

HCMC's Chief of Orthopaedic Surgery Elected President of American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons

First President in AAOS History to Come From a County Hospital

Hennepin County Medical Center (HCMC) orthopaedic surgeon Richard F. Kyle, MD, was elected President of the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons (AAOS) at the organization's 73rd Annual Meeting, held March 22-26, 2006. He is the first President in the 73-year history of AAOS to come from a county hospital.

A graduate of Loyola University Chicago Stritch School of Medicine in Maywood, Ill., Dr. Kyle is currently chairman of the department of orthopaedic surgery at HCMC, professor of orthopaedic surgery at the University of Minnesota and Co-Founder of the Midwest Orthopaedic Research Foundation, specializing in trauma and adult reconstruction orthopaedics.

"I am honored to assume this position, and look forward to working jointly with Academy leadership and orthopaedic specialty societies to further the profession of orthopaedics, enhance patient care and emphasize the continued need for musculoskeletal research," Dr. Kyle explained.

Active in numerous professional organizations, Dr. Kyle serves on of the board of directors for the Midwest Orthopaedic Research Foundation and the Twin Cities Orthopaedic Education Association. He is a founding member and past president of the Orthopaedic Trauma Association and a member of the American Orthopaedic Association, the American Association of Hip and Knee Surgeons and the Orthopaedic Research Society. He has served on many AAOS task forces and committees.

[Hennepin County Medical Center](#) is a Level 1 Trauma Center and public teaching hospital repeatedly recognized as one of America's best hospitals by *U.S. News & World Report*. HCMC's orthopaedic staff cares for inpatients and outpatients, including those with multiple trauma and long-term bone disease. Among the services are fixation of bone fractures, total joint replacement, complicated back management, treatment of bone infections, and problems of the shoulder, hip, knee, hand, or foot. Research on bone infections and prostheses is also conducted in the department.

The [Midwest Orthopaedic Research Foundation \(MORF\)](#), located on HCMC's campus, has a 20-year history of designing many innovative and creative solutions to orthopaedic problems. The lab participated in the design of the first FDA approved uncemented hip replacement, and is one of the leaders in knee replacement research in the United States. MORF also pioneered the use of specialized screws and other devices for repairing fractured hips, and has brought innovative treatments for infection to surgeons across the country and internationally.

With more than 29,000 members, the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons (www.aaos.org) or (www.orthoinfo.org) is the premier not-for-profit organization that provides education programs for orthopaedic surgeons and allied health professionals, champions the interests of patients and advances the highest quality musculoskeletal health. Orthopaedic surgeons and the Academy are the authoritative sources of information for patients and the general public on musculoskeletal conditions, treatments and related issues. An advocate for improved patient care, the Academy is participating in the Bone and Joint Decade (www.usbjd.org) – the global initiative in the years 2002-2011 – to raise awareness of musculoskeletal health, stimulate research and improve people's quality of life.

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