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Hand and Wrist Fracture Management



May 21, 2016 - May 21, 2016 Seattle, Washington, USA

This course is designed to teach participants at every level of training and practice to systematically analyze hand and wrist fractures and to apply a treatment methodology based upon fracture management principles rather than upon any one implant, group of implants or singular universal technique.

These AO Principles will be stressed:

- Anatomic reduction
- Stable fixation
- Preservation of the blood supply
- Functional aftercare
- Early mobilization

Enrollment in this course is encouraged for surgeons, hand fellows, and residents in plastic, orthopaedic and general surgery.

Event Summary

Tuition:

Level Name: Participant - Hand

Pricing Tier: Attending Tuition: \$150.00

Course Prerequisite(s):

No Prerequisites

Venue: Language(s): No Venue English

Directly Provided by:



Professional Level Prerequisite(s):

- Residency Year 2 Residency Year 3
- Residency Year 4
- Residency Year 5
- Residency Year 6 Residency Year 7
- Residency Year 8
- Fellow
- Practicing

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CME

Continuing Education Credit: 8.00

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Expected results of AONA's CME activities for surgeons, fellows, and residents are to:

- Increase their knowledge base and surgical skill level
- Improve competence by applying advances of knowledge in patient care in the areas of trauma, degenerative disorders, deformities, tumors, and reconstructive surgical techniques
- Address practice performance gaps by improving management of aspects of traumatic injuries and musculoskeletal disorders (i.e., preoperative planning to post-operative care)

Learning Objectives

Upon completion, participants should be able to:

- Differentiate between management of nonoperative fractures and fractures that need operative stabilization
- Identify and apply the AO Principles to hand and wrist fracture management
- · Describe the indications for internal fixation of hand and wrist fractures, and the criteria for implant selection
- Identify alternative fixation methods and their role in fracture management
- Explain the importance of soft tissue preservation in the operative management of unstable hand fractures

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Faculty



Hanel, Doug - Co-Chairperson
MD
Professor
Department of Orthopaedics & Sports Medicine
Combined Hand & Microvascular Program
University of Washington
Seattle, Washington

Douglas Hanel M.D. is a professor in the Department of Orthopaedics and Sports Medicine at the University of Washington. He graduated from The University of Washington and The Saint Louis University School of Medicine. Following his training in Orthopaedic Surgery at Saint Louis University he completed fellowships in hand surgery with Harold E. Kleinert and microvascular surgery with Robert D. Acland at the University of Louisville. He served as Program Director for Orthopaedic Education for 24 years.



Huang, Jerry - Co-Chairperson MD Professor Program Director, Combined Hand Fellowship Department of Orthopaedics and Sports Medicine University of Washington Medical Center Seattle, Washington

Jerry Huang is a Professor in the Department of Orthopaedics and Sports Medicine and the Program Director of the UW Combined Hand Fellowship at the University of Washington Medical Center. He completed his medical degree at the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA) School of Medicine followed by orthopaedic residency training at Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland, Ohio. Dr. Huang obtained subspecialty training in Hand and Microsurgery at UCLA Medical Center followed by an AO Traveling Fellowship in Switzerland. Dr. Huang's clinical interests include hand, wrist, and elbow fractures including upper extremity trauma and post-traumatic reconstructions.



Binhammer, Paul - Evaluator MSc, MD, FRCSC Assistant Professor Division of Plastic Surgery University of Toronto Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre Toronto, Ontario

Dr. Binhammer obtained his medical degree and completed his residency in Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery at the University of Toronto. He completed Hand Fellowships in Strasbourg, France and Salt Lake City, Utah. He has been in practice at Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre and on Faculty at the University of Toronto since 1994. Dr. Binhammer has also completed the Faculty, Chair, and Leadership Education Programs and was Chair of the Hand Education Committee.



Bickel, Kyle - Lecturer
MD
Director - The Hand Center of San Francisco
Clinical Assistant Professor of Surgery
University of California-San Francisco School of Medicine
San Francisco, California

Dr. Bickel completed his residency in plastic & reconstructive surgery at Stanford University, a microsurgery fellowship with Harry Buncke, M.D. in San Francisco, and the Curtis Hand Surgery Fellowship in Baltimore, MD. He completed an AO Hand Surgery Fellowship with Dr. Ueli Buchler in Bern, Switzerland and has been an AO faculty member since 1995. He was formerly a founding co-director of the Hand Surgery Service at The Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine and is the Founder and Director of The Hand Center of San Francisco, which he established in 2000. His practice focuses on all aspects of upper extremity reconstruction in adults and children, with a particular focus on acute and chronic wrist pathology and trauma. Dr. Bickel is a past committee member of the Hand Education Committee and has completed the Faculty Education Program.

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Fischer, Thomas - Lecturer MD
Emeritus Indiana Hand to Shoulder Center Associate Clinical Professor Department of Orthopedics Indiana University School of Medicine Chair. Hand Expert Group AO Technical Committee

Indianapolis, Indiana

Dr. Fischer has been a partner at the Indiana Hand to Shoulder Center and practiced his entire career there. He retired in Jan 2024 He has actively participated in the teaching of the residents at the IU School of Medicine Department of Orthopedics since 1988. He has been in continuous practice of orthopedic education since that time. Tom is a native Hoosier land recently retired from an 11-person partnership that comprises the Indiana Hand to Shoulder Ctr. In a busy fellowship based clinical practice, he maintains his commitment to the orthopedic residents, teaching soft tissue techniques for the first year Ortho Boot Camp. Much of Dr. Fischer's professional life has included postgraduate adult orthopedic education in the area of trauma. He teaches the Athletic Training Program at Butler University, Marian University, St Vincent Sports Performance, the PA Program at Butler University and the Hand Therapists in Indiana His work in the AOI and AONA has provided both a high quality training ground for his educational pursuits He takes the opportunity to educate orthopedic, plastic, and general surgeons, and operating room personnel on a worldwide basis. Dr. Fischer was an examiner for the ABOS for more than 20 years. In addition, his work with the Butler University College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences and his work on the Board of Trustees, extends his educator training. His current role on the Board of Trustees is vice chair of Academic Affairs Committee His work in government has included a governor's appointment on the Indiana Department of Natural Resources Water Management Board and Advisory Board for the Natural Resource Commission. He is married, his wife, Maribeth Zay Fischer, a non-practicing attorney, and he has raised 4 children Andy, Sally, Katie and Jimmy. He loves spending time with them watching Butler sports, practicing photography, camping, astronomy, fishing, and bike riding. Dr. Fischer iwas the Department Chairman of Hand Surgery at St. Vincent Hospital Indianapolis. He is a consultant for team physicians for the Butler Sports Medicine caring for athlete's upper extremity injuries since 1988. Dr. Fischer serves on numerous committees such as: North American Hand Education Committee (2008); American Orthopaedic faculty member(April 1990); and Hand Expert Group starting in January of 2005. He is a member of the AO upper extremity global expert committee and has been active in development of new plating systems for the AO



Friedrich, Jeffrey - Lecturer MD, FACS Professor of Surgery and Orthopaedics University of Washington Harborview Medical Center Seattle, Washington

Jeffrey Friedrich is a member of the Unified Hand Surgery Service at the University of Washington. He practices at Harborview Medical Center and Seattle Children's Hospital, with a mix of adult and pediatric hand problems. He provides care for all types of hand, wrist and peripheral nerve issues including traumatic injuries, brachial plexus injuries, and congenital hand differences. Additionally, he serves as the Plastic Surgery Residency Director, and the Associate Program Director of the Hand Surgery Fellowship at the University of Washington.



Hoyen, Harry - Lecturer MD Department of Orthopaedic Surgery Metrohealth Medical Center Professor, Dept. Orthopaedic Surgery Cleveland, Ohio



Kennedy, Stephen A - Lecturer MD, FRCS(C) Ortho Program Director, Orthopaedic Residency Department of Orthopaedics and Sports Medicine, University of Washington, Seattle, Washington

Stephen A. Kennedy, M.D., F.R.C.S.C., is a hand, wrist and elbow surgeon with expertise in repair and reconstruction of soft tissue, bone and joint. Dr. Kennedy treats traumatic sports and workplace injuries, arthritis, nerve problems, masses, cysts, tumors and tendon problems. Dr. Kennedy completed medical school and orthopedic residency at the University of British Columbia, Vancouver; a hand and microsurgery fellowship at the University of Washington, Seattle; and an arthroscopy and sports medicine fellowship at Pan Am Clinic at the University of Manitoba, Winnipeg. He has been on faculty at the University of Washington since 2013. He is currently the program director of the orthopaedic residency at UW. Dr. Kennedy's clinical interests include hand, wrist and elbow trauma, elbow instability, stiffness, arthritis and deformity, carpel tunnel syndrome and arthroscopy of wrist and elbow. His research interests include outcomes in hand and upper extremity trauma, advances in joint reconstruction surgery, technology for the improvement of patient care and advances in methods in surgical education.

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