

Innovate, Integrate, Collaborate – Orthopedics 2026
32nd Annual Orthopedic Nursing Conference
Northeast Wisconsin (N.E.W.) Chapter 171 of NAON

Date: Thursday, February 12, 2026

Time: 7:30-8:00 am Registration
 8:00-3:30 pm Conference

Where: Comfort Suites, Green Bay, WI

Registration Deadline: February 6, 2026

Fee: Includes light breakfast and lunch. **Handouts will be emailed to attendees prior to the conference.**

- \$90.00 NAON Member
- \$115.00 Non-Member
- \$45.00 Undergraduate student only

6.25 Contact hours: Attendance for entire presentation & completed evaluation is required to receive contact hours.

Target Audience: Nurses, nursing students, and other interested healthcare professionals.

Learner Outcomes: Learners will be able to:

- Describe current trends for improving patient care and outcomes.
- Discuss future approaches in orthopedic nursing and the impact on the quality care of patients.
- Incorporate evidence-based practice into caring for patients and their families with musculoskeletal disorders.

Presenters:

Trisha Boldt, PT, DPT, GCS
 Physical Therapist, Board Certified Geriatric Specialist
 Emplify Health by Bellin, Green Bay, WI

Karim Doughem, MD, MBChB
 Emplify Health Rheumatology. Green Bay, WI

Michael W. Harper, MD
 Non-Operative Sports Medicine Physician
 Orthopedic Sports Medicine Services (OSMS)
 Green Bay, WI

Amy Romandine Kratz, MD
 Primary Care Sports Medicine Physician, Prevea Health
 Associate Director of Sports Medicine
 Medical Director UWGB
 Medical Director, Oconto County Public Health

Tansy Lederhaus, BSN, RN, ONC
 Orthopedic and Sports Medicine Specialists
 Green Bay, WI & Jon Hagen, BSN, RN, CCEMT-P
 Retired flight nurse, ThedaCare Regional Medical Center

Patrick Riggle, DO
 Orthopedic and Hip/Knee Surgeon
 Prevea Health, Green Bay, WI



Program Agenda

7:30-8:00 Registration and breakfast

8:00-8:10 Welcome

8:10-9:10 Beyond the X-ray: Laboratory Testing in Orthopedics
Amy Romandine Kratz, MD

This presentation will review the role of laboratory testing in common orthopedic conditions. Clinical scenarios will be used to help apply the information to patient care.

9:15-10:15 Physical Therapy: Our Role and Your Role in Managing Falls

Trisha Boldt, PT, DPT, GCS

This session will include an overview of what physical therapy is, fall prevalence, the role we play in managing falls and balance, and what you can do to help.

10:30-11:30 Two Perspectives, One Patient: Orthopedic Trauma Care from Scene to Survival

Tansy Lederhaus, BSN, RN, ONC and Jon Hagen, BSN, RN, CCEMT-P

This presentation offers both patient and provider perspectives on trauma care of the orthopedic patient, from the scene of a catastrophic crash to long-term recovery. It highlights the critical role of nurses, clinical decision-making, and the lasting impact beyond hospital walls.

11:30-12:20 Lunch

12:20-1:20 Introduction to Rheumatology
Karim Doughem, MD

This presentation will include descriptions of common rheumatological diseases, current tools that aid in the diagnostic process, and an introduction to treatment options using conventional and novel disease-modifying anti-rheumatic drugs (DMARDs).

1:25-2:25 Robotics in Total Knee Arthroplasty
Patrick Riggle, DO

This presentation will cover improved accuracy, kinematic vs mechanical alignment, and post-operative recovery of the patient undergoing a total knee arthroplasty with the use of robotics.

2:25-2:35 Break

2:35-3:35 Non-Surgical Interventions for Orthopedic Pain
Michael W. Harper, MD

This presentation highlights non-surgical, image-guided options for managing orthopedic pain, from image-guided injections to regenerative medicine and nerve-based therapies. Attendees will gain insight into how these interventions improve pain and function while delaying or avoiding surgery.

3:35-3:50 Wrap up, Prizes, Evaluations

Conference Location: Comfort Suites (attached to 1951 West restaurant), 1951 Bond Street, Green Bay, WI, (920) 499-7449, comfortsuitesgb.com. From Hwy. 41/141, take Shawano Ave. exit. Travel **east** (towards Fleet Farm) & turn onto Taylor Street (3rd exit off round-about). Proceed north on Taylor Street to Bond Street. Turn left on Bond Street and go to the end.

Hotel: A block of rooms has been reserved until February 1, 2026 at the Comfort Suites. Participants are responsible for making their own arrangements. For reservations, call (920) 499-7449 and ask for the NAON group rate.

For More Information Contact Sherri Hanrahan at (920) 858-4683 or Sherri.Hanrahan@bellincollege.edu

Nursing Contact Hours provided through  Bellin College is approved as a provider of nursing continuing professional development by the Wisconsin Nurses Association, an accredited approver by the American Nurses Credentialing Center's Commission on Accreditation.

Disclosure: A complete disclosure statement and acknowledgment of any financial support will be included in the program materials at the activity.

Certification Award: There will be a drawing for \$150 to help cover exam costs if you became Orthopaedic Nurse Certified (ONC or ONP-C), or recertified, between Feb 13, 2025 and Feb 11, 2026. A \$50 drawing to help cover part of a yearly NAON membership will also be held. **Proof of certification and NAON membership is required.**

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Registration Deadline: February 6, 2026

Name: _____ Cell Number: _____

E-mail address (required for confirmation of registration and emailing PowerPoints): _____

Employer: _____

Credentials (i.e. BSN, RN): _____

Home Address: _____

Payment: NAON member (\$90) _____ Non-member (\$115) _____ Student (\$45) _____

ONC or ONP-C certified (circle which one): Yes _____ No _____

Complete the Registration Form and return it with a check to: Sherri Hanrahan, Bellin College, 3201 Eaton Road, Green Bay, WI 54311
Make checks payable: Northeast Wisconsin Chapter of the Natl Assoc of Orthopedic Nurses

****OR Pay via the Venmo app with the username NEW171. Include all registration information in the "notes" on Venmo.**