel: *Willard A. Moore III, MD, Ochsner Health*  
*Fernando L. Sanchez, MD, Tulane University*  
*Michelle Blyth, LSU New Orleans*

12:15 pm - 1:15 pm

## LUNCH BREAK WITH EXHIBITORS\*

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12:30 pm - 1:15 pm

## Resident Sawbones Competition\*

- sponsored by Stryker

**Host:** *Jeffrey Sketchler, MD, Pontchartrain Orthopedics and Sports Medicine*

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1:15 pm - 2:15 pm

## Presidential Guest Speaker - Craig J. Della Valle MD

**Moderator:** *Jeffrey Sketchler, MD, Pontchartrain Orthopedics and Sports Medicine*

## Current Concepts in the Prevention, Diagnosis, and Treatment of Perioperative Joint Infection

*Craig J. Della Valle, MD, Midwest Orthopedics at Rush*

## Legislative Update\*

**Moderator:** *K. Samer Shamieh, MD AVALA Spine*

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2:15 pm - 2:45 pm

*1812 Group*

2:45 pm - 3:05 pm

## BREAK - PLEASE VISIT EXHIBITS

3:05 pm - 3:50 pm

## Best of LOA Research Presentations

**Moderator:** *Jessica Rivera, MD, LSU New Orleans*

3:50 pm - 4:50 pm

## LAMMICO Session 1\*

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## Medical Documentation: From A Legal Defense Perspective\*

*Kenneth E. Rhea, MD, Medical Risk Management Consulting*

5:00 pm - 6:30 pm

## PRESIDENT'S RECEPTION

## Saturday, March 21

6:00 am - 1:00 pm

## Meeting Registration

6:00 am - 7:30 am

## Scientific e-Posters

(Presenters will be available to answer questions)

6:30 am - 7:00 am

## Continental Breakfast with Exhibitors

6:45 am - 7:45 am

## LAMMICO Session 2\*

\*CME Credit Not Available

## Patient Participation in Care: Challenges And Solutions

*Kenneth E. Rhea, MD, Medical Risk Management Consulting*

7:45 am - 7:50 am

## Welcome and Announcements\*

*Jeffrey Sketchler, MD, LOA President*

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7:50 am - 8:35 am

## Session 6A: Trauma/ Perioperative Fractures

**Moderator:** *Peter C. Krause MD, LSU New Orleans*

Panel: *Avrey A. Novak, MD, LSU New Orleans*

*James F. Mautner, MD, Ochsner Health*

*Daniel Miles, MD, Tulane University*

7:50 am - 8:35 am

## Session 6B: Shoulder Arthroplasty

**Moderator:** Michael J. O'Brien, MD, Tulane University

### Case-Based Panel Discussion

Panel: Matthew D. Williams, MD, Louisiana Orthopaedic Specialists  
Geoffrey Stone, MD, Gulf Coast Orthopedics  
Joey LaMartina, MD, St. Tammany Bone and Joint  
R. Shane Barton, MD, Willis Knighton Health

8:35 am - 8:55 am

### BREAK - PLEASE VISIT EXHIBITS

8:55 am - 10:40 am

## Session 7: My Worst Case

**Moderator:** Jessica Rivera, MD, LSU New Orleans

10:40 am - 11:40 am

## Presidential Guest Speaker - G. Douglas Letson, MD

**Moderator:** Jeffrey Sketchler, MD, Pontchartrain Orthopedics and Sports Medicine

## Novel Therapies for the Treatment of Sarcomas Using Genetic Signatures, Radiomics and Immunotherapy

G. Douglas Letson, MD, Moffitt Cancer Center

11:40 am - 11:55 am

### LUNCH BREAK

11:55 am - 12:40 pm

## Session 8 - Rotator Cuff: A Case-Based Panel Discussion

**Moderator:** Felix "Buddy" Savoie, MD, Tulane University

Panel: Matthew D. Williams, MD, Louisiana Orthopaedic Specialists  
Joey LaMartina, MD, St. Tammany Bone and Joint  
Michael J. Leddy III, MD Mid-State Orthopaedic & Sports Medicine Center  
Michael J. O'Brien, MD, Tulane University

12:40 pm - 12:55 pm

## Second Business Meeting and LOA Award Announcements\*

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12:55 pm - 1:00 pm

## Closing Remarks/ Adjournment\*

Jeffrey Sketchler, MD, LOA President

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# Register Today!

