From President Greco

Much Anticipated AOA Business Meeting Begins This Week

The ACOI delegation, including President-elect Judy Lightfoot, DO, Executive Director Brian Donadio, Deputy Executive Director Tim McNichol and I, will be participating in the AOA Annual Business Meetings this week in Chicago. The AOA Board of Trustees and House of Delegates will convene for six days of meetings beginning on Tuesday, July 15.

These are certainly among the most anticipated AOA meetings in recent memory. Much has changed since last July when the Board announced it would not move forward to merge our graduate medical education accreditation system with that of the ACGME. Or has it?

The ACOI approaches this meeting with cautious optimism. In recent months, many of you have shared with me your concerns both in favor of and against the far-reaching decision to proceed with the merger. A common theme is evident. Our members want to improve our educational system;

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Elections Set for October 19

Board Nominations Announced

The ACOI Nominating Committee has announced the slate of candidates for election at the Annual Meeting of Members scheduled for Sunday, October 19 in Baltimore, MD. The Committee has nominated John B. Bulger, DO, MBA, for President-Elect and John R. Sutton, DO, for Secretary-Treasurer. Under the College’s Bylaws, this year’s President-Elect, Judith A. Lightfoot, DO, will be inaugurated as President for the 2014-2015 year at the conclusion of the elections. The Nominating Committee also approved four candidates for election to the Board of Directors. Incumbents

Annette T. Carron, DO, Robert L. DiGiovanni, DO, and Joanne Kaiser-Smith, DO, are each nominated for new three-year terms. Robert A. Cain, DO, completes the slate.

Judith A. Lightfoot, DO, FACOI, is a board-certified infectious diseases specialist in private practice in Voorhees, NJ. She completed her internal medicine and infectious diseases residency and fellowship training at Kennedy Memorial Hospital in Stratford, NJ. An Active member of the ACOI since 2002, she has served as chair of the Committee on Minority Health and Cultural Competency since its inception. Dr. Lightfoot also serves on the Governance and Executive Committees. She received her Fellow degree in 2005 and was first elected to the Board of Directors in 2006.

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Convention Registration is Open

Registration materials for the 2014 ACOI Convention and Scientific Sessions are now available. The convention will take place Oct. 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 credits are anticipated.

In addition, a full-day Fundamentals of Critical Care Support certificate course will be offered on Oct. 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.

Program information and a registration form are included in this newsletter. Complete convention registration information is available at http://www.acoi.org/CMEConventReg.html.
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
The ACOI seeks to be the organization that osteopathic internists think of first for education, information, representation and service to the profession.

VALUES
To accomplish its vision and mission, the ACOI will base its decisions and actions on the following core values:

LEADERSHIP for the advancement of osteopathic medicine

EXCELLENCE in programs and services

INTEGRITY in decision-making and actions

PROFESSIONALISM in all interactions

SERVICE to meet member needs

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they want to take advantage of broader resources and more opportunities. They hope to do so on a level playing field for our graduates and educators. They also want the distinctive osteopathic approach to internal medicine to thrive for many more years.

We can’t help but fear the loss of control of the future of our training programs and, for some of us, even our positions as medical educators. ACOI is making every effort to assure that we will have well-positioned representatives to help see us through this process.

The ACOI Board of Directors’ position with regard to the proposed unified system has been consistent for the past two years (www.acoi.org/NewsUnifiedGME.html). There are essential issues that must be addressed as the plans for the merger move ahead. It is my belief that our message is getting through.

These meetings will be of special importance to us in the ACOI as one of our own accomplished general internists and leaders, Bob Juhasz, DO, will be inaugurated as AOA president for 2014-2015. Bob has been a strong advocate for the profession and especially for primary care internal medicine. We will have the opportunity to meet with Bob and host a breakfast for the 25 or more other ACOI members who are serving in the House of Delegates on Friday, July 18. Our delegation will also meet with the leadership of the ACOFP and ACOS as we work on common concerns.

As many of you know, this monthly newsletter you are reading is available now only in an electronic format. We also produce the weekly ACOI Insights newsletter. These media allow us to communicate with you quickly and efficiently. Please be sure to check your inbox for updates on the proposed merger and other important issues as events unfold. I welcome your comments at any time.

coding CORNER

The ACOI Coding Corner is a column written by Jill M. Young, CPC, CEDC, CIMC. Ms. Young is the Principal of Young Medical Consulting, LLC. She has over 30 years of experience in all areas of medical practice, including coding and billing. Additional information on these and other topics are available at www.acoi.org and by contacting Ms. Young at YoungMedConsult@aol.com.

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.

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A reviewer analyzes the required documentation set forth in the Manual to verify that all required elements of the billed service are met. Communicating a resident’s involvement in a patient’s care on a given date to your billing staff for a specific service indicates the need for the addition of a specific modifier when billing. The addition of the modifier indicates to the carrier that there is documentation by a resident to be included in any review. Without the modifier, only the teaching physician’s portion of the note is reviewed, which may leave insufficient documentation to validate the service billed.

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Registration Open for NCQA Workshop on Patient-Centered Medical Home Recognition
The concept of the patient-centered medical home (PCMH) is receiving a great deal of attention as an important foundation for changing the way primary care services are delivered. Payers, purchasers and policymakers see the PCMH as a way to achieve improved access and patient experiences while increasing quality care and moderating costs.

To assist our members in preparing for the continuing changes in the healthcare delivery system, the ACOI has teamed with the ACOFP and ACOP to offer a one-day workshop to provide the knowledge and tools needed to transform a practice into a PCMH and achieve National Committee for Quality Assurance (NCQA) recognition.

The workshop is being offered Saturday, September 13 from 8:00 AM to 5:15 PM at the Hilton Chicago O’Hare Airport in Chicago, IL. Participants will: get an overview of the NCQA recognition process; understand the increased emphasis on team-based care; practice PCMH scoring elements and develop documentation; and get a head start on PCMH recognition with the 2014 standards. For additional information and to register visit www.acoi.org.

$100 Billion in Improper Federal Payments Made
The House Oversight Committee recently held a hearing to examine the extent of improper payments made by the Federal Government. Testimony presented to the Committee estimated that federal agencies made over $97 billion in overpayments and $9 billion in underpayments in 2013 alone. This represents a decrease from the all-time high of $121 billion in improper payments made in 2010. According to testimony, the largest source of improper payments are government health programs. Medicare alone accounted for over $50 billion in improper payments in 2013. Other areas identified for improper payments included the earned income tax credit, Medicaid and Unemployment Insurance, among other areas. The testimony presented is certain to fuel continued efforts by Congress to reign in improper payments made by the Federal Government.

Second Phase of Physician Payment Sunshine Act Underway
The “Physician Payment Sunshine Act” created under the ACA requires manufacturers of drugs, devices, biologicals or medical supplies to report annually certain payments or other transfers of value to physicians and teaching hospitals. 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.

While it is the obligation of the applicable manufacturers to report to CMS the required information, physicians and teaching hospitals are strongly encouraged to check the information being reported about them. To do this, registration is required first in the CMS Enterprise Portal followed by registration in the Open Payments System. While registration is voluntary, it is required if the physician or teaching hospital wishes to review and dispute any of the data reported about them by the applicable manufacturers. Additional information is available at www.cms.gov.

Report Finds 20 Million Gained Coverage under the ACA
The Commonwealth Fund recently released a study stating that over 20 million Americans gained health insurance coverage or were enrolled in a new health plan as result of the ACA. The analysis includes: those who enrolled through exchanges; those who gained coverage through provisions of the law such as the dependent coverage provision; and those who enrolled in Medicaid and the Children’s Health Insurance Program (CHIP). According to the study, approximately eight million people enrolled through exchanges, one million young adults gained coverage, five million people bought insurance directly from insurers, and about six million gained coverage through Medicaid or CHIP. Additional information on the impact of the ACA on health insurance coverage is available at www.commonwealthfund.org.

MedPAC Releases Annual Report to Congress
The Medicare Payment Advisory Commission (MedPAC) recently released its congressio- nationally-mandated annual report on Medicare and the healthcare delivery system. The report addresses the following areas: synchronizing Medicare policy across payment models; improving risk adjustment in the Medicare program; reevaluating current approaches to measuring the quality of care in Medicare, with a discussion of an alternative approach; aligning financial assistance policies for low-income beneficiaries; paying for primary care using a per-beneficiary payment; addressing Medicare payment differences across post-acute care settings and, measuring the effects of medication adherence on medical spending for the Medicare population and its long-term sustainability. The report is used by Congress and others to examine issues affecting the Medicare program. Its content is often used to advance policy discussions that look at reforming the Medicare system to enhance quality and efficiency within the healthcare delivery system. The full report can be viewed at www.medpac.gov.

Washington Tidbits:
150 Years…A President, A Military Leader and a Little Known Link - Part 2
The focal point of Arlington National Cemetery is Arlington House. The mansion stands out amongst the graves not because it was designed to do so, but because it and the surrounding estate was intended for a very different purpose.

Arlington House was intended to be a living memorial to George Washington and was owned and constructed by his adopted grandson George Washington Parke Custis, son of John Parke Custis who was a child of Martha Washington from her first marriage. Custis and his wife were survived by one child Mary Anna Randolph Custis who received title to the estate upon her parents’ deaths. She married a graduate of West Point by the name of Robert E. Lee. Lee and Custis lived in the home until Virginia seceded from the Union. The property was confiscated by the Federal Government and purchased by a tax commissioner for “government use, for war, military, charitable and educational purposes.” Brigadier General Montgomery C. Meigs appropriated the grounds for use as a military cemetery on June 15, 1864. In an effort to make the house uninhabitable should Robert E. Lee attempt to return, he ordered the construction of a vault to serve as the final resting place for over 1,800 Bull Run casualties. Thus, Arlington national Cemetery was established. (Part one of this feature appeared in last month’s newsletter.)
John B. Bulger, DO, MBA, FACOI of Danville, PA is a board-certified general internist. He is the chief quality officer for the Geisinger Health System in Danville. He is the current Secretary-Treasurer of the ACOI. He has served on the Council on Education and Evaluation since 2002 and is its current chairman. He also chairs the Continuing Medical Education Committee and serves on the Executive Committee. Dr. Bulger chaired the annual convention in 2010. He has been an Active member of the ACOI since 1995. He completed his internal medicine residency training at the Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine. He received the degree of Fellow in 2002 and was first elected to the Board in 2002.

John R. Sutton, DO, FACOI, is an endocrinologist practicing in Carson City, NV. He has been an Active ACOI member since 1994 and received the degree of Fellow in 1999. Dr. Sutton is a graduate of Kirksville College of Osteopathic Medicine. He completed his internal medicine residency at Garden City Hospital in Garden City, MI, and an endocrinology fellowship at Bi-County Community Hospital in Warren, MI. Dr. Sutton is a past chair of the Endocrinology Subspecialty Section and has provided frequent lectures at the annual board review course and conventions. He chairs the Clinical Practice Committee and serves on the Phoenix Physician Task Force. Dr. Sutton was first elected to the Board of Directors in 2007. He has been an ACOI Active member since 1995.

Annette T. Carron, DO, FACOI, of Troy, MI, is board-certified in internal medicine, geriatric medicine and hospice and palliative care medicine. She is the director of geriatrics and palliative care at Botsford Hospital in Farmington Hills, MI. She is also director of the internal medicine residency program and geriatrics fellowship there. Dr. Carron completed her internal medicine training at Botsford Hospital and a geriatric medicine fellowship at George Washington University in Washington, DC. She is Chair of the ACOI Ethics Committee, a member of the Development Committee and is active in the Palliative Medicine Subspecialty Section of the College. She also serves on the AOA Council on Hospice and Palliative Medicine. Dr. Carron has been an Active member of the ACOI since 1995. She achieved the degree of Fellow in 2002. She was first elected to the Board of Directors in 2008.

The ACOI Bylaws provide a mechanism for the nomination of other candidates. Any Active member of the ACOI may nominate other qualified candidates by submitting the nomination to the Executive Director. Such nominations must be supported by the signatures of 30 Active members of the College; they must also include a brief statement of qualifications and must be received no later than 30 days prior to the date of the election. Further information is available from the Executive Director.

The Nominating Committee this year is chaired by Jack D. Bragg, DO. Also serving are Martin C. Burke, DO and Samuel K. Snyder, DO.
Robert L. DiGiovanni, DO, FACOI is a board-certified internist and rheumatologist practicing in Largo, FL. He completed his internal medicine training at Suncoast Hospital (now Largo Medical Center) in Largo, and a fellowship in rheumatology at the University of Arizona Health Sciences Center in Tucson. He is the current president of Suncoast Internal Medicine Consultants and the program director of the rheumatology fellowship program at Largo Medical Center. Dr. DiGiovanni has been active in the ACOI Subspecialty Section of Rheumatology, including serving as chairman and education coordinator of the section. He has provided numerous lectures for the College at the board review course, annual convention and other meetings. Dr. DiGiovanni has been an Active member of the ACOI since 1987 and achieved the degree of Fellow in 1994. He was first elected to the Board of Directors in 2013.

Joanne Kaiser-Smith, DO, FACOI is board-certified in internal medicine and geriatric medicine with a practice in Stratford, NJ. She is Assistant Dean and Director of Medical Education at Rowan University-School of Osteopathic Medicine, and also serves as the chief of the Division of General Internal Medicine in the Department of Medicine there. Dr. Kaiser-Smith is a graduate of UMDNJ-SOM (now Rowan University) and completed her residency training at Kennedy Memorial Hospitals-University Medical Center in Stratford. She has served several terms on the Council on Education and Evaluation and is on the Governance Committee. She also was chair of the Women’s Health Task Force. Dr. Kaiser-Smith has been an Active member of the ACOI since 1988 and was awarded the degree of Fellow in 1994. She was first elected to the Board of Directors in 2012.

Robert A. Cain, DO, FACOI is a board certified internist and pulmonologist in Powell, OH. He is the Associate Dean for Graduate Medical Education at the Ohio University Heritage College of Osteopathic Medicine in Athens. Dr. Cain has broad experience in medical education, including service on the ACOI Council on Education and Evaluation, of which he is vice-chairman. He was instrumental in developing the ACOI’s new Path to Mastery Curriculum for internal medicine residencies. Dr. Cain also serves on the AOA’s Council on Postdoctoral Training and was the Director of Medical Education and internal medicine residency program director at Grandview Hospital in Dayton, OH. Dr. Cain has been an Active member of the ACOI since 1994 and received the degree of Fellow in 2001. He is nominated to complete the one year remaining in Dr. Sutton’s term.
DEPARTMENT CHAIR, INTERNAL MEDICINE - Harrogate, TN. Lincoln Memorial University invites applications for the position of Department Chair, Internal Medicine at the DeBusk College of Osteopathic Medicine. The Chair of Internal Medicine is overall responsible for the operation and maintenance of the clinical department providing premier quality instruction for medical students and postgraduate learners. This will include serving as Rotation Director for 3rd year internal medicine core rotations and assuring that sufficient internal medicine rotations are available. The Chair will provide and supervise internal medicine clinical care and will assist in the promotion and development of scholarly activity and postgraduate training activities. The Chair will assist and participate in program development, faculty recruitment and development and evaluation of internal medicine curriculum at all levels. The Chair will function as the leader of the department of Internal Medicine and seek to advance the mission of the COM through teaching, scholarship, service and clinical care activities. Qualifications; Required: Graduate of an AOA accredited College of Osteopathic Medicine; completion of AOA approved residency in internal medicine; certification in internal medicine by the AOA via The American Osteopathic Board of Internal Medicine; an unrestricted license to practice medicine (or able to be licensed) in Tennessee; at least 3-5 years experience in the practice of internal medicine or an internal medicine subspecialty; at least 2 years experience teaching at or for a medical school; meet qualifications to direct an AOA internal medicine residency program; be (or become) an active member of the American College of Osteopathic Internists; possess a fundamental understanding of the continuum of osteopathic medical education.

Review of applications will begin immediately. Applicants should submit an LMU application for employment, a cover letter addressing qualifications for the position, curriculum vitae, official transcripts and contact information for three references to Lincoln Memorial University, 6965 Cumberland Gap Parkway, Harrogate, TN 37752, Attention: Pamela Lester. Electronic submissions are encouraged to pamela.lester@lmunet.edu. LMU’s hiring policies are in accordance with EEO regulations and policies. LMU is committed to diversity and is an equal opportunity employer. Women and minorities are strongly encouraged to apply.

SEEKING BC/BE FP/IM AND PA-C - Roxborough/Manayunk, Pennsylvania. Busy Primary Care Practice looking for a motivated and energetic practitioner. This practice has been established for 20 years in the Roxborough/Manayunk (PA) community. We are partnered with 2 local community teaching hospitals.

The practitioner will share duties with 2 Physicians and 2 PA-C’s. Duties include Outpatient office, Inpatient Hospital, Skilled Nursing and Long Term Care facilities.

Call rotated 1 in 4. Salary commensurate with experience, 401K, profit sharing, and bonus structure. Potential for partnership exists and can be discussed at a future date.

Full time preferred, Part time option exists. Employer will assist with relocation costs. Email drpedano@aol.com.

RHEUMATOLOGIST - Kirksville, Missouri. 9am to 5pm clinics only. No evenings or weekends. Four days of service per week (or less) with six weeks off annually for vacations and CME. Base income >$380,000.00 with an opportunity for teaching at AT Still University rheumatology courses and provide presentations in ATSU CME conferences. Contact: Robert W. Jackson, DO, FACOI, robert.jackson@psnmo.net.
Corpus Christi Medical Center

Corpus Christi Medical Center is affiliated with Hospital Corporation of America (HCA), which is the nation's leading provider of health care services. Founded in 1962, Corpus Christi Medical Center has been a growing part of South Texas for the past 50 years. What began as a 26-bed facility has grown into a nationally recognized 631-bed health care system with more than 1,200 medical professionals and 600 medical staff members. From caring for fragile newborns to complex cardiovascular patients, Corpus Christi Medical Center ensures the community receives the highest quality care available.

Amenities:
- Online Preregistration at www.ccmedicalcenter.com
- Surgery OR Boards in Waiting Rooms
- Private and Semiprivate Rooms
- Electronic Patient Medical Record/Patient Portal
- Case Management, Social Workers and Financial Counselors
- H2U – Health and Wellness Program

Our Locations:
Bay Area
The Heart Hospital
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Bayview Behavioral Hospital
Northshore Emergency Center
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Hospital Quality/Core Measures:
- Acute Myocardial Infarction = 100%
- Heart Failure = 99.22%
- Pneumonia = 100%
- SCIP = 99.06%

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Postgraduate Medical Education Cardiology Fellowship Training Program

HCA affiliate, Corpus Christi Medical Center provides postgraduate educational training in the highest level of patient care. Our program is accredited by the American Osteopathic Association (AOA) as a three year general cardiology fellowship program and is designed to provide Cardiologists with high quality instruction and experience in Cardiology techniques plus education. Cardiologists who train in the program will acquire the medical knowledge and experience in all facets of general cardiology with multiple faculty members.

Our Cardiology Fellowship Training Program provides clinical learning opportunities on two hospital campuses. The Bay Area and Doctors Regional Campuses are Accredited Chest Pain Center by the Society of Cardiovascular Patient Care and is certified by the Joint Commission as a Primary Stroke Centers. In addition, both hospitals are recognized nationally by the Joint Commission as a Top Performing Hospital™ in Key Quality Measures.

Cardiology Fellowship Training Program Application

The Cardiology Fellowship Position begins on July 1, 2014. Interested applicants must be a graduate of an accredited AOA or ACGME Internal Medicine Residency Program and be board certified or board eligible to sit for the American College of Osteopathic Internal Medicine boards. The application deadline is May 15, 2014. To apply, please submit the following information:

- A current photograph
- Current Curriculum Vitae—Current ERAS submission preferable
- Copy of all training contracts to date
- A typed personal statement
- Original medical school transcript sent directly from the sending institution
- Copy of your medical school diploma
- Copies of any/all applicable licensure/permits
- Copy of current ACLS and BCLS
- COMLEX score reports (official/not computer
- Three (3) letters of recommendation current within 90 days sent directly to our program from the sender—One letter of recommendation must be from your Internal Medicine Residency Program Director
- Medical school deans’ letter
- Other documentation as desired

Please submit information to:
Susan.christiansen@HCAhealthcare.com
Or Fax Attention Sue Christiansen at 361-761-3689
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.

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 beautifully 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 Memorials 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!

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.
WEDNESDAY October 15, 2014

11:00 AM-NOON  New Member and First-Time Attendee Orientation
Q&A with ACOI Board of Directors
Rick A. Greco, DO, FACOI, President, Moderator

1:00-2:00 PM  Keynote Address
Innovation and Health System Transformation
Patrick H. Conway, MD, MSc

2:00-2:30 PM  Maintenance of Licensure 2014 Update
Humayun J. Chaudhry, DO, MS, FACOI

2:30-2:45 PM  BREAK

2:45-4:45 PM  PLENARY SESSION - Cardiology
Martin C. Burke, DO, FACOI, Moderator
- Clinical Case Presentation- Acute Coronary Syndrome
  Martin C. Burke, DO, FACOI
- Mission Lifeline: Improving Door-to-Balloon-Time Using Field ECG Transmission
  Sandeep Nathan, MD
- Breaking Old Habits: Use of the New Oral Anticoagulants in Clinical Practice
  Sandeep Nathan, MD

3:40-3:45 PM  Case Update
Martin C. Burke, DO, FACOI

3:45-4:05 PM  Innovative Heart Rhythm Monitors for Patient Comfort-Zeppatch to Rhythm
Eric D. Good, DO, FACOI

4:05-4:30 PM  Managing Ventricular Arrhythmias Post MI-Ablation and Devices
Eric D. Good, DO

4:30-4:45 PM  Panel Discussion and Clinical Case Wrap-Up

4:45-5:45 PM  Tests I Wish You’d Never Ordered
Gerald W. Blackburn, DO, MACOI, Moderator
Scott L. Girard, DO, FACOI
Kevin P. Hubbard, DO, FACOI
Jack E. Prior, DO, FACOI

6:00-7:30 PM  Welcome Reception

THURSDAY October 16, 2014

7:00-8:00 AM  SUNRISE SESSIONS
1) AIDS/HIV Update
   David V. Condoluci, DO, FACOI
2) Practical Tips to use Daily to Ensure Concise and Compliant Documentation
   Jill M. Young, CPC, CEDC, CIMC
3) The Ethical Practice of Medicine
   Jennifer Hoppe, DO
4) Improving Health Through the Patient-Physician Relationship: Yes, There is an App for That
   Anthony J. Wehbe, DO, FACOI

8:00-8:15 AM  WELCOME/OPENING REMARKS
Rick A. Greco, DO, FACOI, President
Judith A. Lightfoot, DO, FACOI, Program Chair

8:15-9:00 AM  KEYNOTE ADDRESS
Bridging the Gap Between Evidence-Based Medicine and Patient-Centered Care: The Doctor-Patient Relationship
Debra L. Roter, DrPH

9:00 AM-12:00 PM  PLENARY SESSION - Infectious Diseases
Mia A. Taormina, DO, FACOI – Moderator
- Bronchical Thermoplasty in the Treatment of Asthma
  Michael J. Simoff, MD
- Nonpharmacologic Treatment for Insomnia
  Annette T. Carron, DO, FACOI

10:00-10:15 AM  BREAK

10:15-11:15 AM  Resident/Fellow/Student Session (Reception)
6:00 PM-7:00 PM  Alumni Receptions
6:00 PM-7:30 PM  Alumni Receptions

FRIDAY October 17, 2014

7:00-8:00 AM  SUNRISE SESSIONS
1) Understanding Osteopathic Continuous Certification
   Gary L. Slick, DO, MACOI
2) Falls – Mechanical or Circulatory
   Theresa M. Matzura, DO, FACOI
3) Palliative Care Symptom Management for the Internist
   Meagan E. Esbaugh, DO

8:00-8:45 AM  KEYNOTE ADDRESS
The Evolution of Patient-Centered Medical Practice: Osteopathic Medicine as the Forerunner
Kevin P. Hubbard, DO, FACOI

8:45-9:00 AM  Q&A DISCUSSION

9:00 AM-12:00 PM  PLENARY SESSION – Pulmonary/Sleep Medicine
Daniel L. Maxwell, DO, FACOI – Moderator
- Bronchical Thermoplasty in the Treatment of Asthma
  Michael J. Simoff, MD
- Nonpharmacologic Treatment for Insomnia
  Annette T. Carron, DO, FACOI

12:00-1:00 PM  LUNCHEON SYMPOSIUM
Topic/Speaker – TBD

1:00-2:00 PM  PLENARY SESSION - Ethics
Mitchell D. Forman, DO, FACOI – Moderator
- Doing What's Right When No One is Looking
  Meagan E. Esbaugh, DO
- Case Studies – Audience Participation
  Michael J. Simoff, DO, FACOI
- Weldon Havins, JD

2:00-3:00 PM  New Sepsis Guidelines
Patrick C. Cullinan, DO, FACOI

3:00-3:45 PM  Innovations and Techniques from a Team Approach
Speaker TBD

3:45-4:05 PM  Panel Discussion and Clinical Case Wrap-Up

4:05-5:00 PM  PLENARY SESSION – Critical Care Medicine
David Lindner, DO, FACOI – Moderator
- New Sepsis Guidelines
  Patrick C. Cullinan, DO, FACOI
- RA Therapy: Can it Ever Be Stopped?
  Robert L. DiGiovanni, DO, FACOI

5:00-6:00 PM  Women Physicians Discussion Group
Joanne Kaiser-Smith, DO, FACOI

6:00-7:00 PM  Resident/Fellow/Student Session (Reception)

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| 10:45-11:45 AM | New Therapies for COPD  
Daniel L. Maxwell, DO, FACC1O                          |
| 11:45 AM-NOON | Q&A Panel Discussion                                                                             |
| NOON-1:00 PM | LUNCHEON SYMPOSIUM – Product Theater  
Advancing Paradigm Changes in  
Type 2 Diabetes Management  
Steven Vacalis, DO                                                        |
| 1:00-2:30 PM | PLENARY SESSION – Allergy/Immunology  
Lary L. Ciesemier, DO, FACC1O, Moderator                                           |
| 1:00-1:45 PM | Innovations in Sublingual Immunotherapy  
Jason E. Cresselmann, DO & Panel                                                   |
| 1:45-2:30 PM | Asthma Mimicking Diseases  
Robert Hostoffer, DO                                                                |
| 2:30-3:00 PM | Choosing Wisely  
John B. Bulger, DO, FACC1O, Moderator                                                   |
| 3:00-3:15 PM | BREAK                                                                                           |
| 3:00-5:00 PM | Resident/Fellow/Student Session                                                                 |
| 3:15-5:00 PM | PLENARY SESSION - Geriatric Medicine/Hospice and Palliative Medicine  
Annette T. Carron, DO, FACC1O, Co-Moderators                                        |
| 3:15-4:20 PM | Advanced Wound Care/Prevention of Ulcers  
James Lin, DO                                                                        |
| 4:20-5:00 PM | Hyperbaric Medicine  
Anthony J. Ferretti, DO                                                                |
| 6:00-8:00 PM | Convocation of Fellows and Reception                                                             |

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| 7:00-8:00 AM | Subspecialty Section Business Meetings  
(30 min lecture/30 min business meeting)  
Allergy – Lary L. Ciesemier, DO, FACC1O  
Lecture – 2014 Allergy/Immunology Updates  
Jonathan Herba1, DO  
Cardiology – Martin C. Burke, DO, FACC1O  
Endocrine – John R. Sutton, DO, FACC1O  
Gastroenterology – Monte E. Troutman, DO, FACC1O  
Geriatric Medicine – Danielle M. Hansen, DO, FACC1O, Co-Moderators  
Hematology/Oncology – Jason R. Beckrow, DO, FACC1O  
Infectious Disease – Mia A. Taormina, DO, FACC1O  
Lecture - Late Breakers - Infectious Disease  
Mia A. Taormina, DO, FACC1O  
Nephrology – Samuel K. Snyder, DO, FACC1O, Moderator  
Lecture – Top Nephrology Stories of 2014  
Jack Waterman, DO, FACC1O  
Nuclear Medicine – James C. Clouse, DO, FACC1O  
Palliative Medicine – Annette T. Carron, DO, FACC1O  
Lecture – TBD (End of Life Credit)  
Pulmonary/Sleep/CCM – Daniel L. Maxwell, DO, FACC1O  
Pulmn: David H. Lindner, DO, FACC1O  
CCM: Daniel L. Maxwell, DO, FACC1O  
Sleep Medicine;  
Lecture - Interventional Pulmonology  
Michael J. Smoff, MD  
Rheumatology – Mitchell D. Forman, DO, FACC1O  
Lecture - Rheumatology 2014 – Late Breakers |
| 7:00-8:00 AM | SUNRISE SESSIONS  
1) Hospitalist Interest Group  
John B. Bu1ger, DO, MBA, FACC1O  
2) Minorities in Research: Where Did Everyone Go?  
Timothy J. Barrero, DO, FACC1O  
3) Washington Update  
Timothy W. McNichol, JD                                                 |
| 8:00 AM-NOON and 1:00-4:00 PM | Concurrent Session  
Fundamental Critical Care Support Course  
(Separate Registration Required)  
Topic TBD  
Speaker TBD |

**SUNDAY October 19, 2014**

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| 7:30-9:30 AM | PLENARY SESSION – Hospice and Palliative Medicine  
Annette T. Carron, DO, FACC1O  
Jason R. Beckrow, DO, FACC1O, Co-Moderators |
| 7:30-7:35 AM | Introductions                                                                                   |
| 7:35-8:10 AM | Benefits of Palliative Radiotherapy and Solutions to Barriers that Limit its Access  
Drew Moghanaki, MD |
| 8:10-9:10 AM | It’s Not Just About Code Status: Update in Palliative Care  
Thomas J. Smith, MD |
| 9:10-9:25 AM | The Osteopathic Opportunity: Leading Healthcare Forward with Osteopathic Principles and Practice  
Jason R. Beckrow, DO, FACC1O |
| 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!

Name___________________________________________________________ AOA Number___________________________

REGISTRATION FEES

REGISTRATION CATEGORY (please check appropriate box(es))

☐ ACOI Member (Training completed PRIOR to 6/30/2009)................................. $745................................. $795
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☐ ACOI Retired/Emertitus Member........................................................................ $645................................. $695
☐ Non Member Physician....................................................................................... $945................................. $995
☐ Resident/Fellow (List Training Institution)............................................................ $495................................. $540
☐ Non-Physician Health Care Professional (RN, PhD, RD, etc.).......................... $745................................. $795
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☐ Fundamental Critical Care Support Course (Limited to a maximum of 50 participants; must have current ACLS certification)
   If registering for convention.............................................................................. $250................................. $300
   If registering only for FCCS.............................................................................. $350................................. $400
☐ Date of ACLS Expiration ____________________________________________________

☐ 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 Luncheon........................................................ N/C
☐ Thursday, Oct. 16 - 5:30-7:30 pm Alumni Receptions............................................. N/C
☐ Friday, Oct. 17 - 11:45 am - 1:00 pm Luncheon........................................................ N/C
☐ Friday, Oct. 17 - 6:45 am Fun Run....................................................................... N/C
☐ Saturday, Oct. 18 - Noon - 1:00 pm Luncheon........................................................ 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)

☐ 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.

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*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** $________

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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

• 2015 Annual Convention & Scientific Sessions  
  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.

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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  

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