



PROGRAM*

Friday, January 9

5:30 – 6:30pm: Welcome Reception

Saturday January 10

7:45 – 8:45am: Breakfast

8:45 – 9:00am: Welcome from the AOPA President, Kimberly Hanson, CPRH and AOPA Executive Director, Teri Kuffel, JD

9:00 – 9:45am: General Session - What We've Learned: Views from AOPA Leadership

Speakers: Rick Riley; Kimberly Hanson, CPRH; and Teri Kuffel, JD

This session will include organizational updates and an overview of strategic efforts undertaken since the 2025 O&P Leadership Conference. AOPA's leadership will cover important developments impacting the profession, and a forecast of strategic priorities for the year to come.

9:45 – 10:45am: Keynote – Navigating Change: Leadership Perspectives from Dr. Raquel Cruz Bono

Dr. Bono will provide invaluable lessons in leading through ambiguity; building unified, high-performance systems; accelerating innovation and change; and strengthening teams and culture in complex environments. Her keynote address will be followed by an interactive fireside chat with audience Q&A. This is a rare opportunity to learn from one a respected strategic leader — and bring fresh insight back to your organization and our profession.

10:45 – 11:00am: Break

11:00am – Noon: General Session - Practical Insights and Actionable Strategies: Advancing the O&P Field's Data Maturity

Speakers: Shawn Murphy; Fanny Schultea, MS, MEd, CPO, LP, FAAOP(D); Jessika Broström

This interactive session will take the audience through real-world data applications that are making a meaningful difference in today's clinical practice, including an overview of

private/public partnerships that are serving as incubators for data innovation and investments in evidence generation through the O&P Foundation, as well as continued efforts to harness the power of big data for quality improvement and value demonstration.

Noon – 1:15pm: Lunch

1:15 – 2:30pm: CEO Panel: From Global Currents to U.S. Innovation - CEO Roadmaps for the Next Chapter of O&P

Speakers: Pete Stoy; Sveinn Solvason; Delphine Hanton; Oliver Jakobi; Teri Kuffel, JD (moderator)

CEOs from global O&P companies will discuss how global trends are impacting the U.S. market and vice versa.

2:30 – 3:15pm: General Session: Innovating Access - Disruptors Driving Change in O&P Care

Speakers: Sydney Robinson, MEng and Blair Lock

As new innovators step on the O&P scene, the word disruptor is wielded with as much enthusiasm as resistance. This interactive session will engage attendees in a thoughtful conversation about disruptors that are changing or could change O&P either for the better or to its detriment. The session aims to uncover areas of collective agreement while encouraging attendees to challenge our own assumptions and biases. This session will be followed by breakouts and the first ever O&P Leadership Debate Club Event.

3:15 – 3:30pm: Break

3:30 – 4:15pm: Breakouts – Building the Case

These breakout sessions will allow two groups to build their cases for why the O&P disruptor is a viable innovation for the O&P field, or why it doesn't (or shouldn't) work as an innovation for the O&P field.

Attendees will be segmented into two breakout groups – group a will argue in favor of the disruptor and group b will argue against the disruptor.

4:15 – 5:15pm: O&P Disruptor Debate Club

This session will challenge the attendees' existing beliefs and assumptions about innovation and progress in O&P. How can we know what we don't want to come to fruition if we can't understand the reasons others think it should? Following the breakout sessions, group leaders will make their respective cases for or against the next big O&P disruptor.

We will bring the full group back together and two representatives from each breakout group will “face off” to argue their respective sides.

5:15 – 5:30pm: Closing Remarks, and O&P Rising Stars Celebration

Speakers: Matt Swiggum

Sunday, January 11

7:45 – 8:45am: Breakfast

8:45 – 9:05am: Welcome from AOPA Executive Director, Teri Kuffel, JD

9:05 – 10:00am: General Session: From Shortage to Synergy - How Innovation Can Empower the O&P Workforce

Speakers: Mark Clary, CPO, FAAOP; Justin Pfaff; Amit Bhanti, CPO, LO; and Adrienne Hill, MHA, CPO(L), FAAOP (moderator)

This session highlights a potential existential threat, O&P workforce shortages, with a conversation about how entities are addressing workforce challenges through AI or other innovative clinical and/or workflow adaptations, integrating care extenders and technology in ways that expand capacity while still centering the O&P patient.

10:00 – 10:15am: Coffee Break

10:15 – 11:30am General Session: Quality of Care – A Call to Action

Speakers: Shane Wurdeman, PhD, CP, FAAOP(D); Graci Finco, PhD, CPO; Chris Sawyer; Ashlie White, MSHLS, MS (moderator)

This session will provide attendees with a foundational understanding of the Quality-of-Care domains, which serve as the foundation of Value-Based Care (VBC). Panelists will discuss how O&P is addressing each of the domains both in practice and evidence generation, and what investments remain necessary to ensure that value is clearly demonstrated in the healthcare services provided by O&P clinicians.

11:30am – Noon: Closing Remarks and Next Steps

Speakers: Kimberly Hanson, CPRH

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