



United States Bone and Joint Initiative (USBJI)  
*The Burden of Musculoskeletal Diseases in the United States* (BMUS)

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**Call For Applications: co-chairs of BMUS**  
voluntary positions

The United States Bone and Joint Initiative (USBJI), whose mission is to improve the prevention and treatment of bone and joint disorders, and the quality of life for those affected by them by providing increased awareness, solid information, and research, is submitting this call for applications to fill the position of chairpersons of our program, *The Burden of Musculoskeletal Diseases in the United States* (BMUS). Our current co-chairs, Stu Weinstein, MD and Ed Yelin, PhD, have each served for more than a decade, leading BMUS to become a pre-eminent program of USBJI. BMUS, a fully online, interactive platform, provides detailed evidence of the burden posed by a multitude of musculoskeletal diseases. BMUS offers information, downloadable graphs and charts on such subjects as spinal disorders, arthritis, bone health, economic impact, and many other musculoskeletal topics.

Criteria for chairpersons of BMUS

- academic clinician or clinical researcher
- background in data collection and analysis preferred
- recognized leader in musculoskeletal research

Duties:

- lead steering committee of subject matter experts in continued development and maintenance of BMUS content and delivery
- network with musculoskeletal specialists to find best authors for BMUS chapter topics
- understand and participate in accessing and utilizing health care data base information
- work with the USBJI executive director in continued development and maintenance of BMUS content and delivery
- work with data specialist member of BMUS in how information is to be presented
- Supervise data analyst to develop tabular presentations of data
- write chairperson's chapter of BMUS
- write cost chapter of BMUS, work with data specialist on content and delivery of information
- write editorials periodically to accompany release of major updates to BMUS
- present information from BMUS at professional meetings and conferences such as American College of Rheumatology or American Academy of Orthopedic Surgeons



- represent the interests of USBJI and BMUS to professional organizations like NIH, CDC
- ability and willing to communicate across spectrum of clinical – academic – research – health policy

#### Opportunity

- ability to participate in publication of scientific information related to BMUS
- USBJI will consider applicants who may also have staff member who could serve in role of BMUS Data Specialist (paid position)
- opportunity to participate in a leading program in the world of musculoskeletal disease

Applicants are asked to email the following information to the Office of Executive Director of the United States Bone and Joint Initiative at [lindbloom@usbji.org](mailto:lindbloom@usbji.org)

1. Curriculum vitae
2. Cover letter describing your interest in the role of co-chair of BMUS as well as your background which supports your serving in this role

Applications will be accepted until the two positions are filled.

Sincerely,

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