AOA Research Strategic Plan

2022 - 2024
VISION

To improve patient outcomes through world-class Australian orthopaedic and musculoskeletal research.
The Research Strategic Plan consists of four core strategies. These strategies have been informed by the rich dialogue and exchange discussing opportunities, challenges, ambitions, success, short and long term priorities and critical relationships. The four core strategies are:

- Governance
- Education, Networking & Engagement
- Resources
- Advocacy & Promotion
GOVERNANCE

• To establish a sustainable national framework for research that encourages participation, engagement and translational outcomes
• To establish a clear, effective and diverse research governance structure within AOA
• To facilitate a positive and sustainable clinical studies/trials culture
• To improve patient outcomes through big data
• To engage the Australian community and orthopaedic patients in musculoskeletal research activities
EDUCATION, NETWORKING & ENGAGEMENT

AIMS

• To build a research framework that encourages participation in research
• To leverage the momentum of AOA 21 to improve the research culture and embed research into orthopaedic training
• To actively engage medical students, interns and unaccredited registrars in orthopaedic research
• To reduce barriers to member engagement in research and to increase research participation from diverse groups (e.g. gender, regional/rural surgeons, trainees, community members, institutions and craft groups)
RESOURCES

AIMS

- To provide education, funding and resources to enable AOA members to engage in research
- To improve the coordination and efficient use of AOA’s existing national and regional resources
- To increase the percentage of national funding allocated to musculoskeletal research
- To ensure that all AOA members are aware of the research resources available through AOA and how to utilise these resources
ADVOCACY & PROMOTION

AIMS

• To increase the profile of musculoskeletal research in Australia through purposeful advocacy and communication

• To increase the amount of national funding allocated to musculoskeletal research

• To recognise and celebrate those members who are producing and involved in high-quality musculoskeletal research

• To improve the translation of research into clinical practice in Australian healthcare through advocating for support and funding for musculoskeletal research