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2017 Annual NSAA Conference

Discover the rewards of attending this year's conference in "Crystal City", Arlington, VA. [Visit our website](#) for details; Registration is now open. [Contact us](#) to participate at any level, including exhibiting at a booth or sponsoring events.

Member Articles

NSAA Members - If you would like to contribute an article to the Node and receive valuable CEUs, please email your ideas to: articles@nsaa.net

Announcements & Reminders

Notice of upcoming Board of Directors Election



In accordance with the NSAA Bylaws, as cited below, this post provides notice of our annual Board of Directors election which will be held this year, via our e-voting system, with a voting window beginning at 12:01 a.m. EST Wednesday March 1, 2017 and ending at 11:59 p.m. EST, Wednesday March 29, 2017.

An e-mail including specific voting instructions, with links to the ballot and to candidate statements will be forwarded to members immediately prior to the beginning of the voting period.

Elections are scheduled and overseen by the Nominations and Elections Committee with the assistance of the Chief Administrative Officer and other officers as needed. Members shall be entitled to cast up to one vote for each vacancy. However, no Member may cast more than one vote for any candidate on his/her ballot. Candidates receiving the greatest number of votes on the ballots cast will be elected.

We look forward to considerable membership participation in the accomplishment of another successful Board of Directors election.

View all of the [2017 Candidate's Statements](#)

Continuing Education Article

**NSAA Board of
Directors 2016-2017**

As your representatives, NSAA's Board of Directors appreciate any comments, concerns, or questions you might have about the profession or your association.

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A Jones Fracture refers to a break between the base and shaft of the fifth metatarsal bone of the foot. The fifth metatarsal is the long bone on the outside of the foot. It is connected to the smallest toe.

A Jones Fracture is the most common type of metatarsal fracture, and it is the most serious type of fracture that can occur in this bone.

This particular fracture is named for the orthopedic surgeon, Sir Robert Jones, who first reported and treated the injury in 1902.

Contents of this article:

- What is a Jones fracture?
- Types of fractures in the fifth metatarsal
- Treatment and recovery

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[CEU Article Questions](#)

[Print Answer](#)

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News & Features



Legislative Report

Congress & White House Begin Historic 115th Congress with a Bang

Although it is much too early to say how a Congress controlled entirely by Republicans will mesh with a non-traditional White house operation, some things which have happened in the first 10 days of activity since President Trumps inauguration suggest that reality will give Netflix's "House of Cards" a run for its money for excitement.



TX Surgical Assistant License - TX Legislative Update Sunset

The Texas Sunset Advisory Commission meets to hear from the public about the mission and performance of agencies under review and to recommend improvements. Through Sunset, the Legislature looks closely at the need for and performance of state agencies. About 130 entities are subject to Sunset review, with 20-30 going through the Sunset process every two years.

[Read more](#)



Testing & Credentialing News

A Job Analysis survey was launched this past October. The results of this survey provide support of the relevance, validity, and legal defensibility of the CSA credentialing program by establishing a correlation between what SAs do on-the-job, and successful examination performance.

Read a survey summary and list of Gift Card recipients.

[Read Summary](#)

Stay Connected



2017 National Conference



National Conference & General Meeting

On behalf of the 2017 Conference Planning Committee, President Flagg, and the NSAA staff, join us at Arlington Virginia's "Crystal City" and NSAA's 34th National Conference and General Meeting! We are confident that you will enjoy this great educational opportunity and the chance to visit with old friends, make new friends, and explore this

Unique City!

Collectively this conference offers up to 16 contact hours of continuing education units (CEU) featuring updates on state and federal policy, networking with your colleagues, an exhibit hall filled with the latest goods and services for CSAs and students, and of course, dynamic speakers who will share their unique perspectives on the role of the surgical assistant in our ever-changing health care environment. Come early and join Dave Gencarelli and NSAA leadership as they meet with Congressional members on Capital Hill.

Crystal City has a little bit of everything as well as lots of restaurants and hotels. One popular attraction is the Crystal City Water Park, where water cascades down steps and pours through a series of openings, creating a relaxing setting. Restaurants abound along 23rd Street South where big name and lesser-known establishments stand side by side.

Book your room at the Hilton Crystal City, register for the conference, and discover more information directly from the [NSAA website](#).

Continuing Education Units (CEUs)



NSAA CEU Policy

The *Continuing Education Policies for the CSA* is provided for CSAs as participating in Continuing Education Units (CEU). CSAs as must adhere to these high standards, established by the profession to ensure the ongoing educational development of individual practitioners and to demonstrate to the public the profession's commitment to providing the highest level of quality surgical patient care. The National Surgical Assistant Association (NSAA) is recognized by the National Commission for the Certification of Surgical Assistants (NCCSA) as the responsible authority for the approval of CEU programs for the CSA, including responsibility for CEU credit processing and maintenance, which is subject to NCCSA audit or verification. [Read full policy](#)

Print an [NSAA CEU Submission Form](#)

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