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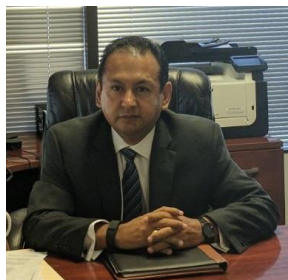
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## President's Message



Luis Aragon, CSA, RSA,  
LSA NSAA President

Dear Colleagues,

It is a special honor and privilege to begin my term as President of the NSAA. Our outgoing President, JP Flagg, II deserves a big thank you from all of us for representing and guiding our profession and organization in times that have been crucial for our future. I am very appreciative and humbled by the opportunity to serve the membership for the next 2 years. NSAA has been an influential and important part of my career for the

last 22 years and I am truly blessed to be part of the team that is going to lead it to the next phase.

The 2017 National Conference in Arlington this year was a success thanks to the arduous and hard work of many people behind the scenes, and we should give a big shout out to them. I would also like to thank the attendees that showed up excited to learn, share and network, which are the main objectives of our annual conference.

Your Board of Directors is fully committed to continue and build upon the progress made and bring the value proposition and recognition of the non-physician surgical assistant to the forefront of our priorities. Communicating the vital and important role that we play in thousands of surgeries daily is a responsibility of each and every one of us; inside and outside of operating rooms throughout the country. I call for the membership to become an active part on the effort for recognition, communicate the value that we bring to the surgical team and participate on the grass roots effort of solidifying the profession; these goals cannot be attained without your help and support.

We are excited and optimistic for the future. The role that we play is too critical to be ignored, and by working together hand in hand with other sister organizations to achieve common goals, we will achieve what just years ago was only a dream.

Professionally yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Luis Aragon'.

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## 2018 NSAA Conference



Discover the rewards of attending next year's conference in Norfolk, VA. [Visit our website](#) for details, and [contact us](#) to register for any level of participation, including exhibiting, sponsoring, or speaking.

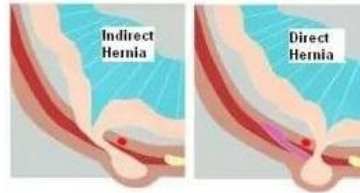
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Luis Aragon, CSA, RSA, LSA  
President, NSAA

## Featured Article

### Direct vs. indirect inguinal hernias: Symptoms, causes, and treatment

There are many different types of hernias. An inguinal hernia is when a bulge or protrusion of tissue occurs in the groin area. They occur within the inguinal canal and can extend into the scrotum in males.



The inguinal canal travels through the abdominal wall and is a passageway from the abdomen to the genitals. People have two inguinal canals, one on each side of the lower abdomen.

[Read Article](#)

**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](mailto:articles@nsaa.net)**

## New Product Approval



### Stryker launches expensive Mako robot for knee replacement in cost-conscious era

As value-based care and bundled payments begin to take hold in the orthopedics industry and healthcare overall, Kalamazoo, Michigan-based Stryker is doing something counterintuitive.

It is launching an expensive piece of equipment. Coinciding with the first day of the annual meeting of the American Academy of Orthopaedics Surgeons (AAOS) in San Diego, the orthopedics company announced Tuesday that the MAKO robot is now officially launched in the U.S. to perform total knee replacements. (MAKO has been available to perform total hip knee replacements and partial knees in the U.S. up until now.)



RIO® Robotic Arm Interactive System

Learn more about the [Mako Robot](#)



## NSAA CEU Policy

**The Continuing Education Policy for the CSA is provided for CSAs as participating in Continuing Educational Units (CEU).**

[Read Full Policy](#)

## NSAA Board of Directors 2017-2018

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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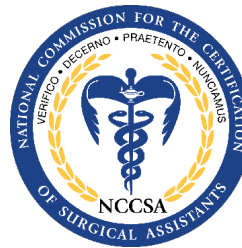
### Legislative Report

Since our last report to NSAA membership, a great deal has happened in the healthcare space here in Washington, D.C. A second attempt to pass a replacement for the Affordable Care Act (ACA) has succeeded by the slimmest of margins in the US House of Representatives on a 217-213 vote. No Democrats voted for the legislation, but twenty moderate Republicans primarily from the Midwest and Northeast voted against it.

[Dave's Full Presentation](#)

To see who won and the voting breakdown click the link below:

[2017 NSAA Board](#)



### Testing & Credentialing News

Welcome New CSAs!



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**EVMS Masters of Surgical Assisting Class of 2017**

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William Dickhoner, MD  
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### Stay Connected



## 2017 NSAA Conference Recap



The 2017 NSAA Conference was held at the Hilton Crystal City in Arlington, VA last month. Once again it was a huge success, due to the tremendous help on the ground from Conference Chair, Nicole Ho-Sang. Thanks to all who attended and to the generous support from the exhibitors.

Check out some of the Conference Highlights!



Congratulations to all the door prize winners: Ed Wilson, CSA; Jarred Inglett, CSA; Chris Gross, CSA; Stacey Twisdale, CSA; Debbie Redmond, CSA; Keenan Childress, CSA; Iliana Hawkins, CSA; and Susan Summers, CSA. This year's Conference Door Prizes were

NSAA Embroidered Attache Bag, NSAA Embroidered Backpack, \$150 American Express Gift Cards, 2018 NSAA Conference Registration, and 2018 NSAA Membership Dues! The Grand Prize, an Amazon Alexa w/2 A19 LED Light Bulbs and 2 TP-Link HS 100 Smart Plugs, chosen from the completed Exhibitor Card, was Larry Bronnert, CSA from Hamilton, OH!

Thanks to all attendees that completed the post conference survey. The results were very encouraging. Selected from those who completed the survey, the winner of a **2018 Conference Registration in Norfolk, VA** was **Albert Brooks, CSA**. Congratulations Al, see you in Norfolk next April!

For complete information including the program and a slide presentation capturing some candid shots during the event, visit the "Past Conferences" page on the NSAA website.

## Announcements & Reminders

### Submitting CEUs

CSAs must recertify every 2 years. Part of the recertification requirement is to submit 50 continuing education units (CEUs) within those 2 years. CEUs need to be received by the NSAA 30 days prior to your certification expiration date to provide enough time for verification and processing, and for NCCSA to process your CSA recertification certificate. For questions, please refer to this link: [www.csaexam.com/becoming-a-csa/recertification-requirements/](http://www.csaexam.com/becoming-a-csa/recertification-requirements/)

NSAA will send out emails to its members 60 days prior to your expiration date as a reminder. Please check your email spam settings to ensure that you are able to receive emails from info@nsaa.net.

### Checking CEU Status

You can check where you stand with your CEU count in the members area section of the website. Go to [www.nsaa.net](http://www.nsaa.net) and click on 'members area' at the top and log-in. If you have trouble logging in please call the office at 855-270-6722. This is a great way to know how many CEUs you have on file at any given time. This information is updated about 72 hours after CEUs are submitted to NSAA. Once you submit CEUs, we encourage you to check your member profile to ensure your CEUs were properly received and recorded.

## Magnify Group/Learnwise Discount CEU Offer

### Special CEU Discount Offer To All CSAs,

Free CEUs are easy to find. High quality CEUs relevant to our work in the OR are not. Magnify Group/Learnwise, NSAA's partner in Continuing Medical Education, have extended an offer for all CEU courses at a 30% discount until September 1, 2017.

Click on the link here: [Learnwise Discount](#)

or login to the NSAA website's Members Area, and navigate to the Education tab and select Learnwise CEU from the drop down menu. This will take you to the exclusive NSAA/Learn Wise portal. Register with learn Wise by signing up in the Login In window. There is no cost to sign up.

To see a current list of all available courses, [click here](#).

You will need to establish a Username and Password. In the Company box, use **NSAA** and select Learn Wise CEU. This will take you to the exclusive NSAA/Learn Wise portal and the catalog list of current continuing education courses.

To see a current list of all available courses, [click here](#).

There are 2 (two) package options, 12 months for \$75 and 24 months for \$125. Select your desired preference and select Add to Cart. Confirm your package selection and then click

desired preference and select [Add to Cart](#). Confirm your package selection and then click [Go to Checkout](#). Select [Checkout](#) again, and you will be directed to a login page where current users can login or you can register as a new customer.

New customers will need to establish a Username and Password. In the [Company](#) box, use **NSAA**. Select the [Submit](#) button. Choose Checkout, and click on the blue down arrow next to [Discount](#). Use code: **UnZWZoFq**, select [Apply](#) and you will see the discount awarded. Click on [Purchase](#) and enter your payment information.

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