

*From President Bulger*

## We Are All Better Together



My children went back to school this week. The summer seems to go faster every year. This is the second year that they are each in a dif-

ferent school: high school, middle school, and elementary school. While it is a small town, and the distance between them is quite small, it is disconnected nonetheless. We were all quite spoiled several years ago when they were in the same place. It was nice for Michele and me---less travel---and genuinely special for them to spend the year together. While they wouldn't want to do this all the time, they miss the camaraderie.

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## Annual Convention to Feature Keynote by Obesity Expert



The 2016 ACOI Annual Convention and Scientific Sessions to be held in Palm Desert, CA, October 27-31 will include a keynote address by **Louis J. Aronne, MD, FACP**, on What's New in Obesity Treatment. The talk will present the latest findings from new trials, while touching on the convention theme of Science vs. Pseudoscience in Internal Medicine. Dr. Aronne will address some of the many pseudo-scientific "facts" that can drive clinical decision-making, such as: Are amphetamines still part of day-to-day treatment protocols? The answer may surprise you and it is not a simple "yes/no!"

Dr. Aronne will also discuss the use of products like B-HCG for weight loss. Doctors sell it; patients swear it works; but there are 10 studies showing no efficacy. It is used along with a 500 calorie per day diet, which is what actually causes the weight loss.

Dr. Aronne is a global authority on obesity and its treatment. He is the Sanford I. Weill Professor of Metabolic Research at Weill-Cornell Medical College in New York, and directs the Center for Weight Management and Metabolic

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## ACOI Joins AAIM's Internal Medicine Education Advisory Board

Since the announcement of the single accreditation system (SAS) for graduate medical education, ACOI has worked to build alliances and collaborations with organizations that share many of our goals and visions. We have especially focused on building these relationships within the allopathic community. In January, ACOI accepted an invitation to be a full member of the Alliance for Academic Internal Medicine's (AAIM) Internal Medicine Education Advisory Board (IMEAB). AAIM's mission is to foster the advancement of learning, discovery, and caring by enhancing the professional growth of academic internal medicine faculty, administrators, and physicians-in-training. The IMEAB works to develop a unified strategy on issues affecting education within the internal medicine community.

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## Letter from the President

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There are many advantages of togetherness in medicine, as well. The opportunity to practice with colleagues adds to professional satisfaction. It also adds to the quality of patient care as a well-functioning team can improve problem solving, especially when faced with difficult or relatively unique questions. Many of us can relate the advantages of bouncing a case off a partner, or having a mentor available to offer another view.

I am lucky to practice where I have many colleagues in close proximity. I am also blessed to be a member of a large multidisciplinary group practice with many “partners” in many specialties. One would be hard pressed to convince me that this is not a benefit to the patients and populations that I serve.

There are ways to replicate this in today’s medical environment. Technology allows virtual collaboration to occur. Membership as a faculty member of a College of Osteopathic Medicine or participation in a teaching program through an OPTI offers the ability to expand our networks. These avenues allow those in solo or small practices social fellowship and enrichment of their professional lives.

The ACOI values and fosters professional collaboration. The ACOI acts as a convener, advancing the ability of osteopathic internists to care for their patients and grow as professionals. One can connect with colleagues, seek out mentors, and gain counsel from the attentive staff. The ACOI’s professional meetings offer an ability to share fellowship with old friends and start new networks while advancing one’s professional competence. The ACOI promotes lifelong learning. The ACOI is also fostering multidisciplinary collaboration. Our Annual Convention in 2017 will be in conjunction with the American College of Osteopathic Surgeons. Future collaborations are also in the works.

We are all better together than we are apart. The ACOI will continue to offer a vehicle for collaboration for osteopathic internists to improve their personal and professional well-being. This is one way that the ACOI is advancing the practice of osteopathic internal medicine for the betterment of the patients and populations that we serve.



# government RELATIONS

Timothy McNichol, JD

## House and Senate Are in Recess

The House and the Senate are in recess for the month of August for a district work period. Congress is scheduled to return in early September. Upon its return, Congress will have limited time to address pressing issues prior to reentering recess leading up to the fall elections. Congress is slated to be in session for a limited amount of time the remainder of the year.

## Regions for New Primary Care Model Selected

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) announced the selection of 14 regions to be part of a medical home model that will provide payment incentives for primary care physicians. Specifically, the Comprehensive Primary Care Plus program (CPC+) will provide incentives for physicians to expand the delivery of services beyond traditional office visits. The program, which will begin January 1, 2017, is intended to improve patient care by allowing physicians the ability to focus on outcomes rather than the volume of services provided. Doctors can apply to be part of the program from August 1 through September 15. It is estimated that up to 5,000 primary care practices serving 3.5 million beneficiaries could participate in the program. Eligible practices will be able to participate in one of two separate tracks. Additional information is available at <https://innovation.cms.gov/initiatives/comprehensive-primary-care-plus>.

## At-Home Care Demo Saves Medicare Millions

According to a report released by CMS, the Independence at Home Demonstration program saved Medicare more than \$10 million in its second year. On average, the program which allows chronically-ill patients the opportunity to receive primary care services in their homes, saved \$1,010 per beneficiary while increasing the quality of care provided. Incentive payments of more than \$5.7 million will be made to participating practices. According to CMS, the first year of the program saved over \$25 million. The demonstration program was extended by Congress for two years.

## Zika Virus Threat Continues to Confound Congress

With the increasing spread of the Zika virus on the US mainland, Congress continues to debate the need and level of funding necessary to combat the emerging health threat. Legislation providing \$1.1 billion to combat Zika was stalled in the Senate prior to Congress entering recess. In the interim, the Department of Health and Human Services announced the transfer of \$34 million from existing funds to prevent an interruption in vaccine research. Further, it was announced that \$47 million was transferred from other research activities at the National Institutes of Health. Congress is expected to continue to debate funding for a Zika response upon its return in early September.

## FDA Will Not Regulate Certain “General Wellness” Products

In a non-binding guidance statement released by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), it was made clear that “general wellness” products will not be regulated as “devices” under the Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act. According to the FDA, general wellness products can include exercise equipment, video games, software and much more. The guidance is intended to apply to products that encourage a general state of health, or those created to reduce the impact of certain chronic diseases. The FDA indicated the guidelines apply only to general wellness products that are determined to be of “low-risk.” It is important to note that this is consistent with previous FDA guidance on this matter.

## CMS Continues to See Savings from Program Integrity Efforts

According to CMS, Medicare and Medicaid program integrity efforts have resulted in nearly \$42 billion in savings for fiscal years 2013 and 2014. This equates to \$12.4 saved for every one dollar spent on integrity efforts. The majority of savings occurred through the prevention of improper payments. The remainder of savings occurred as the result of the recovery over payments. Preliminary information from fiscal year 2015 efforts indicate a continuation of savings to federal health programs through ongoing integrity efforts.

## ACOI Comments on OMT Proposed Coverage Determination

The ACOI recently wrote to Medicare contractor National Government Services (NGS) in opposition to a proposed Local Coverage Determination (LDC). If adopted, the LDC would adversely impact the availability of osteopathic manipulative treatment (OMT) services. The comments submitted by the ACOI in response to the proposal, highlight the skill and training of osteopathic internists and the benefit to their patients in maintaining OMT as a treatment option. You can review the full comments at <http://www.acoi.org/pdf/August12.2016.pdf>. The ACOI will continue to monitor this matter closely.

## Washington Tidbits Herculean Efforts Saved George Washington and a Young Nation

The American Revolutionary War is known for the actions of individuals such as General George Washington and Paul Revere. What about those who performed herculean tasks in near obscurity in the face of great personal risk? One such individual was an Irish immigrant tailor in New York.

Serving as a tailor to many British officers, this individual befriended his customers and obtained information that would shift the tides of war. Using information he gleaned from

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## coding CORNER

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*The information provided here applies to Medicare coding. Be sure to check with local insurance carriers to determine if private insurers follow Medicare's lead in all coding matters.*

### No More ICD-10 Flexibility

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) recently released updated "Frequently Asked Questions" regarding the one-year timeline that allowed for "flexibility" in using ICD-10 codes. It provides valuable insight into what CMS will do differently as of October 1, 2016. The important information that I see is as follows:

- There will be no further extension allowing for ICD-10 coding flexibility;
- There will be no additional flexibility guidance;
- There still will be instances where unspecified codes are acceptable;
- Beginning October 1, 2016, all CMS review contractors are able to use coding specificity as the reason in an audit for denial of a reviewed claim; and
- Providers should code claims to the degree of specificity supported by the encounter and the medical documentation

Claims previously submitted with unspecified ICD-10 diagnosis codes were not denied. That will change; however, it is possible that an unspecified code will remain the most specific and appropriate code to use. An example of this is a patient seen in the office with a diagnosis of bacterial pneumonia, unspecified (J15.9). The provider has made a diagnosis. They empirically treat the patient and do not feel the need to obtain a culture to determine what type of bacterial pneumonia the patient has. So, the unspecified code is the correct choice and the claim should be paid. This should not change after October 1, 2016.

A different example would be a chart stating that the patient has hypertensive heart disease with heart failure (which would be coded as I11.0), but the diagnosis shown in the Assessment and Plan is listed only as "hypertension" and coded as I10. In this example, the chart documentation has more specific information (hypertension with heart failure) than was coded in selecting I10 (essential hypertension). During an audit, the lack of alignment of documentation and diagnosis will be discovered and the claim would be denied and payment recovered by CMS.

This requirement of specificity in coding is for all encounters billed by physicians to CMS (or most payers) in any location. Be sure when completing your note for a patient, your final diagnosis for the visit is as detailed as possible. It may take an extra second of your time to be sure your diagnosis is at the highest level of specificity, but it will save you time and potential negative financial consequences when your documentation is audited. Additional information is available at <https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Coding/ICD10/Clarifying-Questions-and-Answers-Related-to-the-July-6-2015-CMS-AMA-Joint-Announcement.pdf>.

### Government Relations

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his customers, he was able figure out upcoming movements and redeployments of specific British military units. Twice, he was able to obtain information that prevented the imminent capture of General George Washington. Following the conclusion of the war he was in continued fear for his safety because of the appearance of his closeness to the British. In appreciation for the work of the tailor, General George Washington helped to remove all doubt about the tailor's loyalties by having breakfast with him and shopping at the tailor's shop in New York following the end of the war. President George Washington continued to use the tailor's services when he became President. The sign outside the tailor's store was updated to include, "Clothier to Genl. Washington." Following his death, he was laid to rest beside his friend Alexander Hamilton. Hercules Mulligan was the "spy on the inside" who helped ensure the success of the Revolutionary War.

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# talking science & education

*Donald S. Nelinson, PhD*

Welcome colleagues to this month's edition of Talking Science and Education.

## ***Who's in charge of my healthcare???***

Taking a break this week from Diabetes Dialogues to share the findings from a recent survey from Xerox's health division. When it comes to the perception of who takes more responsibility for an individual's care, patients and healthcare professionals may as well be on different planets! Patients and the healthcare professionals providing and insuring their care showed a major disconnect in who takes the most responsibility: patients think they manage their healthcare; providers and payers think it's up to the healthcare professionals.

"Right there, you have a group of people who are clearly not talking to each other," Rohan Kulkarni, vice president of strategy and portfolio for Xerox Healthcare Business Group reported. "But there are a lot of challenges – the regulatory obligations the physicians have, and the health consumer is also probably busy with their own life and just doesn't have the time."

Out of a group of 761 US adults who purchase health insurance and make healthcare decisions for their household and 204 healthcare payers and providers, there are large disconnects in each group's assessment of who takes charge. Nearly 50 percent of the consumers say they take complete responsibility for their health, but less than six percent of healthcare professionals agree with that. And of those consumers, just five percent claim they don't know how to take control of their care, but 40 percent of their payers and providers say otherwise.

"Consumers and healthcare professionals have very different views on patient empowerment and control," said Kulkarni, adding that payers and providers are much less likely to believe patients are taking responsibility for their health than what patients perceive to be true.

"Health consumers and those that are in the business of providing care have an opportunity to refine their communication," he said.

Kulkarni thinks tools in the form of technology like apps and websites is the easy part of the equation. The challenge, he said, lies in getting both patients and physicians to shift how they think about healthcare as a whole

"As physicians, they tend to deal with things very episodically, and they need to be thinking about the patient and population health holistically," he said. "Health consumers are already shifting the way they think about things because they have to – they are faced with high deductible plans where it's going to be two, three, four thousand dollars out of pocket before it even kicks in. They are going to have to shop around, they are going to have to be more likely to leverage telemedicine, to use services at CVS and Walgreens; to manage it themselves."

And even though patients say they do the heavy lifting, many don't think they need help: only 55 percent say they need the encouragement from their

healthcare provider to make healthy lifestyle choices. Payers and providers aren't buying that, with 90 percent of those respondents saying patients need encouragement.

On the subject of making choices and shopping around for healthcare, more discrepancies between the two survey groups abound. Payers and providers mostly think their patients are shopping around for the best healthcare, but only 34 percent of patients are actually more likely to do so than they did a year ago, and they are doing so for a different reason than the payer/provider group thinks. While payers and providers believe whether the patient's insurance plan is accepted should be the top consideration, consumers say quality of care is their number one priority when selecting a provider.

Consumers have some conflicting sentiments: while nearly half said they don't need encouragement from their healthcare providers, many said they want healthcare professionals more involved on a personal level. Over 63 percent polled said they wished their pharmacist, healthcare provider and insurance company were more connected to their personal care.

The shift towards consumer-centric health care will have to be felt by both patients and healthcare professionals, Kulkarni said.

"We see more websites and apps, and the proliferation of wearables has increased," he said. "There's just a whole lot of change occurring across the spectrum, we'll have to refine the way we talk about it."

Remember, you can always send questions, comments, complaints and kudos to me at [Don@acoi.org](mailto:Don@acoi.org). Have a great Labor Day!

## PROFESSIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

**GREAT PRIMARY CARE OPPORTUNITY, PA** - Internal Medicine Physician needed to join large hospital employed primary care practice. BC/BE candidates interested in either an outpatient-only focus or a traditional model of both outpatient and inpatient care will find this a great opportunity in one of the "Most Livable Cities in America"! The Fatigati/Nalin Practice is currently a 10 physician group that is part of the St. Clair Hospital employed physician network. St. Clair is located in a neighborhood community of Pittsburgh that has gained a regional and national reputation for quality and financial performance. The practice has a culture of patient quality and efficiency and salary potential is commensurate with a highly productive model. Call rotation is a liberal 1:5 and inpatient duties are rotated a week at a time. Benefits are offered in a competitive model with all typical hospital employed elements including: sign on bonus, vacation, Paid CME, health, dental, life and disability insurance as well as a competitive retirement plan.

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## Special Convention Session Planned for Residency Program Directors

The ACOI Council on Education and Evaluation will host an informal session for residency program directors at the 2016 Annual Convention and Scientific Sessions, which will be held in Palm Desert, CA, October 27-31. The program directors session is scheduled for Thursday, October 27, from 9-11 AM. The agenda will focus on the ACGME transition, Osteopathic Recognition and physician wellness.

In addition, members of the Council and ACOI staff will be available to meet with program directors one-on-one to answer questions about the single accreditation system. All trainers who plan to attend the Convention are invited to attend the session.

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# How ACOI's Generational Advancement Fund Made a Difference for a New Resident

*(This is one in a series of interviews with ACOI members, medical students, and residents who are strongly committed to the College and why they believe it has made a difference in their lives. This series is presented by Barbara L. Ciconte, CFRE, Development Counsel to ACOI.)*



Meet **Dr. Daniel Jipescu**, a first year internal medicine resident at Plaza Medical Center in Fort Worth, TX. Dr. Jipescu graduated from the New York Institute of Technology College of Osteopathic Medicine this past spring. He was born in Romania, where he received part of his training. Before applying to NYIT-COM, he worked as a registered nurse to better understand the intricate steps of patient care and to discover the best ways of communicating with different hospital teams.

A past president of NYIT's Student Internal Medicine Club, Dr. Jipescu was an active ACOI

student member who attended the annual conventions in 2013 and 2015. He plans to attend the 2016 Annual Convention in Palm Desert as a resident. Osteopathic medicine is a family affair for the Jipescu family, since Dr. Jipescu's wife is also a DO, working as a hospitalist for Sutter Health in California.

**Ms. Ciconte:** As the IM Club President, were you able to schedule a Visiting Professor program at your school?

**Dr. Jipescu:** Yes, we were very fortunate to have Dr. Jack Bragg, a past president of the ACOI, visit our school. The advice he gave us on various specialties was tremendously helpful to the students. Dr. Bragg also shared his own experience in pursuing his medical career and encouraged all of us to follow our dreams. This type of support from the ACOI will stay with us forever.

**Ms. Ciconte:** Tell me about your experiences attending the 2013 and 2015 ACOI Annual Conventions.

**Dr. Jipescu:** I had the opportunity to submit an abstract about a unique case together with a resident and I was very fortunate that we were selected to present at the 2013 convention in Indian Wells. This was my first experience presenting a poster at a national conference. The ACOI community made this a wonderful learning moment that I will never forget. Last year in Tampa, I worked with a team and we presented three posters. Attending ACOI conventions gave us a tremendous advantage to learn from educators and top-of-the-line physicians. The networking at the conventions is extremely helpful to the medical students who attend. Presenting posters in front of prime physicians made us more comfortable, not only for the interview process during the residency application, but also for presenting cases at morning report.

**Ms. Ciconte:** What are some of the challenges facing medical students and residents today and how can ACOI help?

**Dr. Jipescu:** It is extremely competitive to get a spot in medical school and eventually to secure a residency. Medical students really need to understand why we want to pursue this career by defining and consolidating a purpose within us to succeed. Shadowing an osteopathic physician helps students see whether or not they have a calling to go to an osteopathic medical school. Because it is challenging for us to understand the intricacies of the multiple branches of medicine, exposing yourself to as many specialties as early as possible will help you tremendously in the future. Some of us like primary medicine, some of us like to specialize. ACOI's Visiting Professor Program and its educational sessions at the annual convention help medical students learn and explore the various options they have for their future medical careers.

**Ms. Ciconte:** Support for students to attend the annual convention and receive textbook vouchers is thanks to gifts to the ACOI's Generational Advancement Fund. What would you say to encourage more ACOI members to contribute to the Fund?

**Dr. Jipescu:** The support for medical students from ACOI is wonderful and very much appreciated. We are especially grateful to the professors in the Visiting Professor program that take time away from their patients and families to travel around the country to speak and train medical students. This, as well as the support for selected students to attend the annual convention and receive textbook vouchers makes us feel that we are part of the ACOI community. I would like to thank ACOI members for their financial support for the Generational Advancement Fund and ask that they please continue providing financial support for this program and others that help students and residents because their gifts truly make a difference for us in the next generation of osteopathic internists.

# Ways to Help ACOI Without Creating Or Changing Your Will or Trust

Having a will – even a basic one – makes sense for us all, but many do not need or want a trust. If you have not yet created a will, or have a will or trust that you don't want to change, but you want to help ACOI at the end of your life, [click here](#) to request a copy of *A Special Beneficiary*. This brochure will tell you about ways you can help insure ACOI's future that do not involve complex plans. A Special Beneficiary will tell you how to:

- **Make a gift from financial accounts.** Many have joint savings accounts that will pass to you or your survivor. Ask the manager of the bank or financial organization that holds the savings account what procedure would be appropriate to name ACOI as the death beneficiary of the account. Many states allow so-called P.O.D. (pay on death) accounts that will allow you to name a beneficiary of savings, checking, CD, building and loan accounts, credit union savings, etc. If P.O.D. accounts are not used in your area, you can use a "self-declaration trust" or "Totten Trust" that will come into existence only at your death and the balance in the account will pass to ACOI, or to any beneficiary you name;
- **Giving Retirement Death Benefits.** The June ACOI information newsletter talked about naming ACOI as the beneficiary of retirement savings plans to avoid the so called "death taxes" that may come due. You can name ACOI as beneficiary of all or part of your account simply by requesting a form from your custodian.
- **Life Insurance Beneficiary.** You can keep lifetime ownership rights (such as the right to borrow against the policy or cash it in) but name ACOI as the death beneficiary or the contingent beneficiary to receive the proceeds only if your primary beneficiary dies before you;
- **Securities.** Investments held for you in a brokerage account can be transferred to ACOI through a "T.O.D." (transfer on death) designation. Your broker can provide you with simple forms on which you can name ACOI as beneficiary. Securities transferred in this way will be free of income and federal estate taxes and will come to ACOI outside probate.

If you would like to know more, [click here](#) and request a copy of *A Special Beneficiary*. If you already know that you would like to have an ACOI planned giving consultant call you, [email](#) us and let us know how and when to contact you.

## 64 Fellows Nominated

*The ACOI Board of Directors and staff offer congratulations to the newest members of the College of Fellows. The new fellows will be inducted at the convocation planned for Saturday, October 29 in Palm Desert, CA*

Sarkis Arabian  
Rafeal L. Barretto  
Keith R. Black  
Timothy K. Burke  
Barbara M. Chavez  
Hebert Claude  
Zakiat N. Darajat  
Sonia Daryanani  
Albert F. Devlin  
Watson Ducatel  
Carol I. Duffy  
Amy B. Engelhardt  
Marissa Ferrazzo-Weller  
Andrew S. Fields  
Amanda J. Finley  
Justin D. Floyd  
Peter S. Francisco  
Joseph G. Gambale  
Justin M. Garzone  
Ly M. Gau  
Brandon G. Gibson  
Sunil T. Gupta  
Christopher D. Halleman  
Anne T. Hollingsworth  
Jonathan M. Horbal  
Jack C. Ji  
Rachel C. Keech  
Brendan S. Kelly  
Fatima H. Khan  
Kimberly J. Leu  
Nelson E. Lezcano  
Randy G. Litman  
Ronald A. Lutes  
Eric S. McClanahan  
Kelly M. Mercier  
Judy A. Miller  
Robin Mukherjee  
Patrick O. Ndaguba  
Michele L. Neil  
Jennifer L. Ney  
John E. Paredes  
Bhavin M. Patel  
Matthew A. Phares  
Berry Pierre  
Farheen S. Qureshi  
Elizabeth A. Recupero  
John E. Retzloff  
Jeffrey S. Russell  
James F. Russo  
Daniel J. Sak  
Nemalan Selvaraj  
Benjamin L. Shaw  
Sandeep K. Shori  
Scott A. Silver  
George G. Sokos  
Christina Steinmetz-Rodriguez  
Dustin R. Tompkins  
Amanda A. Valvano  
Richard L. Walters  
Alan W. Wan  
Chad M. Ward  
Kerry A. Whitelock  
Hans J. Wolslau  
Jasper Y. Yung





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**“Pseudoscience or Science in Internal Medicine” - John R. Sutton, DO, FACOI, Program Chair**

**THURSDAY, October 27**

9:00 AM – 12:00 Noon **Vascular Medicine: The Full Spectrum**

9:00 10:30 AM Update on the Current Management of:  
Deep Vein Thrombosis; Carotid Artery  
Disease; Peripheral Arterial Disease  
*Bruce L. Mintz, DO; Robert M. Schainfeld, DO*

10:30 – 10:45 AM **BREAK**

10:45 – 12:00 Noon Case Presentations and Panel Discussion  
Evaluation of the Swollen Limb; Large Artery  
Intracranial Occlusive Disease; Budd–Chiari  
Syndrome; Cerebral Venous Thrombosis  
*Bruce H. Gray, DO, FACOI  
Bruce Mintz, DO*

11:00 AM – 12 Noon **New Member and First-Time  
Attendee Orientation**  
Q&A with ACOI Board of Directors  
*John B. Bulger, DO, FACOI  
ACOI President, Moderator*

12:00 Noon – 1:00 PM **Lunch Break (on your own)**

1:00 – 4:45 PM **PLENARY SESSION - Cardiology**  
*Martin C. Burke, DO, FACOI, Moderator*

1:00 – 1:15 PM Cardiology Late Breaking Clinical Trials  
*Martin C. Burke, DO, FACOI*

1:15 – 1:20 PM Case Presentation

1:20 – 1:50 PM Cardiology 101: What’s Real and What’s Bogus  
*Michael T. Broman, MD, PhD*

1:50 – 2:20 PM Proteomics: Are They Ready for Primetime?  
*Robert J. Chilton, DO, FACOI*

2:20 – 2:35 PM **BREAK**

2:35 – 3:00 PM Micro RNA vs DNA:  
Where Does the Science Lie?  
*Michael T. Broman, MD, PhD*

3:00 – 3:40 PM Which Cardiomyopathies Are Best Evaluated  
with Genetic Testing and Why?  
*George G. Sokos, DO*

3:40 – 4:20 PM Will Genotype or Phenotype Drive  
Cardiac Interventions?  
*Robert J. Chilton, DO, FACOI*

4:20 – 4:45 PM Q&A with Panel

4:45 – 5:45 PM Tests I Wish You’d Never Ordered  
*Gerald W. Blackburn, DO, MACOI, Moderator  
Robert L. DiGiovanni, DO, FACOI  
Kevin P. Hubbard, DO, MACOI  
Stephen J. Sokalski, DO, FACOI*

6:00 - 7:30 PM **75th Anniversary Welcome Reception**

**FRIDAY, October 28**

7:00 - 8:00 AM **SUNRISE SESSIONS**

- 1) AIDS/HIV Update  
*MarkAlain Dery, DO, FACOI*
- 2) Telemedicine and E-Communication  
*Emily K. Hurst, DO, FACOI*

3) Legal Issues in Practice Management  
In the New Health Care Environment  
*Sheila M. Mints*

4) Estate Planning Session  
*Sandy McNab, FAHP, CFRE*

8:00 – 8:15 AM

**WELCOME/OPENING REMARKS**  
*John B. Bulger, DO, FACOI, President  
John R. Sutton, DO, FACOI, Program Chair*

8:15 - 9:00 AM

**KEYNOTE ADDRESS**  
What’s New in Obesity Treatment?  
*Louis J. Aronne, MD*

9:00 - 12 Noon

**PLENARY SESSION - Nephrology**  
*Jeffrey Packer, DO, FACOI  
Joseph Morris, DO, FACOI – Moderators*

9:00 – 9:45 AM

Newer OACs in Chronic Kidney  
Disease and ESRD  
*Kevin E. Chan, MD*

9:45 – 10:30 AM

Renal Denervation and Hypertension  
*Walead Latif, DO*

10:30 - 10:55 AM

**EXHIBIT BREAK**

10:55 – 11:45 AM

Metformin in Chronic Kidney Disease  
*Rizwan Moinuddin, DO*

11:45 AM – 12 Noon

Q&A with Panel

12:00 Noon - 1:00 PM

**LUNCHEON SYMPOSIUM**  
Breathing New Air Into the Treatment of  
COPD and Asthma  
*Timothy Barreiro, DO, FACOI*

1:00 – 3:00 PM

**PLENARY SESSION – Infectious Diseases**  
*MarkAlain Dery, DO, FACOI  
Mia A. Taormina, DO, FACOI, Moderators*

1:00 – 1:30 PM

Zika Update  
*Kristina Angelo, DO (CDC)*

1:30 – 2:15 PM

Vaccines – Pseudo-Science of the  
Vaccine Doubtters  
*MarkAlain Dery, DO, FACOI*

2:15 – 2:45 PM

Hodge-Podge of ID  
*Mia A. Taormina, DO, FACOI*

2:45 – 3:00 PM

Q&A with Panel

3:00 – 3:15 PM

**BREAK**

3:15 – 4:15 PM

**PLENARY SESSION – Critical Care Medicine**  
*David Lindner, DO, FACOI, Moderator*

3:15 – 3:45 PM

Responding to Requests for Potentially  
Inappropriate Treatment in the  
Intensive Care Unit  
*Donald C. Kowalewski, DO, FACOI*

3:45 – 4:15 PM

The Obese Patient as a Special Population in  
Critical Care  
*U. Inge Ferguson, DO, FACOI*

4:15 – 5:30 PM

**PLENARY SESSION - Ethics**  
*Mitchell D. Forman, DO, FACOI, Moderator*

4:15 – 5:20 PM	Ethical Dilemmas with Vulnerable Populations <i>Mitchell D. Forman, DO, FACOI</i> <i>Weldon (Don) Havins, MD, JD</i>
5:20 – 5:30 PM	Q&A with Panel
4:15 – 5:00 PM	<b>Resident Research Presentations</b> (concurrent session) <i>Samuel K. Snyder, DO, FACOI, Moderator</i>
5:00 - 6:00 PM	<b>Women Physicians Discussion Group</b> <i>Joanne Kaiser-Smith, DO, FACOI</i> Moderator Physician Burnout
<b>6:00 – 8:15 PM</b>	<b>Resident/Fellow/Student Session and Reception</b> <i>Scott L. Girard, DO, FACOI, Moderator</i>
6:00 – 6:05 PM	Welcome and Opening Remarks <i>Scott L Girard, DO, FACOI</i>
6:05 – 6:30 PM	Reception for Residents/Fellows and Students
6:20 – 7:00PM	Physician Burnout (All) <i>Robert G. Good, DO, FACOI</i>
7:00 – 7:30 PM	Contact Negotiation (Residents/Fellows) <i>Speaker TBD</i>
7:00 – 7:30 PM	Meet with Program Directors and Fellows <i>Joanne Kaiser-Smith, DO, FACOI</i> <i>Robert L. DiGiovanni, DO, FACOI</i> <i>Christopher J. Sciamanna, DO</i>
7:30 – 8:00 PM	Medical Jeopardy (All) <i>Scott L. Girard, DO, FACOI</i> <i>Christopher J. Sciamanna, DO</i>
8:00 – 8:15 PM	Raffle Prizes Announced (Must be present to win!)
5:30 - 7:30 PM	<b>Alumni Receptions</b>

**Saturday, October 29**

7:00 - 8:00 AM	<b>SUNRISE SESSIONS</b> 1) Osteopathic Continuous Certification Update <i>Gary L. Slick, DO, MACOI</i> 2) Internal Medicine Care of the LGBT Patient <i>Mia A. Taorimina, DO, FACOI</i> 3) Coding – ICD 10 <i>Jill M. Young, CDC</i> 4) New Screening Guidelines for Colon Cancer and Prostate Cancer <i>Minority Health Committee</i>
8:00 – 9:00 AM	<b>KEYNOTE ADDRESS #2</b> ACOI History <i>Kevin P. Hubbard, DO, MACOI</i>

9:00 – 12:00 Noon	<b>PLENARY SESSION</b> <b>Pulmonary/Sleep Medicine</b> <i>Daniel L. Maxwell, DO, FACOI</i> Pulmonary Moderator; <i>Amiita Vasoya, DO, FACOI</i> Sleep Medicine Moderator
9:00 – 9:40 AM	Pulmonary Fibrosis <i>Kevin R. Flaherty, MD</i>
9:40 – 10:20 AM	E-Cigarettes: Pros/Con's <i>Sara M. Kalkhoran, MD</i>
10:20 – 10:45 AM	<b>EXHIBIT BREAK</b>
10:45 – 11:20 AM	REM Sleep Behavior Disorder <i>Amita Vasoya, DO, FACOI</i>
11:20 – 11:55 AM	Parasomnias <i>Thomas F. Morley, DO, FACOI</i>
11:55 AM – 12 Noon	Q&A with Panel
12:00 - 1:00 PM	<b>LUNCHEON SYMPOSIUM</b> Influencing Cardiovascular Risk With Antihyperglycemic Agents: Focus on SGLT2 Inhibitors and Incretin-Based Therapies <i>Jeffrey S. Freeman, DO, FACOI</i>
1:00 - 2:45 PM	<b>PLENARY SESSION</b> <b>Allergy/Immunology</b> <i>Robert W. Hostoffer, Jr., DO, FACOI</i> Moderator
1:00 – 1:50 PM	DiGeorge Syndrome <i>Robert Hostoffer, DO, FACOI</i> <i>Tina E. Abraham, DO</i>
1:50 – 2:40 PM	STAT Mutations <i>Robert Hostoffer, DO, FACOI</i> <i>Monica Sandhu, DO</i>
2:40 – 2:45 PM	Q&A with Panel
2:45 - 5:15 PM	<b>PLENARY SESSIONS</b> <b>Geriatric Medicine</b> <i>Ehab E. Tuppo, DO, FACOI, Moderator</i>
2:45 – 3:30 PM	Alleviating Chronic Pain <i>Thomas Jan, DO</i>
3:30 – 3:45 PM	<b>BREAK</b>
3:45 – 4:20 PM	When to Stop Medication in the Elderly <i>Terrie B. Ginsberg, DO, FACOI</i>
4:20 – 4:55 PM	Updating Beers Criteria <i>Ehab E. Tuppo, DO, FACOI</i>
4:55 – 5:15 PM	Q&A with Panel
6:00 - 8:00 PM	<b>Convocation of Fellows and Reception</b>

**SUNDAY, October 30**

7:00 - 8:00 AM	Subspecialty Section Business Meetings (30 min lecture/30 min business meeting) • Allergy <i>Robert W. Hostoffer, Jr., DO, FACOI</i> • Cardiology – <i>Martin C. Burke, DO, FACOI</i> Moderator Lecture – Women and Stable Ischemic Heart Disease <i>Kathleen Drinan, DO, FACOI</i>
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7:00 - 8:00 AM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Endocrine <i>Louis C. Haenel, IV, DO, FACOI</i></li> <li>• Gastroenterology <i>Jack D. Bragg, DO, FACOI</i> Lecture - What's New in Gastroenterology and Hepatology <i>Charlene A. LePane, DO, FACOI</i></li> <li>• Geriatric Medicine <i>Ehab E. Tuppo, DO, FACOI, Moderator</i> Lecture – Blood Pressure in the Elderly <i>Terrie B. Ginsberg, DO, FACOI</i></li> <li>• Hematology/Oncology <i>Kenneth M. Simon, DO, FACOI</i></li> <li>• Infectious Diseases <i>Mia A. Taormina, DO, FACOI, Moderator</i></li> <li>• Nephrology <i>Joseph Morris, DO, FACOI</i></li> <li>• Nuclear Medicine <i>James C. Clouse, DO, FACOI</i></li> <li>• Palliative Medicine <i>Annette T. Carron, DO, FACOI</i></li> <li>• Pulmonary/Sleep/CCM <i>Daniel L. Maxwell, DO, FACOI</i></li> <li>• Pulmonary/Sleep Medicine <i>David Linder, DO, FACOI</i> Lecture – Update on DVT/PE Treatments <i>Timothy A. Barreiro, DO, FACOI</i></li> <li>• Rheumatology <i>Keith A. Reich, DO, FACOI</i></li> </ul>	<p>10:45 – 12:15 PM <b>PLENARY SESSION – Rheumatology</b> <i>Robert L. DiGiovanni, DO, FACOI</i> <i>Keith A. Reich, DO, FACOI, Moderators</i></p> <p>10:45 – 11:30 AM Microbiome and Its Relation to Human Disease <i>Brittany Goss, DO, FACOI</i></p> <p>11:30 AM – 12:10 PM Thinking Beyond Gout-Emerging Evidence of Inflammatory Effects <i>Keith A. Reich, DO, FACOI</i> <i>Mark Vercel, DO</i></p> <p>12:10 – 12:15 PM Q&amp;A with Panel</p> <p>12:15 Noon - 1:15 PM <b>LUNCHEON SYMPOSIUM</b> Exploring the New Landscape of HCV Therapy <i>Richard A. Manch MD, FAASLD, FACP, FAGG</i></p> <p>1:15 – 3:00 PM <b>PLENARY SESSION</b> <b>Endocrinology</b> <i>Louis C. Haenel, IV, DO, FACOI, Moderator</i></p> <p>1:15 – 2:00 PM Thyroid Hormone Replacement <i>Louis C. Haenel, IV, DO, FACOI</i></p> <p>2:00 – 2:55 PM Vitamin D – Help or Hype: Is there Evidence for Value of Vitamin D in Clinical Medicine <i>Louis C. Haenel, III, DO, FACOI</i></p> <p>2:55 – 3:00 PM Q&amp;A with Panel</p> <p>3:00 - 3:15 PM <b>BREAK</b></p> <p>3:15 - 5:15 PM <b>PLENARY SESSION</b> <b>Hematology/Oncology</b> <i>Kenneth M. Simon, DO, FACOI, Moderator</i></p> <p>3:15 – 4:15 PM Clinical Trials, Immunotherapy &amp; Breast Cancer Treatment <i>Patricia LoRusso, DO, FACOI</i></p> <p>4:15 – 5:00 PM Unproven Therapies in Prostate Cancer <i>Kenneth M. Simon, DO, FACOI</i></p> <p>5:00 – 5:15 PM Q&amp;A with Panel</p>
7:00 - 8:00 AM	<p><b>SUNRISE SESSIONS</b></p> <p>1) Prophylaxis vs Preemptive Treatment of Cytomegalovirus <i>Judith A. Lightfoot, DO, FACOI</i></p> <p>2) Communicating to Optimize Adherence and Concordance <i>Donald S. Nelinson, PhD</i></p> <p>3) Understanding the New Medicare Payment System <i>Speaker TBD</i></p>	<p><b>MONDAY, October 31</b></p> <p>7:00 – 9:00 AM <b>PLENARY SESSION</b> <b>Hospice and Palliative Medicine</b> <i>Annette T. Carron, DO, FACOI, Moderator</i></p> <p>7:00 – 7:40 AM Hospice and Palliative Care Medicine Update for the Internist <i>Marianne M. Holler, DO, FACOI</i></p> <p>7:40 – 8:20 AM Medication for the Terminal Patient Who Can't Swallow <i>Annette T. Carron, DO, FACOI</i></p> <p>8:20 – 9:00 AM Prognostication: Updated from the Literature <i>Marianne M. Holler, DO, FACOI</i></p> <p>9:00 - 9:30 AM <b>Annual Meeting of Members</b></p> <p>9:30 AM <b>Convention Concludes</b></p>
8:00 – 8:45 AM	<p><b>PLENARY SESSION</b> <b>Nuclear Medicine</b> <i>James C. Clouse, DO, FACOI</i> <i>Moderator</i></p> <p>Update on Molecular Imaging in Dementia <i>Jonathan McConathy, MD, PhD</i></p>	
8:45 - 10:45 AM	<p><b>PLENARY SESSION</b> <b>Gastroenterology</b> <i>Jack D. Bragg, DO, FACOI, Moderator</i></p>	
8:45 – 9:30 PM	Irritable Bowel Syndrome <i>Charlene A. LePane, DO, FACOI</i>	
9:30 - 9:45 AM	<b>BREAK</b>	
9:45 – 10:40 PM	Nutrition for the GI Patient <i>Matthew Bectold, MD</i>	
10: 40 – 10:45 AM	Q&A with Panel	



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### **EDUCATION SESSION FEES**

Fees for the 2016 education sessions are based on ACOI membership status and length of time in practice. Active members (training completed prior to 6/30/11) pay \$745; Young Internists (training completed 6/30/11 or later) pay \$645; Emeritus and Retired members pay \$645; Residents and Fellows pay \$495 (\$295 for Research Contest entrants). Non-member Physicians pay \$945; Non-Physician Health Care Professionals may register for the ACOI member rate of \$745. There is no charge for students. Spouse/guest registration is \$125. **These fees include a \$50 early registration discount, which applies until October 5, 2016. Registrations received after that date do not qualify for the discount.**

### **WHAT DOES REGISTRATION INCLUDE?**

Physician registration for the Convention includes entry to all education sessions, the Exhibit Hall, daily continental breakfast and luncheon symposia and one ticket to the Opening Reception. Luncheon seating is limited. Spouse/Guest registration includes entry to the education sessions, daily continental breakfast in the Exhibit Hall, and all social events, including one ticket to the Opening Reception. (Due to limited seating, guests may not attend the luncheon symposia.)

### **HOTEL INFORMATION**

The JW Marriott Desert Springs Resort & Spa is the headquarters hotel for the ACOI 2016 Annual Convention and Scientific Sessions. All educational and social events will take place there. ACOI has arranged a discounted room rate of \$249 per night (single/double). Additional local taxes apply. Early reservations are suggested as the hotel is likely to sell out and does not have to honor ACOI's discounted rates after October 5, 2016. Reservation information is available by calling 877-622-3140; or visit <https://resweb.passkey.com/go/acoiconvention2016>.

### **PAYMENT INFORMATION**

You may register online, by mail or fax for the ACOI 2016 Annual Convention and Scientific Sessions. Secure online registration is available through the ACOI website. Visit [www.acoi.org](http://www.acoi.org) and click on the convention registration link on the home page. You may also use the registration form in the Convention Packet to register by mail or fax. Payment may be by check payable to ACOI or charged on VISA or Mastercard. Complete the required information on the white Registration Form and return it to the ACOI at the address listed on the form.

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Donations are requested to assist the ACOI in providing a medical textbook to each resident and student registered for the Convention. Textbook prices average \$100. In addition, the ACOI provides grants to representatives of the internal medicine clubs on the campuses of osteopathic medical schools to defray the cost of attending the Convention. All contributions are acknowledged in the printed program if received prior to the publication deadline. Suggested donation is \$100, but contributions in any amount are welcome. Your donation 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.

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

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Name \_\_\_\_\_ AOA Number \_\_\_\_\_

**REGISTRATION FEES**

<b>REGISTRATION CATEGORY (please check appropriate box(es))</b>	<b>ON/BEFORE OCT. 5</b>	<b>AFTER OCT. 5</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> ACOI Member (Training completed PRIOR to 6/30/2011).....	\$745.....	\$795
<input type="checkbox"/> ACOI Young Internist Member (Training completed AFTER 7/01/11).....	\$645.....	\$695
<input type="checkbox"/> ACOI Retired/Emeritus Member.....	\$645.....	\$695
<input type="checkbox"/> Non Member Physician.....	\$945.....	\$995
<input type="checkbox"/> Resident/Fellow (List Training Institution).....	\$495.....	\$545
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<input type="checkbox"/> Resident Displaying a Poster (List Training Institution).....	\$295.....	\$345
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<input type="checkbox"/> Student (List Osteopathic College attended).....	N/C.....	N/C
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<input type="checkbox"/> Non-Physician Health Care Professional (RN, PhD, RD, etc.).....	\$745.....	\$795
<input type="checkbox"/> 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))**

- Thursday, Oct. 27 - 6:00 pm Welcome Reception .....N/C
- Friday, Oct. 28 - Noon - 1:00 pm Luncheon.....N/C
- Friday, Oct. 28 - 5:30-7:30 pm Alumni Receptions (Please check the appropriate box below) .....N/C
- BOTSFORD  DMUCOM  MIDWESTERNU/CCOM-AZCOM  MSUCOM  ROWAN
- Saturday, Oct. 29 - 11:45 am - 1:00 pm Luncheon .....N/C
- Saturday, Oct. 29 - 6:45 am Fun Run.....N/C
- Sunday, Oct. 30 - Noon - 1:00 pm Luncheon:.....N/C

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

- Friday, Oct. 28 - 8:00 am - Noon Palm Springs Ariel Tram .....\$78
- Friday, Oct. 28 - 1:00 - 4:30 pm Palm Springs Air Museum.....\$68
- Saturday, Oct. 29 - 8:30 am - 12:30 pm Living Dessert .....\$78
- Saturday, Oct. 29 - 1:00 - 4:00 pm Celebrity Home Tour .....\$68
- Sunday, Oct. 30 - 12:30 - 4:00 pm Palm Springs Ariel Tram .....\$78
- Sunday, Oct. 30 - 8:30 - 11:30 am Hiking Tour/Palm Springs Indian Canyon .....\$89
- Sunday, Oct. 30 - 1:00 - 5:00 pm Golf Outing (additional fee for rental clubs, payable at golf course) .....\$85
- Sunday, Oct. 30 - 1:30 - 1:00 pm Painting Class .....\$50

PLEASE NOTE: Check here if you plan to stay at the JW Marriott Desert Springs Resort & Spa. (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/acoiconvention2016>)

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](mailto:susan@acoi.org), 301 231-8877.

**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](http://www.acoi.org)

# CME CALENDAR

## ***Future ACOI Education Meeting Dates & Locations***

### **NATIONAL MEETINGS**

- 2016 Annual Convention & Scientific Sessions  
Oct 27-31 JW Marriott Desert Springs Resort and Spa, Palm Desert, CA
- 2017 Internal Medicine Board Review Course  
March 22-26 JW Marriott, Las Vegas, NV
- 2017 Clinical Challenges in Inpatient Care  
March 23-26 JW Marriott, Las Vegas, NV
- 2017 Congress on Medical Education for Resident Trainers  
May 4-6 Sheraton San Diego Resort & Marina, San Diego, CA
- 2017 Annual Convention & Scientific Sessions  
Oct 11-15 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
- 2020 Annual Convention & Scientific Sessions  
Oct 21-25 Marco Island Marriott Beach Resort, Marco Island, FL

*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](http://www.acoi.org).*

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## **2016 Certifying Examination Dates & Deadlines**

### **Internal Medicine Certifying Examination**

Computerized Examination 200 Sites Nationwide  
September 15, 2016 - *Application Deadline: Expired*  
*Late Registration Deadline: Expired*

### **Internal Medicine Recertifying Examination**

Computerized Examination 200 Sites Nationwide  
September 16, 2016 - *Application Deadline: Expired*  
*Late Registration Deadline: Expired*

### **2017 Internal Medicine Certifying Examination Date and Deadline**

***Information about the dates and deadlines for the 2017 Certifying Examinations will appear in next month's newsletter.***

*Further information and application materials are available by contacting Daniel Hart, AOBIM Director of Certification at [AOBIM@osteopathic.org](mailto:AOBIM@osteopathic.org); 312 202-8274.*

*Contact the AOBIM at [AOBIM@osteopathic.org](mailto:AOBIM@osteopathic.org) for deadlines and dates for the *Hospice and Palliative Care, Pain Medicine, Undersea/Hyperbaric Medicine and Correctional Medicine* examinations.*

## **Keynote**

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Clinical Research, a state-of-the-art, multidisciplinary obesity research and treatment program. He has an adjunct appointment at Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons. Dr. Aronne graduated Phi Beta Kappa from Trinity College with a BS in biochemistry and from Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine. He completed his internship and residency at Albert Einstein College of Medicine and the Bronx Municipal Hospital Center, followed by a Henry J. Kaiser Family Foundation Fellowship at New York Hospital-Cornell Medical Center. He is a member of the Alpha Omega Alpha Medical Honor Society. Dr. Aronne is former president of the Obesity Society and a Fellow of the American College of Physicians. He has authored more than 60 papers and book chapters on obesity and edited the National Institutes of Health Practical Guide to the Identification, Evaluation, and Treatment of Overweight and Obesity in Adults. Dr. Aronne was also a co-author on the Obesity as a Disease State paper published in JAOA in 2008.

Registration for the 2016 Convention is proceeding at a record pace. Members are reminded that for this year only the meeting will take place over a Thursday through Monday time frame, rather than the usual Wednesday-Sunday pattern. Complete registration information is available at [www.acoi.org](http://www.acoi.org).