From President Greco

Our Focus on GME And CME Will Continue

The AOA House of Delegates meeting is behind us, but the work of achieving a successful definition and smooth implementation of the unified graduate medical education accreditation system remains ahead of us. The committees and positions that will accomplish this are in the process of appointment by the AOA, AACOM and the ACGME. We have encouraged our members to apply and will be submitting nominations where appropriate. We hope to get our most knowledgeable, effective representatives contributing at this vital time.

The resolution in support of the single accreditation system passed by the House of Delegates set the process in motion to include a focus on key issues such as recognition of our program directors’ AOBIM certification, preservation of community-based programs and the promotion of osteopathic principles.

There are many questions unanswered. One of the central concerns is how many of our programs will actually choose to pursue an

Elections Set for October 19

AOA Installs Robert S. Juhasz, DO, FACOI as President

Robert S. Juhasz, DO, FACOI, an AOA board-certified internist and Active Member of the ACOI, was inaugurated as the 118th President of the American Osteopathic Association (AOA), during the AOA’s Annual Business Meetings in July. A former ACOI Board of Directors member, Dr. Juhasz is the fourth internist to lead the AOA in recent years, following Eugene A. Oliveri, DO, Karen J. Nichols, DO and Larry A. Wickless, DO.

Dr. Juhasz’s inauguration was the culminating event of weeklong meetings that also saw the AOA House of Delegates endorse a plan to pursue a single accreditation system for graduate medical education. (See related story on page four.) ACOI leaders actively participated in the meetings, providing input during the deliberations and hosting several events for internists in attendance.

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2014 Convention Registration at Record Levels

Early sign-ups for the 2014 ACOI Annual Convention and Scientific Sessions are higher than for any previous convention at the same juncture, including the 2013 meeting, which set a record with 1358 attendees. The 2014 convention will take place October 15-19 at the Baltimore Waterfront Marriott Hotel in Baltimore’s historic Inner Harbor. A full program of educational and networking events is planned. Up to 38 AOA 1A CME specialty credits are anticipated.

This year, the program will feature a full-day Fundamentals of Critical Care Support certificate course on Saturday, October 18. Separate registration is available for those who wish to register only for this course, which is designed by the Society of Critical Care Medicine. Seating is limited and at this writing only 30 spots remain.

Because of the high number of pre-registrants, members are urged to make their hotel reservations soon. Hotel, program information and registration materials are included in this newsletter. Complete convention registration information is available at www.acoi.org/CMEConventReg.html.

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osteoarthritic emphasis. How many hospitals will recognize that an osteopathic-focused training program will provide a major benefit? How many will see the emphasis programs as being the right choice to attract a stream of osteopathic students? It is probably not an overstatement to say that our future depends on the answers to these questions.

Turning our focus to CME, the ACOI Annual Convention is set to begin October 15 in Baltimore MD. With a theme of, “Patient-Centered Innovation in a Rapidly Changing Environment,” this year’s meeting will be under the direction of Judith A. Lightfoot, DO, Program Chair and President-elect. This is sure to be another great educational event. The Baltimore Inner Harbor is a beautiful setting and I’m sure you will appreciate that the Marriott Waterfront Hotel is right on the edge of Little Italy, with plenty of fine restaurants within walking distance.

It’s also time to consider applying for the ACOI-University of Texas-Dallas Physician Leadership and Management program. As the Affordable Care Act matures, healthcare delivery continues to evolve. Whether in a small physician group, a medical home, a hospital, or a health care corporation, skilled physician Leadership is a valued commodity. The ACOI’s certification program for leadership is an important tool in helping physician leaders prepare for their role in stewarding today’s healthcare delivery systems. I welcome your comments on these and all ACOI matters.

Rick A. Greco, DO, President

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Open Payments Database Taken Off-line
The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) has announced a delay of a portion of the Open Payments program following efforts to investigate “a reported issue.” The Open Payments program was created by the ACA and requires applicable manufacturers of drugs, devices, biologicals or medical supplies to report annually certain payments or other transfers of value to physicians and teaching hospitals. As a result of the delay, physicians will not be able to review and dispute reported information about them until the issue is fixed. The required reporting is intended to promote transparency of financial relationships between the medical industry and healthcare providers on a publicly accessible website to help consumers make informed decisions.

According to CMS, “After an assessment of the data resulting from a complaint, we discovered that a limited number of physician payment records submitted by at least one manufacturer incorrectly contained information about other physicians.” While CMS has delayed the review and dispute stage of the program, it has not made clear whether it will delay the public launch of the website. Further, CMS has not indicated the expected duration of the delay. In a letter to CMS, the ACOI and others call for a delay in the program to address this and other issues. The ACOI will continue to closely monitor the situation.

ACA Possibly on its Way Back to the Supreme Court
Two federal appeals courts recently disagreed on the interpretation of language contained in the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (ACA) providing for the payment of subsidies to low-income individuals who purchase coverage through Exchanges. Specifically, the question is whether subsidies can be provided to individuals who purchase coverage through federally-run Exchanges which were established in states where states refused to create their own. The law as written allows for the payment of subsidies when an Exchange is “established by the state.” The split decisions ensure that additional legal maneuvering will take place and creates the possibility that another issue created by the ACA will be reviewed by the Supreme Court. The competing decisions are significant in that they go to the heart of the ACA’s efforts to make available affordable healthcare coverage. The ACOI will continue to monitor these cases.

VA Healthcare Legislation Signed into Law
Recent bipartisan efforts led to the approval and enactment of legislation aimed at reforming the delivery of healthcare services to veterans. The President signed into law a $17 billion legislative package that creates 27 new Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) medical facilities; expands care for veterans at non-VA hospitals and clinics when they are unable to quickly receive an appointment or live far from other veterans medical facilities; and allows for the firing of senior executives. The law comes on the heels of revelations that veterans were not receiving healthcare services in a timely fashion at VA facilities across the country. An internal audit by the VA showed that more than 120,000 veterans had not received a medical appointment, or were waiting more than 90 days for care at the time of the audit.

Solvency of Medicare Trust Fund Extended
According to a new report released by the Medicare Trustees, the Medicare Hospital Insurance Trust Fund will have sufficient funds through 2030. This represents an increase of four years over the previous estimate released at this time last year. According to CMS, lower-than-expected spending in 2013 and lower-than-anticipated utilization rates have helped slow the growth of Medicare spending per beneficiary. According to the report, Medicare spent $582.9 billion in 2013.

Official Deadline for ICD-10 Implementation Set
CMS released a final rule establishing October 1, 2015 as the official compliance deadline for implementation of the International Classification of Diseases, 10th Edition Diagnosis and Procedure Codes (ICD-10). The deadline was first extended by Congress earlier this year and made official through the recently-released final rule. The deadline will not be delayed further absent additional congressional action.

IOM Releases Highly Anticipated GME Report
The Institute of Medicine (IOM) released its long-awaited report examining the governance and financing of graduate medical education on July 29. The report entitled, “Graduate Medical Education that Meets the Nation’s Health Needs,” includes the following key recommendations:

• Maintain Medicare graduate medical education (GME) support at the current aggregate amount while taking essential steps to
Message from President Greco
On GME Accreditation

The following message from ACOI President Rick A. Greco, DO was emailed to all ACOI members following the action by the AOA House of Delegates last month to move forward with creating a single GME accreditation system:

Dear fellow ACOI members:

As many of you know, the AOA House of Delegates acted this weekend to reaffirm the decision to work toward a single GME accreditation system. The ACOI was well represented during the discussions, trying to assure that the concerns we have will be addressed.

You can read our full position statement on GME unification here: www.acoi.org/NewsUnifiedGME.html.

In brief, we believe that AOBIM certification must be recognized as an appropriate credential for our program directors, that provisions must be made to protect our smaller, community-based and rural training programs, and that residency positions must be available for all osteopathic college graduates.

I was privileged to be able to address the Board of Trustees and House of Delegates on these issues and I believe that our concerns were heard. The unification transition is expected to take five years, beginning in July, 2015. The final action approved by the House requires the Board to provide an annual report to the House on what progress is being made to address our specific concerns, and those of many others. There was a strong sense of commitment to the single GME system expressed by the House, but not at the expense of debasing osteopathic certification or the loss of quality training programs.

The ACOI team at the meetings - including President-elect Judy Lightfoot, D.O., Executive Director Brian Donadio and Deputy Executive Director Tim McNichol, JD - was very active in presenting our position both publicly and in private conversations. I believe that our testimony was instrumental in convincing the House to add the reporting requirement. We will continue to press for appropriate resolution of these matters as the discussions continue.

Please feel free to contact me or the other members of our leadership team at any time.

Sincerely,

Rick A. Greco, DO, FACOI
President, ACOI

66 New Fellows Approved for Baltimore

The ACOI College of Fellows will welcome 66 new members at the Annual Convocation of Fellows scheduled for Friday evening, October 17 in Baltimore. The ACOI Board of Directors and staff congratulate the following individuals on this outstanding accomplishment:

- Eric Appelbaum, DO
- Ronnie Mandal, DO
- Soroorsh Armandi, DO
- Luke Marcus, DO
- Jana Baker, DO
- Justin May, DO
- Neela Bakshi, DO
- Bhaba Misra, DO
- Rancho Barac, DO
- Sara Nehring, DO
- James Bradbury, DO
- Wojciech Nowak, DO
- Keri Brown, DO
- Jason Okuhara, DO
- Denise Bruckerhoff, DO
- Sheryl Okuhara, DO
- Regena Chan-Ting, DO
- Amy Penza, DO
- Brian Corbett, DO
- Adam Peterik, DO
- James Cruz, DO
- John Peters, DO
- William Cox, DO
- Suzanne Plush-Hall, DO
- Paul DeMasi, DO
- Carolyn Reeves, DO
- Susan Duke, DO
- Kimberly Rozengarten, DO
- Amir Enami, DO
- Christopher Sittel, DO
- Emily Felzenberg, DO
- Genevieve Skalak, DO
- Garieann Fish, DO
- Nicolas Strobbe, DO
- Marie Fleray, DO
- Scott Swabb, DO
- Zeina Ghayad, DO
- Christopher Szurdo, DO
- Joshua Glauser, DO
- Karen Tucker, DO
- Pamela Goldman, DO
- Jeremy Tucker, DO
- Payce Handler, DO
- Diana Tyler Rocks, DO
- Loren Hensley, DO
- Dominic Valentino, DO
- Robert Hostoffer, DO
- Antonio Velasco, DO
- Barbara Karenko, DO
- Bryan Watson, DO
- Stacy Ker, DO
- Marcia Watson, DO
- Michael Krohn, DO
- Brian Weihgart, DO
- Madhuri Lad, DO
- Erik Wett, DO
- Elizabeth Layhe, DO
- Randall Wetz, DO
- Hung-Sam Lee, DO
- Jason Whately, DO
- Sara Litter-Kuester, DO
- Shyama Wickramaaratchi, DO
- Nicole Longo, DO
- Hans Wolslau, DO
- Joseph MacDonald, DO
- John Yuhas, DO

This year’s Convocation will include two special awards for members of the College: Robert S. Hasty, DO, FACOI, for Teacher of the Year and Anthony J. Malcoun, DO, MACOI, as Internist of the Year. In addition, the following long-term members will be welcomed into the Gillum Society of Master Fellows: Jack E. Belen, DO, FACOI; Kenneth E. Calabrese, DO, FACOI; and Armen A. Korkigian, DO, FACOI.
ACOI’s Generational Advancement Fund: Advancing Future Generations With a Tradition of Excellence

ACOI members who have had successful careers are looking for ways to give back to the osteopathic community. Making a gift to the ACOI Generational Advancement Fund is an opportunity to make a difference for the future of osteopathic internal medicine. The Fund will continue and grow programs for students, residents and fellows, such as the Visiting Professor Program, Resident Textbook Program, Student Internal Medicine Club grants to attend ACOI’s Annual Convention, and the Mentor Program. Recently, Barbara L. Ciconte, CFRE, ACOI’s Development Counsel, spoke to two ACOI members to learn why they are involved with the College and so committed to its mission of developing future generations of osteopathic internists.

Wil VanderRoest, DO, FACOI, a loyal member of ACOI as a student, resident and Active member for more than three decades, is board certified in internal medicine, pulmonary medicine, and critical care medicine. He is currently the pulmonary medicine fellowship program director at Botsford Hospital in Michigan. Dr. VanderRoest has spoken at ACOI’s annual conventions and served as the College’s pulmonary section education chair in the past.

Ms. Ciconte: Tell me why you have dedicated your time and talents to ACOI.

Dr. VanderRoest: I have been privileged to participate in the leadership of the College with leaders such as Drs. Schaller, Bulger, Morley, Wickless and dozens of others for whom I have the greatest respect. As a program director, I am proud of my role in guiding the education of students and residents to become DO internists. With the ACGME taking over accreditation, I am not certain what will happen to the specialty colleges. However, I am committed to do what I can to see that the College continues as an education organization training students, residents and DO interns.

Ms. Ciconte: How did you become so involved in ACOI?

Dr. Miller: When I first joined ACOI, I shared my thoughts on how the lectures and educational sessions could be improved. Some might have called me a “noisemaker.” The ACOI president at that time took the time to talk and listen to me and actually made changes to improve the quality of the sessions. Seeing that the College was willing and able to make these changes, I knew that ACOI was an organization to which I should commit my time and efforts. I also owe a great debt to osteopathic medicine for accepting me into their medical school. In return, I chose to volunteer many hours to the College. Over the years, I found the ACOI to be much more responsive to member needs than other osteopathic organizations, both local and national.

Ms. Ciconte: How can ACOI continue to serve its members in the future?

Dr. Miller: First, I want to say that the comments ACOI sent to the AOA were “right on” concerning single GME accreditation. We need legislation allowing us to receive Category 1A credits from any national, state,
modernize GME payment methods based on performance. The current Medicare GME payment system should be phased out.

• Build a GME policy and financing infrastructure that includes the creation of a GME Policy Council and a GME Center housed in the Department of Health and Human Services and CMS, respectively.

• Create one Medicare GME fund that includes an Operational Fund and a GME Transformational Fund.

• Modernize Medicare GME payment methodology.

• Mandate that Medicaid GME funding have the same level of transparency and accountability as Medicare GME funding.

Central to the report’s recommendations is the need to reform the current GME system to better prepare physicians to practice in the ever-changing healthcare system. To this end, the report stated, “It is noteworthy that the accrediting bodies for both allopathic and osteopathic medicine—the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education and the American Osteopathic Association, respectively—are currently remodeling their accreditation systems, in part to better care physicians for practice in the rapidly evolving US healthcare system.”

The report goes on to acknowledge that while most training currently takes place in, and is sponsored by, large institutions, health care services are increasingly provided in ambulatory and community-based settings. As such, the report highlights the need to produce physicians more prepared to practice in settings where services will be needed in the future by expanding training at non-hospital sites. The report concludes by stating that Medicare support of GME should be continued on its demonstrated value and contribution to the Nation’s health needs. The full report is available at www.iom.edu. The ACOI will continue to analyze the report and ensuing policy discussions.

Washington Tidbits:
O Say Can You See…History Awaits You in Baltimore

Washington, DC and its surrounding areas were under attack. The Nation was under siege and its survival in doubt. The War of 1812 was raging on and the British navy was flexing its might. A new battle was about to ensue. At stake was control of a vital port city and perhaps the future of a nation.

While working to secure the freedom of a citizen who was taken prisoner for allegedly violating his Oath of Good Behavior to the British, an attorney and colonel learned of an impending attack on Baltimore, MD. After successfully negotiating the release of the prisoner, the men were not permitted to return to Baltimore because of their knowledge of the military operation that was about to come. While confined to a small ship behind the invading British forces, they could only watch the rockets’ red glare and bombs bursting in air. Amazingly, at first light the following morning, lawyer Francis Scott Key saw our flag still flying. He immediately penned what would become known as the Star-Spangled Banner.

Learn more about the attack on Baltimore and make your own history by attending the ACOI’s 2014 Annual Convention and Scientific Sessions October 15-19 at the Baltimore Marriott Waterfront. You can learn more and register at www.acoi.org.
and/or local-accredited education provider, allopathic or osteopathic, for all local and national requirements. The fragmentation of different rules for each state while appropriate years ago is no longer practical. I feel The CME accreditation issue is a critical issue to the ACOI and its members.

Ms. Ciconte: You have been a long-time supporter of the resident text book program and resident session at the ACOI annual convention. What motivates you to support these efforts?

Dr. Miller: I am proud of the people I have trained over the years. As mentioned, it was my residents who conceived the idea of the resident session and the ACOI supported this effort. It has since evolved into a major part of the Annual Convention and Scientific Sessions. My contributions demonstrate my commitment to the residents. As I mentioned earlier, it is important to support the people that support me. From Brian Donadio on down, the ACOI staff is there when you have a problem and it will be solved if possible to do so.

ACOI thanks Drs. VanderRoest and Miller for the many contributions they have made and continue to make to help the College educate and train the next generation of osteopathic internists.

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**POSITIONS AVAILABLE FOR GERIATRIC MEDICINE FELLOWSHIP - Stratford, NJ.** Consistently ranked among the best Graduate Schools in Geriatrics by U.S. News & World Report, Rowan University School of Osteopathic Medicine’s Geriatric Internal Medicine Fellowship has one- and two-year positions available 7/1/15. The program provides the opportunity to train with experts in geriatric internal medicine and to develop and enhance teaching and research skills and clinical expertise in treating older adults. Qualified applicants must have completed an AOA-accredited residency program in internal medicine and have or be eligible for a NJ medical license. Applications should be submitted through Electronic Residency Application Service (ERAS). For more information, visit our web site http://www.rowan.edu/som/njisa/ or contact Susan Huff at (856) 566-6124 or email huffsm@rowan.edu.

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Dr. Juhasz is president of the Cleveland Clinic’s South Pointe Hospital in Warrensville, OH. He has served the ACOI and profession in many capacities, including terms on the Board of Directors from 2002-2008, as internal medicine residency program director at Brentwood Hospital (now South Pointe Hospital), and on numerous committees. He serves as associate dean of the Ohio University Heritage College of Osteopathic Medicine (OU-HCOM), Cleveland Clinic Extension Campus, and is an assistant clinical professor at the Cleveland Clinic’s Lerner College of Medicine at Case Western Reserve University.

An early adopter of electronic health records, Dr. Juhasz was actively involved with the implementation of the electronic medical record system at the Cleveland Clinic. In 2005, he participated in a panel with President George W. Bush to discuss the benefits of electronic medical records and the president’s goal to have all physicians participating in their use by 2014. Dr. Juhasz also serves as the AOA’s liaison to the United States Preventive Services Task Force at the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality.

ACOI President Rick A. Greco, DO, President-elect Judith A. Lightfoot, DO, Executive Director Brian J. Donadio and Deputy Executive Director, Tim McNichol, JD, represented the College at the meetings, which took place in Chicago. They hosted a dinner for the five interns who serve on the AOA Board of Trustees and a breakfast for the 30 or more interns who are members of the House of Delegates. The group also hosted a breakfast for the leaders of the American College of Osteopathic Family Physicians and the American College of Osteopathic Surgeons to discuss issue of mutual concern.
Healthcare Leadership & Management Program for Physicians – An Update

In 2012 the ACOI introduced the groundbreaking Healthcare Leadership and Management Certificate Program in conjunction with the University of Texas at Dallas, Naveen Jindal School of Management. The program is a non-degree certificate program delivered in an asynchronous online format that accommodates the busy professional and personal lives of practicing physicians.

The 10-month program is designed to address the needs of early to mid-career practicing physicians who want to acquire formal leadership and management knowledge and skills and gain new knowledge and insights that provide the tools needed to thrive in an environment where value creation is increasingly important for providers facing the challenges of risk-based reimbursement.

With two years of experience, the program has proven to be a valuable resource for personal learning advancement as measured by participant surveys and testimonials. A 2013 program graduate commented, “The amount of personal growth and professional development this course provided was unbelievable. It is not only worth the time and money, but developing relationships with other students I am sure will last quite a while.”

The course was developed to advance the principles outlined in the Phoenix Physician concept paper authored by ACOI leaders and published in 2012. The course is taught entirely online and is comprised of 11 units divided into the following three sections: interpersonal and communication skills; leading and managing in an interdependent world; and, providing value-based care for individuals and groups. The creation of value is central to the last five units, taking participants into the domains of population health management, clinical informatics, practice space improvement strategies and tactics, and team-based care delivery.

The course is made highly interactive with two progressive case studies. The Daily Clinic case study guides participants to the steps required to convert a traditional primary care practice into a Patient-Centered Medical Home. The Synergy Hospitalist Group case study takes participants through the challenges of merging multiple providers into a single group while addressing impatient challenges hospitals often encounter. Participants post online responses to exercise questions that accompany each new chapter of a case. Responses are available for review and comment by fellow students and faculty, creating a lively virtual learning community.

The course takes approximately 10 months to complete. New units are introduced at three-week intervals allowing participants sufficient time to complete the sections and manage unexpected interruptions. Students in the program report spending an average of 10 hours per unit reviewing course video content, completing assigned readings, successfully completing the unit quiz, and replying to case study questions.

ACOI members have asked why they should consider enrolling in the course. The program includes a way for individuals or organizations to provide high potential physicians a solid introduction to leadership and management knowledge, skills and competencies. In addition, for those who find themselves contemplating or participating in risk-based reimbursement agreements, the program provides a working knowledge of patient population management and how to subdivide a practice panel into risk-stratified patient subsets. Finally, others have enrolled to prepare themselves for the rapidly-changing healthcare delivery system. One graduate commented, “This course has given me a solid foundation to embrace the upcoming changes and the ability to assess changes as they are made.”

Additional information on the ACOI and UT Dallas Healthcare Leadership and Management Certificate Program is available at www.ACOI.org, by contacting Tim McNichol at 1-800-327-5183, or by attending the informational session scheduled for the 2014 Annual Convention and Scientific Sessions October 15 - 19 in Baltimore, Maryland.
**OFF-SITE TOURS**

The following off-site events will be available to registrants of the 2014 Annual Convention and Scientific Sessions in Baltimore. You may order tickets for these events when registering for the Convention by marking the appropriate box(es) on the registration form. Make the most of your visit to Charm City by signing up for one or more tours. Ticket prices include motorcoach transportation to and from destination and a qualified staff person in attendance. If you have any questions concerning these excursions, please call the ACOI office at 1 800 327-5183.

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**Thursday, Oct 16 • Colonial Annapolis Foodie Tour with Lunch • 9:00 am - 4:00 pm • $88/person**

Annapolis, the capital of Maryland and a beautiful port town, is located on the Severn River with buildings spanning four centuries. Explore the culinary side of Annapolis from colonial time to present day on this guided gastronomic adventure with a walking tour through the Historic District and the Maryland State House (16 and older must have a valid photo ID). Visit a colonial kitchen in a home that boasts “the most beautiful doorway in America,” savor the flavors at a Colonia High Tea in an historic tavern, hear about famous political figures that dined in Annapolis, then spend some free time at the City Dock to explore the shops along the waterfront.

**Thursday, Oct 16 • Star Spangled Tour - Pirates and Patriots • 11:00 am - 3:00 pm • $55/person**

This tour is the “inside scoop” on Baltimore during the war of 1812 as well as today! Come celebrate Baltimore’s patriotic and maritime past while touring charming waterfront neighborhoods. Experience heroes, history and hotspots in this tasty, informative and entertaining trip through “Charm City.” Tour features highlights of key sites from War of 1812, Fort McHenry and Federal Hill, the Flag House where Mary Pickersgill sewed the flag that inspired our National Anthem, film and exhibits at the New Fort McHenry Visitor Center, and the charming waterfront neighborhoods of Fells Point and Canton.

**Friday, Oct 17 • Historic Gettysburg with Lunch • 8:00 am - 3:00 pm • $92/person**

In your visit to Gettysburg, explore the significance of this battle in the new Visitor Center, on the battlefield and throughout the town. The Visitor Center has over 22,000 feet of exhibit space as well as the film “A New Birth of Freedom,” and the restored Cyclorama depicting Pickett’s Charge. You’ll also tour the Battlefield with a licensed guide. Then enjoy a delicious lunch at a tavern that was part of the underground railroad, the historic Dobbin House.

**Friday, Oct 17 • Ports, Sports, Neighborhoods • Noon - 4:00 pm • $55/person**

Enjoy a behind the scenes look at Baltimore’s sports, sports legends, the port and a multitude of dynamic neighborhoods! A true look at what makes Baltimore sizzle. Excursion includes a behind-the-scenes tour of Camden Yards, home of the Baltimore Orioles, a visit to some of Baltimore’s most popular neighborhoods - Mt. Vernon’s Cultural District and the west side featuring the University of Maryland Professional Schools, Shock Trauma, the B&O Railroad Museum, Babe Ruth’s birthplace and Edgar Allan Poe’s gravesite. Visit Sports Legends – A Sport’s Museum inside the train station that Abraham Lincoln passed through on four separate occasions and enjoy a brief driving tour of the “economic engine” of the state- the Port of Baltimore.

**Saturday, Oct 18 • Washington DC Tour with Lunch at the Newseum • 8:00 am - 4:00 pm • $88/person**

Washington, D.C. is a thrilling city to visit. It is the political heart of our nation and an inspiring setting with magnificent monuments and memorials to some of our country’s greatest heroes. It is a beautiful planned city of government buildings complemented by elegant gardens, stately homes, whimsical sculpture and quiet reflecting pools. Enjoy a driving tour of the major monuments and memorials in the downtown area, a self guided tour of the Newseum, with a delicious lunch in the Wolfgang Puck Food Section Café. See the Lincoln, Vietnam, Korean & WWII Memorial and visit the FDR Memorial and the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial, located near the scenic Tidal Basin.

**Saturday, Oct 18 • Wine and Winding Roads of Baltimore’s Countryside • 11:00 am - 3:30 pm • $62/person**

This excursion includes a trip through hunt country to Ladew Topiary Gardens (named one of the Top 5 Gardens of North America in 2012) and the home of Harvey Ladew. Take a guided tour of Mr. Ladew’s Manor House where his passion for fox hunting and antiquing are in evidence both through the topiary and his home. Time will be provided to roam the gardens on your own and to enjoy refreshments in the Stables. Then, travel a short distance by coach to Boordy Vineyards for a wine tasting. Each tour member will receive a souvenir wine glass, then have time in the wine shop to purchase your favorite libations.

*Limited space available on all tours. Please order tickets early!

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**TOUR TICKET RESALE ON-SITE:** It is our policy that no refunds or exchanges of tour tickets can be made on-site. If you wish to sell a ticket for an event you cannot attend, however, please see the ACOI Convention staff. You will be asked to fill out a ticket resale form and leave your ticket with the desk for possible resale. There is no guarantee unwanted tickets will be resold. You must check back with the staff to learn if your ticket has been sold and to receive a refund. Any funds from resold tickets not collected by 8:00 am Sunday, October 19, 2014 become the property of the College.

**NOTE:** The ACOI uses a destination management company and does not make a profit on off-site tours. Guests may be able to arrange similar excursions on their own at lesser prices. Check with the Hotel Concierge if you wish to arrange your own off-site activities.
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<td>Future of Antimicrobial Resistance in the Face of No New Antimicrobial Therapy</td>
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<td>Brian H. Foresman, DO, FACOI</td>
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**SUNDAY October 19, 2014**

**7:30-9:30 AM**
**PLENARY SESSION** – Hospice and Palliative Medicine
Annette T. Carron, DO, FACOI

**9:10-9:25 AM**

**9:30-10:00 AM**
Annual Meeting of Members

**10:00 AM**
Convention Concludes
**ACOI CONVENTION REGISTRATION FORM**

Please complete all areas on both sides of registration form. Payment must accompany all registrations. PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY!

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| □ Spouse/Guest Registration                                 | $125              | $175          |

Spouse/Guest Registration includes entry to the education sessions, daily continental breakfast, and all social events, including one ticket to the Opening Reception.

### ON-SITE ACTIVITIES (please check appropriate box(es))

| WEDNESDAY, OCT. 15 - 6:00 PM Welcome Reception               | N/C               |               |
| THURSDAY, OCT. 16 - NOON - 1:00 PM Lunch                   | N/C               |               |
| THURSDAY, OCT. 16 - 5:30-7:30 PM Alumni Receptions         | N/C               |               |
| FRIDAY, OCT. 17 - 6:45 AM - 1:00 PM Lunch                  | N/C               |               |
| FRIDAY, OCT. 17 - 12:00 PM - 4:00 PM Tour                  | N/C               |               |
| SATURDAY, OCT. 18 - NOON - 1:00 PM Lunch                   | N/C               |               |

### OFF-SITE TOURS (please check appropriate box(es))

| THURSDAY, OCT. 16 - 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM Colonial Annapolis Foodie Tour with Lunch | $88               |
| THURSDAY, OCT. 16 - 12:30 - 4:30 PM Star Spangled Tour - Pirates & Patriots | $55               |
| FRIDAY, OCT. 17 - 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM Tour of Historic Gettysburg with Lunch | $92               |
| FRIDAY, OCT. 17 - 12:30 - 4:30 PM Ports, Sports and Neighborhoods of Baltimore | $50               |
| SATURDAY, OCT. 18 - 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM Washington, DC Tour with Lunch at the Newseum | $84               |
| SATURDAY, OCT. 18 - 12:30 - 5:00 PM Wine and the Winding Roads of Baltimore’s Countryside | $62               |

**PLEASE NOTE:** Check here if you plan to stay at the Baltimore Marriott Waterfront Hotel.

(Separate hotel registration is required. This does not register or guarantee a room at the hotel.

Online registration for the hotel is available by visiting [https://resweb.passkey.com/go/acoi2014](https://resweb.passkey.com/go/acoi2014)

**SPECIAL NEEDS:** In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, every effort has been made to make this conference and activities accessible to people of all capabilities. Please list specific special assistance needed, or any dietary restrictions, or contact Susan Stacy at susan@acoi.org, 301 231-8877.
ACOI CONVENTION REGISTRATION FORM

Full Name

Preferred Name on Badge AOA Number

Mailing Address

City State Zip

Work Ph. ( ) Fax Number ( )

Home Ph. ( ) E-Mail Address

Medical Specialty/Subspecialty

Preferred Name of Spouse/Guest on Badge

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NOTE: TO COMPLETE THE FORM BELOW, ENTER ALL REGISTRATION FEES FROM OPPOSITE SIDE. SEE REGISTRATION INFORMATION SHEET FOR COMPLETE EXPLANATION OF PROGRAMS AND FEES.

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OFF-SITE TOUR FEE FOR NON-REGISTERED SPOUSE/GUEST....................................... @ $35 x _______ = $__________

If ordering tour tickets, a $35 fee is required for each adult NOT registered for Convention

*GAP (Generational Advancement Program): ACOI provides each resident and student in attendance with a medical textbook. The College also provides grants to medical students via their campus internal medicine clubs. Suggested Donation:

☐ $1000 ☐ $500 ☐ $250 ☐ $200 ☐ $150 ☐ $125 ☐ $100 ☐ $50 ☐ Other .......................$__________

*Your donation to GAP may qualify as a tax deductible charitable contribution.

ACOI is a 501(c)(3) organization and no goods or services are provided in return for the contribution. A separate receipt will be provided for your records.

TOTAL FEES ENCLOSED........................................................................................................................................$__________

Online registration for the Baltimore Marriott Waterfront Hotel is available by visiting https://resweb.passkey.com/go/acoi2014.

Payment Method ☐ Check to ACOI ☐ MasterCard ☐ VISA Credit Card Security #

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☐ CHECK HERE IF BILLING ADDRESS IS SAME AS MAILING ADDRESS LISTED ABOVE. IF NOT, PLEASE PROVIDE BELOW

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City State Zip

REGISTER ONLINE AT WWW.ACOI.ORG or mail to: ACOI Office, 11400 Rockville Pike, #801, Rockville, MD 20852. Phone 301 231-8877, Fax 301 231-6099

NOTE: All registrations must be accompanied by a check for payment in full or appropriate credit card information. A processing fee of $30 will be charged for cancellations received at any time. In order to obtain a refund, written cancellations must be received by Sept. 24, 2014. No refunds will be made after that date, but registration fees may be applied to a future ACOI education program.

OVER...More registration information on reverse side. Both sides must be completed for form to be processed. You may also register online at www.acoi.org
## Future ACOI Education Meeting Dates & Locations

### NATIONAL MEETINGS

- **2014 Patient-Centered Medical Home Recognition for Osteopathic Primary Care Physicians**  
  Sept 13  
  Hilton Chicago O’Hare Airport, Chicago, IL

- **2014 Annual Convention & Scientific Sessions**  
  Oct 15-19  
  Baltimore Marriott Waterfront Hotel, Baltimore, MD

- **2015 Internal Medicine Board Review Course**  
  March 18-22  
  The Cosmopolitan Hotel, Las Vegas, NV

- **2015 Challenges in Inpatient Care**  
  March 19-22  
  The Cosmopolitan Hotel, Las Vegas, NV

- **2015 Annual Convention & Scientific Sessions**  
  Oct 28-Nov 1  
  Location TBD

- **2016 Annual Convention & Scientific Sessions**  
  March 18-22  
  The Cosmopolitan Hotel, Las Vegas, NV

- **2016 Internal Medicine Board Review Course**  
  Oct 12-16  
  San Francisco Marriott Marquis, San Francisco, CA

- **2017 Annual Convention & Scientific Sessions**  
  Oct 15-19  
  Gaylord National Resort and Convention Center, Washington, DC

- **2018 Annual Convention & Scientific Sessions**  
  Oct 17-21  
  Orlando World Center Marriott, Orlando, FL

- **2019 Annual Convention & Scientific Sessions**  
  Oct 30- Nov 3  
  JW Marriott Desert Ridge Resort & Spa, Phoenix, AZ

Please note: It is an ACOI membership requirement that Active Members attend the Annual Convention or an ACOI-sponsored continuing education program at least once every three years.

Information on any meeting listed here may be obtained from ACOI Headquarters at 800 327-5183 or from our website at www.acoi.org.

### 2014 Certifying Examination Dates & Deadlines

#### Internal Medicine Certifying Examination
Computerized Examination 200 Sites Nationwide  
September 11, 2014 - Application Deadline: Expired  
Late Registration Deadline: Expired

#### Subspecialty & Certification of Added Qualifications:
Aug. 23, 2014  
Lombard, IL - Application Deadline: Expired  
Late Registration Deadline: Expired

- Cardiology • Critical Care Medicine • Endocrinology • Gastroenterology • Hematology • Infectious Disease
- Interventional Cardiology • Nephrology • Oncology • Pulmonary Diseases • Rheumatology

#### Internal Medicine Recertifying Examination
Computerized Examination 200 Sites Nationwide  
September 12, 2014 - Application Deadline: Expired  
Late Registration Deadline: Expired

#### Focused Hospital Medicine Recertification
Computerized Examination 200 Sites Nationwide  
May 8, 2014 - Application Deadline: Expired  
Late Registration Deadline: Expired

#### Subspecialty and Added Qualifications Recertifying Examinations:
Aug. 23, 2014  
Lombard, IL - Application Deadline: Expired

- Cardiology • Critical Care Medicine • Endocrinology • Gastroenterology • Geriatrics • Hematology
- Infectious Disease • Interventional Cardiology • Nephrology • Oncology • Pulmonary Diseases • Rheumatology

Late Registration Deadline: Expired

Further information and application materials are available at www.aobim.org or by writing to: Gary L. Slick, DO, MACOI, Executive Director, American Osteopathic Board of Internal Medicine, 1111 W. 17th Street, Tulsa, OK 74107. admin@aobim.org.

### New Members Welcomed

The ACOI Board of Directors and staff welcome the following new members whose membership applications or changes in membership status have been approved by the Credentials Committee and Board of Directors.

#### Active Membership:
- Christopher Alvarado, DO
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