



Biologics Alliance™ Initiates Collaboration Within Orthopaedics Community

ROSEMONT, ILLINOIS – November 2019 – For the first time, [The Arthroscopy Association of North America \(AANA\)](#), the [American Orthopaedic Society for Sports Medicine \(AOSSM\)](#), the [International Cartilage Regeneration and Joint Preservation Society \(ICRS\)](#) and the [ON Foundation](#) have collaborated to form [The Biologics Alliance \(BA\)™](#), an orthopaedic organization dedicated to providing one voice for all matters on musculoskeletal biologics and regenerative medicine.

Recently, randomized clinical trials and clinical practice guidelines have called into question the ability of treatments such as oral medications, injection therapies, physical therapy, arthroscopy and arthroplasty to provide significant clinical improvement to patients with osteoarthritis (OA), the most common condition evaluated and treated by Orthopaedic Surgeons. With numerous remedies being used clinically despite minimal rigorous evidence to support their use, the need for medical and scientific leadership in defining and assessing biologic therapies becomes evident.

The BA was founded in 2018 with a purpose to critically evaluate the current evidence for biologics and regenerative medicine, in order to encourage responsible use of these therapies, facilitate rigorous study of treatment outcomes in order to establish the scientific basis for regenerative medicine therapies, and to discourage the widespread indiscriminate use of unproven therapies. With numerous voices both nationally and internationally weighing in, the BA's intention is to provide a unified voice and to offer insight through development of reporting standards and research that can help physicians and their patients better understand the existing and future clinical application of biologic therapies.

“The BA aims to advocate for the responsible use of biologics in clinical practice, lead in the development of biologic standards, and report on the safety and efficacy of biologic interventions,” said Alliance Co-Chair Bert Mandelbaum, M.D.

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- **Kenneth Zaslav, M.D.**, Orthopaedic Surgeon, OrthoVirginia; Clinical Professor, Virginia Commonwealth University; Company Physician, Richmond Ballet.

The BA will host their first annual educational Summit Feb. 6-7, 2020 in Carlsbad, California (www.biologicsalliance.com). The Summit agenda will combine education with strategic meetings focused on paving the way for future position statements. Specifically, the conference will feature six interactive modules, including discussions on the current state of the art in the area of biologic therapies; current regulatory processes, and implications and clinical applications. A special highlight of the Summit will be moderated case-based presentations led by leaders in orthopaedics.

The official BA website (www.biologicsalliance.com) is set to launch in the near future.

The Biologics Alliance™ is an orthopaedic organization with a mission to foster and convene a collaboration for shared and coordinated efforts to speak with a unified voice in the musculoskeletal biologics environment.

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