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SUBJECT: AAOS' s information needs and how CPSC and AAOS can work together more effectively

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LOCATION: Room 711, East West Towers

CPSC ATTENDEE(S): William W. Zamula

NON-CPSC ATTENDEE(S):

Teena Austin, Manager, Public Relations, Department of Public Education and Media Relations, American Academy of Orthopedic Surgeons
Sean Oberle, Publisher, Product Safety Letter

SUMMARY OF MEETING:

Ms. Austin came to discuss the AAOS's needs for injury cost information and for estimates of medically treated injuries. I explained that the NEISS emergency room injury information was readily accessible on CPSC's website, and that it might be useful in detecting trends. She said that she found the estimates of

medically treated estimates especially useful, since it included injuries treated in doctor's office. She inquired as to what other organizations used the medically treated injuries. I responded that they were relatively few in number.

She asked about the timing for price level changes in the Injury Cost Model and the timing of availability of injury data for the previous year. I told her we tried to make both those changes coincide, but the availability of the injury data depended on hospitals closing out their injury files.

Ms. Austin provided information on the variety of information programs and media tools the AAOS uses to promote its messages on injury prevention. She said it has 18,000 members, of which a thousand are actively involved in disseminating AAOS messages on injury prevention, including speeches, letter writing, and other campaigns. She described some of the activities her organization conducts with other private organizations, CDC, and CPSC, including its efforts with regard to building safe playgrounds. She provided information on AAOS's seasonal campaigns and its plans for future efforts.

She said her organization was very interested in what might happen to the more physically active baby boomer cohort as it aged. She said that recent advances in less invasive hip and knee surgery techniques might extend participation in sports and other physical activities considerably. She said these new surgical techniques were especially beneficial if performed when patients were in their 50's and 60's rather than at more advanced ages.