



The ACE Award is a competitive, *new product* award for AOSSM's corporate partners exhibiting at the Annual Meeting. This annual award recognizes cutting-edge innovation in the field of orthopaedic sports medicine. The award represents the Society's recognition of industry partners contribution to the field and the importance of corporate innovations that impact our members and their patients.

Application deadline: May 15, 2021

[APPLY HERE](#)

Eligibility and Guidelines

- All exhibitors at the Annual Meeting are eligible to submit entries for this award. There is no limit to the number of entries for exhibitors.
- Eligible products include devices, procedures, techniques, materials, etc. introduced since the previous AOSSM Annual Meeting (July 2020). This includes modifications to existing concepts that substantially improve outcomes in orthopaedic sports medicine.
- Submission must be on display in the Exhibit Hall during the Annual Meeting.
- Supporting information must be made available for the judges to inform their scoring and deliberations.
- Supporting information may include, but is not limited to, product literature and data, podium and/or poster presentations about the product or similar data and information.
- At the judges' discretion, up to three winners will be selected, but no more than three winners at the Annual Meeting.

Important Notices

- Only exhibitors who are paid in full by May 21, 2021 are eligible for this award.
- For questions about the ACE Award, please contact Kevin Boyer, AOSSM Director of Research and Health Policy, kevin@aossm.org

Evaluation Process

To apply, exhibitors must complete the online application including uploads of supporting information by May 15 prior to the Annual Meeting. A panel of AOSSM members ("judges"), free of significant financial or intellectual conflicts of interest, will review submitted entries from applicants. Judges will select 6-8 products as finalists for review at the exhibitor's booth during the Annual Meeting. Finalists

will be notified at least 2 weeks prior to the start of the meeting. Applications can be electronically submitted at: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2021AOSSMACEAward>

The judges will visit the selected finalist's exhibition space in the Exhibit Hall at specified times and meet with exhibitor representatives to review the product. Exhibitors selected as finalists must ensure AT LEAST ONE person at the booth during the judging time frame can discuss the product with the judges. Judges will convene for private discussions and determination of award winners.

Scoring Criteria

The judging panel's decision will be based on the following criteria (in no order of significance):

- Creativity and Innovation – the exhibited concept reflects a novel discovery in musculoskeletal science coupled with the creation and evaluation using appropriate science. (0-5 points)
- Long term applicability in practice – the exhibited concept is likely to sustain a lasting impact in the field and/or goes beyond an incremental improvement to existing knowledge. (0-5 points)
- Potential impact on clinical practice – the exhibited concept is practical, likely to see substantial uptake in the field, and sustained use by practitioners. (0-5 points)
- Improves standard of care – the exhibited concept compares well to an existing gold standard in the field or creates a new paradigm for patient care. (0-5 points)
- Benefits vs. Harms and/or effectiveness – the exhibited product is safe and minimizes risk to patients while displaying positive outcomes. (0-5 points)

Celebrating ACE Award Products

- Exhibit-Hall-wide announcement of winning company and products
- Upon announcement the judging panel and AOSSM President will present the ACE Award to the company. Companies will be visited in alphabetical order with a 5-10 minute window for photo-ops.
- All winners will be given permission to advertise their concept as the award winner, including the use of the ACE Award logo in marketing and communications materials.
- AOSSM will undertake its own communication strategies to promote the products selected for an ACE Award (e.g. social media, SMU, podium slides).