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David A. Halsey, MD, named president of the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons

NEW ORLEANS, La. (March 9, 2018)—Vermont orthopaedic surgeon David A. Halsey, MD, became the president of the [American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons](#) (AAOS) Board of Directors today at the organization's 2018 Annual Meeting. His presidency marks year three of a four-year commitment of volunteer service, after serving as a vice president of the Academy for the previous two years.

"It is my privilege and sincere honor to serve as president of an organization I strongly believe in and deeply value," said Dr. Halsey. "The health care landscape is evolving every day and a variety of opportunities and challenges are ahead of us. Together with the Board, I will work alongside the AAOS staff leadership to continue the critical and careful look at education, partnerships, quality and advocacy communications to ensure our 38,000 members are set-up to succeed in various practice settings, and can continue to provide the best possible care to patients."

For more than 30 years, Dr. Halsey has been helping patients with disorders of the joints, muscles and bones. Currently, Dr. Halsey is the chief of Orthopaedic Surgery Division at Martha's Vineyard Hospital and a full professor in the Department of Orthopaedics and Rehabilitation at University of Vermont College of Medicine in Burlington, Vt. Prior to joining the full-time academic faculty, he was in a private practice for 18 years in the Upper Valley region of Vermont and New Hampshire.

Dr. Halsey earned a Bachelor of Arts degree at Middlebury College in Middlebury, Vt., and his medical degree from the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey-Robert Wood Johnson Medical School. He completed a general surgery internship and orthopaedic surgery residency at University of Vermont.

Dr. Halsey has served in dozens of leadership roles across 15 different Academy councils and committees over his 20 years of volunteering for the AAOS, including two terms on the Board of Directors, chair of the Board of Specialty Societies, chair of the Board of Councilors, chair of the Council on Advocacy and as a board member of the Association Orthopaedic Political Action Committee. He also served as an officer of the American Association of Hip and Knee Surgeons, a member of the executive committee of the Vermont Orthopaedic Society as well as the Vermont Medical Society's Board of Councilors. He was recognized by the Vermont Medical Society in 2016 with the society's Physician of the Year Award.

Additionally, he has served as an advisor to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) as both a specialty society member of the American Medical Association's Relative Update Value committee, a multi-disciplinary group of medical specialty societies who offer assistance in helping to determine reimbursement values to CMS, and the Commission on Ambulatory Payment Classification.

He and his wife Katie have two adult children, Stephen and Kirsten who are both pursuing careers in medicine.

[Read more about Dr. Halsey](#)

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