

Collaborative Research Agenda: Stakeholder Planning Meeting
October 24, 2013

Executive Summary

Introduction

On October 24, 2013, Orthopaedic Research and Education Foundation (OREF) held its first Stakeholder Planning Meeting to discuss its Collaborative Research Agenda in the area of hip and knee arthroplasty. Developing, funding and executing Collaborative Research Agendas are key elements in OREF's *Vision 2015* – a bold, comprehensive multi-year plan that will return OREF to its original mission of supporting orthopaedic research and education that supports research. The meeting was co-chaired by Drs. James D. Heckman and Thomas P. Schmalzried and an independent consulting firm, Weltman Consulting, was used to facilitate the various group sessions. Participants of the meeting included representatives from industry and orthopaedic societies as well as orthopaedic surgeons and researchers.

Research Funding

[An active OREF donor] was acknowledged for his generous contribution which serves to further support research in the area of hip and knee. It was emphasized that because of this generous gift, OREF is in a unique position to leverage it with contributions from other stakeholders to fund substantial research in this area. Thus, the primary purpose of the meeting was to create a collaborative research agenda focused on hip and knee and serve as OREF's first area of focus.

Meeting Activities

The participants initially met as a large group to discuss the purpose and process of the meeting. The group divided into two smaller groups to brainstorm for potential research questions focused on hip and knee arthroplasty. Collectively, the two small groups generated a total of 37 research questions. When the larger group reconvened, they shared their ideas, and refined and categorized the questions according to: 1.) Basic/Translational; 2.) Clinical; and 3.) Health Services research. Participants then recorded their top question for each category and submitted it to OREF on the meeting evaluation form.

Future Proceedings

It was agreed that once all of the information was compiled, it would be shared with the participants, and the other stakeholders who were unable to attend the meeting. In the spirit of collaboration, everyone would be able to review, refine and suggest additional research questions for consideration. The final list of potential research questions would be incorporated into a comprehensive report and presented to the OREF Research Grants Committee (RGC) at its meeting scheduled for December 12, 2013. It is expected that the RGC will review the list of questions, prioritize them, and issue one or more new Requests for Applications (RFAs) focused on hip and knee next year. In addition, OREF will continue to explore opportunities for collaborative funding and execution.