

## *From President Good* **Members Make Committees Work**



Much of the work that gets accomplished for the ACOI is in committees, where members generate great ideas. The ACOI is a fortunate specialty college with extremely

active members. This past year over 175 members applied for the 36 available committee assignments. I am very appreciative of all who took the time to apply and hope that you will do so again.

The appointment process took about two months to accomplish. The process involves recommendations from staff, committee chair people and Board members. The committees represent consideration of specialty, location, and the skills needed for a specific committee. The presidential recommendations are reviewed and approved by the Board of Directors.

Every person from whom I received a committee application was notified either of their appointment, or asked to apply again next year. Unfortunately, functional committees are limited by numbers. We will maintain a list of persons who wish to serve, as they may be needed throughout this year.

I am currently meeting with each committee chairperson to review the goals and their plan to achieve their goals in the coming year. Committee activities already have begun and all appointees are expected to be actively involved. Committees generate recommendations which are sent to the Board of Directors for action.

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## **Concerns Raised About Proposed Single GME Accreditation Pathway**

The AOA and the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME) announced in the fall that they are working to create a single pathway for accreditation of all graduate medical education. The goal is to have all AOA residency programs approved by the ACGME by July 1, 2015, and to include the AOA and the American Association of Colleges of Osteopathic Medicine on the governing board of the ACGME. The announcement followed a proposed rules change by the ACGME in 2011 that would require completion of an ACGME primary residency for entry into an ACGME fellowship program.

The ACOI Board of Directors has not taken a position for or against the proposed single pathway. It has spent the last few months studying it and has identified several areas of concern. These concerns were conveyed to the AOA on January 11 in a letter from President Robert G. Good, DO to AOA President Ray Stowers, DO.

The concerns raised by the Board focused on the potential impact on osteopathic college graduates, existing osteopathic internal medicine programs and the profession as a whole.

A copy of the letter is available at [www.acoi.org](http://www.acoi.org). Further information on the proposal will be provided as it becomes available.

### **March 13-17, 2013**

## **Challenges in Inpatient Care Returns**

Registration is open for ACOI's CME program for hospitalists and others: Clinical Challenges in Inpatient Care, which will take place March 13-17 at the Sheraton Lake Buena Vista Resort in Orlando, FL.

The program will provide more than 24 1A CME credits in internal medicine in a relaxing setting amid the family-oriented activities of Orlando.

Designed by Frederick A. Schaller, DO, Joseph J. Namey, DO, and the Hospitalist Task Force, the education program will include sessions on the preoperative risk assessment, auto-immune markers, hypercoagulability, endocarditis, seizures, an ECG Challenge and more. Please note that new AOA guidelines permit members to use early 2013 CME credits to fulfill the requirements of the 2010-2012 CME cycle. A registration form is on page 5 and complete agenda information and registration materials are available via the College's website, [www.acoi.org](http://www.acoi.org), or by calling 1-800-327-5183.



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## American College of Osteopathic Internists

*In Service to All Members; All Members in Service*

### MISSION

*The mission of the ACOI is to advance the practice of osteopathic internal medicine. Through excellence in education, advocacy, research and the opportunity for service, the ACOI strives to enhance the professional and personal development of the family of osteopathic internists.*

### VISION

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## Letter from the President

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It is also time to nominate members to become Fellows of the American College of Osteopathic Internist (FACOI). The title of fellow is granted to members who are certified by the AOBIM or the ABIM, are active members of the ACOI for at least two years, have demonstrated professional accomplishments and scholarship, and have documented continuing professional activities such as teaching, service, research, or who have other achievements in the practice of osteopathic medicine.

Fellow candidates must be nominated and seconded by other fellows of the ACOI. A two-page application is available on the ACOI website. The application is then forwarded to the ACOI where the Honors and Awards Committee reviews the credentials and makes recommendations to the Board of Directors. The title is conferred during a Fellows convocation which occurs during the annual ACOI convention. Fellows are authorized to use the designation of FACOI as long as they remain active members of the ACOI.

I highly recommend members who meet these criteria to become Fellows. If you need further information, please contact our office at the ACOI. Great organizations acknowledge the success of their membership!

I continue to utilize Facebook for both practicing members and student members for ongoing communication. It is a good place for open discussion and we are looking for more friends to join the ACOI Facebook and student Facebook pages.

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*President@acoi.org*

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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.*

## February is American Heart Month

February is American Heart Month. Cardiovascular disease is the leading cause of death for men and women in the United States. Medicare provides benefits for Medicare beneficiaries who meet certain eligibility criteria. Utilization of these benefits can help identify risk factors and provide Medicare patients with tools to help them make heart-healthy lifestyle changes. The following benefits may be of assistance to your patients and promote your efforts to provide high-quality care:

- Initial preventive physical exam (“Welcome to Medicare” preventative exam)
- Annual wellness visit providing personalized preventive plan services
- Cardiovascular disease screening blood tests (total cholesterol, high-density lipoproteins, and triglycerides tests)
- Diabetes screening
- Intensive behavioral therapy for cardiovascular disease
- Intensive behavioral therapy for obesity, and
- Tobacco-use cessation counseling services

Additional information on coverage, coding, and billing on these and other preventative services are available at <http://www.cms.gov/Outreach-and-Education/Medicare-Learning-Network-MLN/MLNProducts/PreventiveServices.html>.



# government RELATIONS

Timothy McNichol, JD

## **Medicare Physician Reimbursement Remains Front and Center**

While the “American Taxpayer Relief Act of 2012” (H.R. 8, Pub. Law 112-240) extends the 2012 Medicare physician payment rates through December 31, additional reductions loom. Without additional congressional action, across-the-board cuts to federal spending referred to as sequestration, will be implemented on March 1. Under current law, physicians will be limited to a two percent reduction in reimbursement under Medicare if sequestration is allowed to take effect. Additional reductions are slated for January 1, 2014 under the Medicare Sustainable Growth Rate (SGR) formula. Legislation has been introduced in the House to permanently repeal the SGR. In addition, the leadership of the House Committees on Ways and Means and Energy and Commerce expressed interest in addressing this matter by mid-year. The ACOI will continue to carefully monitor legislation impacting physician reimbursement under the Medicare program.

## **“Sunshine” Act Final Rule Issued**

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) released the final rule implementing the “National Physician Payment Transparency Program: Open Payments” on February 1. The final rule implements the Sunshine Act included in the “Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act” (ACA, Pub. Law 111-152).

According to a release issued by CMS, “You should know when your doctor has a financial relationship with the companies that manufacture or supply the medicines or medical devices you may need.” The release goes on to state, “Disclosure of these relationships allows patients to have more informed discussions with their doctors.” The final rule requires manufacturers of drugs, devices, biologics and medical supplies covered by Medicare, Medicaid, or the Children’s Health Insurance Program (CHIP) to report to CMS payments or other transfers of value they may make to physicians and teaching hospitals. According to the rule, collection of the data will begin on August 1, 2013 with data being posted on a public website by September 30, 2014. The final rule is available for review at <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2013-02-08/pdf/2013-02572.pdf>.

## **Legislation Introduced to Repeal IPAB**

The “Protecting Seniors Access to Medicare Act of 2013” (H.R. 351) was introduced in the House on January 23. The legislation would repeal the Independent Payment Advisory Board (IPAB) established under the ACA. H.R. 351 has been referred to the House Committees on Ways and Means, Energy and Commerce and Rules. To date, additional action has not been scheduled for H.R. 351. Similar legislation was approved by the House in 2012. The Senate did not take action.

## **HIPAA Does Not Prevent Disclosure of Patient Information When Risk is Present**

Following the tragic events in Newtown, CT, the Department of Health and Human Services, Office for Civil Rights (OCR), released a letter on January 15 clarifying the applicability of the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) Privacy Rule.

Specifically, the OCR letter stated, “the HIPAA Privacy Rule does not prevent your ability to disclose necessary information about a patient to law enforcement, family members of the patient, or other persons, when you believe the patient presents a serious danger to himself or other people.” The letter goes on to state that the HIPAA Privacy Rule, “protects the privacy of patients’ health information but is balanced to ensure that appropriate uses and disclosures of the information still may be made when necessary to treat a patient, protect the nation’s public health, and for other critical purposes, such as when a provider seeks to warn or report that persons may be at risk of harm because of a patient.” The full text of the letter may be viewed at <http://www.hhs.gov/ocr/office/letter/tonationhpc.pdf>.

## **Growth in Federal Healthcare Program Spending Slows**

The non-partisan Congressional Budget Office (CBO) released a report entitled, “The

Budget and Economic Outlook: Fiscal Years 2013 to 2023.” According to the report, Medicare spending grew by three percent in 2012. This represents the slowest rate of growth since 2000. The same report found that if the current physician pay structure stays in place, physicians’ fees will be reduced by about 25 percent in January 2014 and will increase by small amounts in subsequent years. It is important to note that the CBO report reduced the projected cost of freezing physician reimbursement rates between 2014 and 2023 from \$245 billion to \$138 billion. This reduced cost estimate presents an opportunity for Congress to act on reforming the Medicare physician reimbursement structure under reduced cost constraints.

## **CMS Report Finds Medicare Savings in ACA**

According to its Second Annual Report, CMS reported that over 6.1 million Americans with Medicare Part D prescription drug coverage have saved over \$5.7 billion in prescription drug costs since the enactment of the ACA. The same report found that approximately 30.5 million people with traditional Medicare have taken advantage of one or more free preventative services that became available in 2011. In addition, CMS noted that the agency has recouped \$10.7 billion in fraudulent payments from 2009 to 2011. The full report and its findings are available at [www.cms.gov](http://www.cms.gov).

## **Washington Tidbits:**

### **Everyone was there, but....**

Article II, Section 3 of the US Constitution requires the President, “from time to time give to the Congress information of the State of the Union, and recommend to their consideration such measures as he shall judge necessary and expedient....” President Obama fulfilled his constitutional obligation on February 12th in a speech that consisted of 6,419 words and took just over one hour to deliver. In attendance were senators, representatives, Supreme Court justices and other invited guests. Also in attendance was most of the President’s cabinet. Missing was Secretary of Energy Steven Chu. At each State of the Union address it is tradition for a member of the President’s cabinet to be absent from the gathering in order to ensure continuity of the government in the event of a national emergency.



## A Physician's Commitment to Family, Patients and the ACOI

*(This is one in an occasional series of articles profiling ACOI members who are strongly committed to the College and why they believe it has made a difference in their lives. The series is presented by Ann Suydam, CFRE, Director of Development.)*

Laura Rosch, DO, FACOI, a busy mother of three and a full-time physician at Cadence Health in Winfield, IL, always has time for her family, patients, colleagues and one of her favorite organizations, ACOI. Dr. Rosch has been a volunteer inspector for ACOI training programs and served as residency program director at Mount Sinai Hospital in Chicago until the program's closure a few years ago. Her career has focused on fitness, nutrition, heart disease and obesity. Dr. Rosch has a special interest in healthy eating and encouraging good family eating habits. She has several videos on YouTube describing low-cost ideas for healthy eating.

A longtime fitness instructor, Dr. Rosch is a strong proponent of maintaining an active workout schedule all year round. Several years ago, she led a yoga session at an ACOI convention to give attendees a welcome break from the constant sitting. Her enthusiasm was contagious and many attendees still remember participating in the class.

ACOI is very proud to count Dr. Rosch among the many supporters of its annual fundraising campaign. She, too, feels a special connection to the College and remembers the many physicians who helped her in the early years. "My experience there helped me become a better professional and also helped me become more self-confident. When I was going through my residency, I joined the ACOI and met so many outstanding leaders. Leaders such as Gary Slick DO, MACOI and Robert Cain, DO, FACOI helped groom and train me, and I am so grateful to ACOI for helping me make the connections that were so vital to my career."

Remembering her early days as a young resident, she says, "When I walk into a patient's room, I am aware of all the training that I have had and I am grateful for all of the educational programs that I have attended. I think we need to be conscious of who we are and what we become. I remember the leaders who went before me, how much I admired them, and how hard they worked to raise our professional standards and get the licenses that we needed so our profession would be credible. We owe these doctors and the ACOI a debt of gratitude for all their hard work."

She also believes that ACOI is a strong force within the AOA. Dr. Rosch notes that over many years, ACOI leaders have helped to improve the stature of the entire profession. Another of her role models is Karen J. Nichols, DO, MACOI, Past President of both the ACOI and AOA. Dr. Nichols continues to raise the bar for other medical specialties as well as internal medicine. Dr. Rosch says, "It is a privilege to be associated with these outstanding ACOI leaders who are working on a national level and helping to set policy requirements for the whole profession."

Through her strong commitment to ACOI, Dr. Rosch believes that it is now time to help the next generation. "Like good parents or grandparents, we need to give back and help the new doctors who are just coming along. As the responsibilities in our profession continue to change, we must now be the model leaders that future generations can count on. We need to serve on ACOI committees, give our time or our money (or both), and help develop the education and leadership programs that are needed for the next generation to be successful. I think we owe the future generation the same opportunities that we have had."

If you would like to be more active in the College, either through committee service or by making a contribution to ACOI's annual campaign, please contact Ms. Suydam ([ann@acoi.org](mailto:ann@acoi.org)).

## CDC Announces Changes in Hepatitis C Screening

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recently announced two changes in its recommendations for screening for hepatitis C. The CDC sponsored a one-day informational meeting on January 11 in Atlanta, Georgia. Representatives from most major medical societies in the US were in attendance. The osteopathic profession was represented by Jack D. Bragg, DO, FACOI. According to statistics, 3.5 to 4 million people in the US are infected with the hepatitis C virus and most of them do not realize they have it. It usually causes no symptoms, but may result over time in cirrhosis with its attending complications, including hepatocellular carcinoma. Of those infected with the virus, approximately 70% were born between 1945 and 1965. Since the development of new medications over the last few years, hepatitis C can be treated and often cured.

Because of these facts, the CDC recently changed the recommendations for testing Americans for hepatitis C. Until recently, the recommendation was that anyone with a risk factor for contracting the virus---such as intravenous drug use or blood product transfusion prior to 1990, along with others---should be tested for the presence of the virus. Now the recommendation is that anyone born between 1945 and 1965 should have a onetime blood test for the antibody to hepatitis C.

In addition, the CDC recommends a brief alcohol screening since the use of alcohol hastens the development of liver damage and cirrhosis in an individual infected with the hepatitis C virus.

Dr. Bragg, a gastroenterologist and Immediate Past President of the ACOI, said of the new recommendations, "Every gastroenterologist and primary care doctor in America should be aware of these recommendations and follow them because hepatitis C is treatable and often curable and eliminating it will help prevent new cases of cirrhosis and hepatocellular carcinoma." More information on the new recommendations can be found at <http://www.cdc.gov/hepatitis/HCV/GuidelinesC.htm>.

# ACOI 2013 Clinical Challenges in Inpatient Care REGISTRATION FORM

Sheraton Lake Buena Vista Resort • March 13-17, 2013

*Registration available online at [www.acoi.org/CMEHospitalMedicineUpdate.html](http://www.acoi.org/CMEHospitalMedicineUpdate.html).*

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	<input type="checkbox"/> ACOI Member.....	\$595	<input type="checkbox"/> ACOI Member.....	\$645
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NOTE: All registrations must be accompanied by a check for payment in full or appropriate credit card information. A processing fee of \$50 will be charged for cancellations received at any time. In order to obtain a refund, written cancellations must be received by February 20, 2013. No refunds will be made after that date, but registration fees (less \$50 cancellation fee) may be applied to a future ACOI meeting registration.

**PLEASE NOTE:** Check here if you plan to stay at the Sheraton Lake Buena Vista Resort. Separate hotel registration is required. This does not register or guarantee a room at the hotel.

**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) or by phone, 301 231-8877.

List special requirements here: \_\_\_\_\_



## PROFESSIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

**ACADEMIC INTERNAL MEDICINE FACULTY– Missouri.** Kansas City University of Medicine and Biosciences invites applications from outstanding candidates for a full-time faculty member in the Department of Internal Medicine. The successful candidate must be a graduate of an AOBIM accredited College of Osteopathic Medicine, have completed an IM residency and be certified by the ACOI. Eligibility for Missouri licensure required.

Interest in teaching medical students at all levels is essential; osteopathic residency training preferred, but not required. In addition to patient care, an interest in clinical trials will be helpful.

To apply, go to <https://jobs.kcumb.edu>. Specific questions may be directed to Kevin P. Hubbard, D.O., FACOI, Chair of Internal Medicine, 1-800-234-4847 ext. 7392 or 816-654-7392 or email at [khubbard@kcumb.edu](mailto:khubbard@kcumb.edu).

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Contact Joseph C. MacDonald DO at [HLRMCIM@gmail.com](mailto:HLRMCIM@gmail.com) or call Christa at 717 735-3630 for inquiries.

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### INTERNAL MEDICINE PHYSICIANS– Pennsylvania.

Traditional IM group of nine physicians with four offices, one hospital and a number of LTC facilities. Each physician works out of one office along with a varying number of specific nursing facilities dependent on geographical area and need. The average office volume per physician is 18-22 patients/day. The group has four nurse practitioners. Call requirements are an average of seven days every five weeks, divided into three and four day blocks (Friday-Sunday and Monday-Thursday). Two physicians cover the hospital rounds (average census 30-50), office and nursing home calls. Our need is immediate: we are open to full or part-time, physicians who prefer only office-based practice, and will even consider a physician who does not want nursing home work. Base salary \$170-\$220K. Live anywhere you want in the greater Pittsburgh area.

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Please direct CVs to Cindy Popovich, Physician Practice Manager, Fatigati/Nalin Associates, St. Clair Medical Services. Phone 412-343-1788 or email at [cindy.popovich@stclair.org](mailto:cindy.popovich@stclair.org).

### INTERNAL MEDICINE OSTEO-PATHIC PROGRAM FACULTY– Pennsylvania.

The Department of Medicine at Crozer Chester Medical Center, Upland PA is recruiting for a full-time director for our successful three year dually accredited Osteopathic Internal Medicine Residency.

This program is administered in tandem with an ACGME IM residency lead by an

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## Professional Opportunities

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established program director. The ideal candidate has dual certification in internal medicine by the ACOI and ACGME with three years of clinical experience and a commitment to education. This core faculty role includes the opportunity to lead scholarly activity endeavors supported by the department. The position is supported by a dedicated staff of faculty who run an inpatient teaching service and an integrated attending - resident ambulatory site with medical home certification, social worker, care coordinator, psychologist and EMR.

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For more information or to submit your CV, please contact, Autumn Fincher, Director, Physician Recruitment at [afincher@blueridgehealth.org](mailto:afincher@blueridgehealth.org) or at 828-580-5693.

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### **Daytime Hospitalist Position**

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### **P/T Hospitalist Position**

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## Upcoming ACOI Education Meeting Dates & Locations

### NATIONAL MEETINGS

- 2013 Congress on Medical Education for Resident Trainers  
May 3-5 Laguna Cliffs Marriott Resort, Dana Point, CA
- 2013 Annual Convention & Scientific Sessions  
Oct 9-13 Renaissance Esmeralda Resort and Spa, Indian Wells, CA
- 2014 Internal Medicine Board Review Course  
March 26-30 Westin Savannah Harbor Resort & Spa, Savannah, GA
- 2014 Challenges in Inpatient Care  
March 26-30 Westin Savannah Harbor Resort & Spa, Savannah, GA
- 2014 Annual Convention & Scientific Sessions  
Oct 15-19 Baltimore Marriott Waterfront, Baltimore, MD
- 2015 Annual Convention & Scientific Sessions  
Oct 28-Nov 1 Marco Island Marriott Resort Golf Club and Spa, Marco Island, FL
- 2016 Annual Convention & Scientific Sessions  
Oct 12-16 San Francisco Marriott Marquis, San Francisco, CA
- 2017 Annual Convention & Scientific Sessions  
Oct 4-8 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

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#### Internal Medicine Certifying Examination

Computerized Examination 200 Sites Nationwide  
September 9, 2013 - *Application Deadline: February 1, 2013*  
*Late Registration Deadline: April 1, 2013*

#### Subspecialty & Certification of Added Qualifications:

Aug. 24, 2013 • Lombard, IL - *Application Deadline: April 1, 2013*

*Late Registration Deadline: May 1, 2013*

Cardiology • Clinical Cardiac Electrophysiology • Endocrinology • Gastroenterology • Geriatric Medicine • Hematology  
• Infectious Disease • Nephrology • Oncology • Pulmonary Diseases • Rheumatology • Sleep Medicine

#### Internal Medicine Recertifying Examination

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#### Subspecialties and Added Qualifications Recertifying Examination:

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## ACOI Introduces New Weekly Newsletter

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