

From President Lightfoot A Few Thoughts as a Presidential Term Ends



This is my final newsletter message as we approach our 2015 Annual Convention and Scientific Sessions, which will take place

at the fabulous Marriott Tampa Waterside Hotel, Sept. 29-Oct. 4. I look forward to seeing everyone at this exciting meeting. Registration continues to be strong and we expect it will probably be one of our largest meetings ever. There is still time to register, but hurry! I would like to give special thanks to Program Chair Samuel Snyder, DO, FACOI and the subspecialty chairs for putting together the informative lectures that will be presented. I would also like to thank the ACOI staff, led by Executive Director Brian Donadio, FACOI and Susan

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Residency Growth Continues As GME Transition Begins

The 2016 ACOI Survey of Internal Medicine Residency Programs was completed by DMEs and Program Directors of all osteopathic internal medicine programs for the new training year. There are now 146 approved internal medicine programs, with 117 training residents. That is 22 more programs approved and four more with trainees than last year. There are 690 first year residents, up from 625 last year. Perhaps for the last time, approved and filled positions both increased significantly this year. The total number of residents in internal medicine, including combined programs, is 1964 a 9% increase over last year. To put things in perspective, there were 541 filled positions in 2005-2006.

As part of the process of combining the AOA and ACGME accreditation processes, there were incentives for the creation of new programs prior to July 1 of this year. This resulted in the approval of 22 new programs. Approved positions increased from 2371 to 2965. Reportedly, 2880 of these are funded. Approximately 68% of the funded positions are filled, which is significantly lower than in recent years. This is likely attributable to the fact that many of the new programs were not approved in time to match with residents this year.

RESIDENCY POSITIONS APPROVED & FILLED	2015-16	2014-15	2013-14	2012-13	2011-12
Approved Positions					
IM	2965	2254	1981	1753	1667
EM/IM	115	119	135	130	130
IM/PEDS	18	18	18	18	18
IM/NMM	4	4	4	1	0
Total	3106	2371	2138	1905	1815
Filled Positions					
IM	1888	1718	1536	1326	1155
EM/IM	68	75	79	75	92
IM/PEDS	5	6	7	7	10
IM/NMM	3	3	2	1	0
Total	1964	1802	1624	1409	1257

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Volunteer For an ACOI Committee

Volunteers are needed for a variety of ACOI committees, councils and task forces. Appointments will be made by incoming President John B. Bulger, DO, MBA and the Board of Directors by the end of the year. More information on the committees and the appointment process can be found on the ACOI website, www.acoi.org.

2015 Convention Materials Inside!



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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Letter from the President

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Stacy, FACOI for all of their support throughout the year.

This year has been both challenging and rewarding. It has been a year full of opportunities and growth for the ACOI. I believe with the direction and leadership of our Board of Directors that the mission of the ACOI to advance the practice of osteopathic internal medicine will be sustainable. The ACOI will continue to raise our united voices in response to the concerns of our members. I'm excited that our training programs continue to produce the highest quality residents for the future of osteopathic internal medicine. I would like to personally thank our program directors and all of you who volunteer your time to our training programs and OPTIs.

This year, I've been able to meet many medical students, residents and fellows from all over the nation. They are excited about internal medicine and all that it has to offer, including primary care tracks, subspecialty fellowships and hospitalist opportunities. I sincerely hope that we will continue to see our College grow for many years to come.

As we celebrate our history and pay tribute to our legacy, I invite all of you to join me as we examine our past and learn and appreciate our struggles to be who and what we are today as osteopathic internists. Help us celebrate 75 years of ACOI history in the making, which will culminate at our 2016 convention in San Francisco. I challenge each and every one of you to join us at this memorable event.

My final wish as President is that you all take care of yourselves so that you can take better care of your patients.

Need to Charge Your Cell Phone? Stop by Development Committee Table

Stop by the ACOI Development Committee table in the registration area at this year's Annual Convention to charge your cell phone and learn how ACOI's donors are making a difference in supporting the next generation of osteopathic internists. Help ACOI celebrate the start of its 75th Anniversary Celebration.



government RELATIONS

Timothy McNichol, JD

House and Senate Are in Session

The House and the Senate have returned from their August recess with a number of pressing issues that must be addressed before the end of September. One of the most pressing matters is the approval of appropriation legislation to keep the federal government open for business. Absent some form of compromise to either fund the government for the full fiscal year or for a shorter period of time while negotiations continue, it is possible that parts of the government will shut down. The current status of negotiations, the passing of each day and the current political environment is making it increasingly likely that there will be at least a partial shutdown. The ACOI is continuing to monitor this matter closely.

CBO Report Sees Growth in Medicare and Medicaid Spending

According to a report released by the non-partisan Congressional Budget Office (CBO), federal spending for all major healthcare programs will increase by \$106 billion in 2015. The largest increase in spending is expected to be seen in the Medicaid program. Medicaid spending is projected to increase by \$49 billion to a total of \$350 billion. The report cites the Affordable Care Act (ACA) as the primary driver of the increase in spending under the Medicaid program because of the resulting expansion of Medicaid recipients. Medicare spending is projected to increase by \$35 billion to a total of \$639 billion, the fastest growth in Medicare spending since 2009. The recently-enacted Medicare Access and CHIP Reauthorization Act (MACRA) is expected to result in additional growth in Medicare and Medicaid spending over the next decade.

Cardiologist Nominated to Lead FDA

President Obama nominated cardiologist Robert Califf, MD, to serve as Commissioner of the Food and Drug Administration (FDA). Dr. Califf is a researcher who joined the FDA in January of this year. He currently serves as the Deputy Commissioner for Medical Products and Tobacco. Dr. Califf has held this position since March. His nomination now goes to the Senate where it is expected to be approved with little dissent. The current acting Commissioner, Dr. Stephen Ostroff, took over following the resignation of Dr. Margaret A. Hamburg who served as Commissioner of the FDA for nearly six years.

ACA Headed Back to Court

The US District Court for the District of Columbia ruled that the House of Representatives can proceed in a lawsuit brought against the Obama administration. The House brought suit alleging that the Administration improperly used unappropriated funds to implement the ACA. The suit argues that the President spent billions of dollars absent any appropriations by Congress in violation of the Constitution. While the case was viewed by many to be political in nature, the court found, "It became clear that the House has suffered a concrete, particularized injury that gives it standing to sue." The ACOI will continue to monitor this case and its potential impact as it works its way through the judicial system.

HHS Awards nearly \$500 Million in ACA Funding to CHCs

The Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) announced nearly

\$500 million in grants awarded to community health centers (CHC) to increase access to primary care services and renovate facilities. Specifically, about \$350 million will be provided to 1,184 CHCs to increase access to services. Grants totaling nearly \$150 million will be provided to 160 CHCs to fund renovations, expansion or construction. According to a statement by HHS in announcing the grants, "These awards will give 1.4 million more Americans across every state access to comprehensive quality care." In total, CHCs serve nearly 23 million people in rural and poor urban areas at approximately 9,000 clinical sites in every state and US territory.

Washington Tidbits: Presidential Debates... Television's Impact on the Electorate

On a September evening the candidates entered the television studio to debate and share their vision for the future of the nation. Many would argue that the debate fundamentally changed the trajectory of the elections and ultimately the outcome of the race for the White House.

This time the stage did not consist of 17 candidates or even 10 candidates. It consisted of just two people vying to become the 35th President of the United States, Democratic nominee Senator John F. Kennedy and Republican nominee Vice-President Richard M. Nixon. The date was September 26, 1960 and it was the first televised presidential debate. Political scientist would agree that it became abundantly clear that preparation, stage presence and appearance would become critical factors in the new medium of televised politicking and impact the perceptions of the electorate. As the 2016 presidential campaign picks up steam and the debates get underway, what lessons will be learned for future presidential hopefuls?



coding CORNER

Jill M. Young, CPC, CEDC, CIMC

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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.

ICD-10 Requires Communication with Staff

As I write this, the transition to the new International Classification of Diseases, 10th Edition, Diagnosis and Procedure Codes (ICD-10) implementation is set to begin October 1. As a consultant and educator, my life has been consumed as of late working to help physicians and practices get ready. Following is one final piece of advice prior to the transition.

Talk to your staff. Starting today and through the transition period, communicate with your staff. The interaction is invaluable for both the physician and the staff as you enter this new era of coding. Everything about successful ICD-10 coding begins with proper documentation. Your staff knows what to do with the documentation, which is essential in ensuring complete and accurate coding. What you "write" in a patient's record is crucial to selecting the specificity that ICD-10 requires. This information, mostly all clinical, can only come from you and it must be present. It is in your head. As the physician, you have the knowledge to treat the patient, you need to be sure to communicate the necessary information to others for the purpose of maximizing your compensation.

A successful transition to ICD-10 coding is in your hands. The information you document about a patient's condition is what will in the end ensure proper reimbursement for the services you provide.

Have You Moved?

Keep us updated.

If you have recently made any changes in your address, phone number or email, please notify the ACOI.

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In Memoriam

Word has been received of the following deaths of ACOI members:

Frank W. Corbally, DO, 64, of Point Pleasant, NJ and formerly of Lancaster, PA, died on September 6, 2015. Dr. Corbally was a graduate of Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine and completed his medical residency and cardiology fellowship at Kennedy Memorial Hospital in Stratford, NJ. Among his survivors is his son, ACOI member Brian M. Corbally, DO, a cardiology fellow at Deborah Heart and Lung Center in Browns Mill, NJ. The family requests that donations be made in Dr. Corbally's name to the Pancreatic Cancer Center/ The Sydney Kimmel Comprehensive Cancer Center at The Johns Hopkins University Hospital, or to the American Heart Association.

Lisa Amodio-Riley, DO, 34, of Leesburg, GA, died on July 10, 2015. A 2007 graduate of New York College of Osteopathic Medicine, Dr. Riley completed a combined residency in emergency medicine/internal medicine at St. Barnabas Hospital in Bronx, NY, in 2011.

Why Supporting the ACOI Generational Advancement Fund Is Important.

(This is one in a series of interviews with ACOI members 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 **David F. Hitzeman, DO, MACOI**, retired Professor of Medicine and Internal Medicine Program Director at Oklahoma State University College of Osteopathic Medicine. A former member of the ACOI's Board of Directors, he currently serves as a Member of the ACOI's Practice Management Committee, Chairman of the AOA Bureau of Socioeconomic Affairs and represents the AOA as a member of the AMA Resource Based Relative Value Update Committee (RUC). Dr. Hitzeman is a nationally known speaker on physician payment and participated in the College's Visiting Professor Program.

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

Dr. Hitzeman: In my early years of practice, I saw firsthand the importance of involvement

in the "politics" of medicine at the hospital where I worked, the medical school, and with state and national medical organizations. It was only natural for me to become active at the national and federal levels by getting involved with the AOA and the ACOI, which was good for me as a physician and for my patients.

Serving on the ACOI Board of Directors was a wonderful experience due to the fact that the board worked well together, very much like a family. Together with ACOI's excellent staff, the Board was able to accomplish important common goals for the College. The ACOI Board continues to be a strong, dedicated group leading the College into the future.

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

Dr. Hitzeman: The ACOI needs to be bold in maintaining our distinctiveness as osteopathic physicians given the challenges associated with the single pathway for ACGME accreditation. In the past, due to an insufficient number of osteopathic training fellowships, many graduates chose to participate in an ACGME allopathic fellowship program but did not return to membership in the ACOI. I am pleased that in the past few years, the number of osteopathic training fellowships has increased. A recent AOA survey found that 70-75% of respondents wanted to continue their post-graduate training in an Osteopathic-focused Program. I feel that the osteopathic approach to patient care has now become the goal of policymakers and allopathic medicine. The phrase "patient-centered care," a popular buzz word today for the norm for patient care, is nothing new for osteopathic physicians. It has always been the hallmark of our patient care.

I believe the ACOI needs to look at these upcoming changes as opportunities. ACOI needs to think about where we want the College to be in 10 years. We should keep doing what we do best and continue to add new programs.

Ms. Ciconte: In addition to sharing your time and talents with ACOI, you are a donor and Charter member of the Legacy Society that honors those who include

the College in their will or estate plan. Tell me what motivated you to make a planned gift to the ACOI.

Dr. Hitzeman: I was on the ACOI Board when the College first promoted planned gifts. My wife and I took advantage of the services that the College offered and created our estate plan. We continue to work with a financial advisor that we met at that time. As a board member, I saw what the College would need in the future to maintain and grow. I saw making a planned gift to help secure ACOI's future as a way to give back to the profession in addition to my teaching, speaking, and committee involvement.

Ms. Ciconte: What can ACOI do to encourage other ACOI members to give annually and consider joining the Legacy Society?

Dr. Hitzeman: I believe that ACOI members first need to understand why the College needs additional financial support. In my experience raising funds for other organizations and institutions, personal relationships are critical to securing gifts. Being asked to support ACOI by a trusted colleague or friend is key to successful fundraising. The ACOI needs champions in various areas of the country who will go out and meet with members who can help the College.

As for encouraging members to join the Legacy Society, the ACOI needs to continue to offer pertinent information on estate planning that will help leaders, members, and their families best provide for themselves, their families, and the organizations and institutions they most care about.

Ms. Ciconte: Dr. Hitzeman, ACOI thanks you for the many contributions you have made and continue to make to help the College educate and train the next generation of osteopathic medicine internists and further advance the future of osteopathic internal medicine.

New Members Welcomed

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

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Residency Growth

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DUAL PROGRAMS – The survey captured data on whether the responding programs are also approved by the ACGME. Thirty programs reported dual approval. One new program was approved and one (Carilion Clinic) dropped its AOA accreditation this year. Dually-approved programs are training 317 residents (including combined EM/IM and IM/PEDS). That is 13 more residents than last year. Dual programs account for 21% of all programs, with 13% of all residents.

SUBSPECIALTY TRAINING – The number of osteopathic fellowship programs and positions filled also continues to grow. One-hundred-six programs are actively training fellows, up from 100 last year. The number of subspecialty programs increased to 148 (12 more than 2014-15) with 644 approved positions, an increase of 74. There are now 369 fellows training, which is up from 345 fellows last year.

LAST YEAR'S GRADUATES The ACOI's online Resident Annual Reports require graduating residents to report their future plans. For June 30, 2015 graduates, here are the results. Comparisons are to 2014 data:

Total Graduates:	485	(+34)
Entered Practice	301 (62%)	(+1%)
• Office-Based IM	61 (13%)	(+1%)
• Hospitalist	212 (44%)	(+3%)
• Combined Office/Hospitalist	18 (4%)	-1%
• Emergency Medicine/Peds	10 (2%)	(no change)
Entered Subspecialty Training	184 (38%)	(-1%)



ACOI's 75th Anniversary Celebration Gets Underway

Osteopathic internists and subspecialists from across the country will gather September 30 through October 4 in Tampa, Florida to participate in the 2015 Annual Convention and Scientific Sessions. In addition to providing attendees with an outstanding array of didactic sessions and interactive learning opportunities, the gathering of internists will also mark the beginning of the ACOI's year-long 75th Anniversary celebration.

The California division of the American Society of Osteopathic Internists reorganized in 1942 to form the American College of Osteopathic Internists. In the 75 ensuing years there has been a great deal of change in the science and practice of medicine. A constant, however, has been and will continue to be, the commitment of ACOI members to their patients and the College. Because of this commitment, the ACOI has continued to grow to better meet the needs of the ever-evolving osteopathic internist. Over the next year, the ACOI will be celebrating the members who have made the ACOI what it is today and what it will be in the future. To assist in this celebration, you are encouraged to share any stories, photos or other information by contacting the ACOI directly at 75thanniversary@acoi.org.

Tax Saving Seminar at Annual Convention



Sandy Macnab, FAHP, CFRE

In our continuing series of estate planning seminars at the ACOI Annual Convention, **Sandy Macnab, FAHP, CFRE**, President, Alexander Macnab & Co., will present “Gaining through Giving - Doing Well While Doing Good,” a Sunrise Session (7 am) on Friday, October 2. Sandy is a nationally recognized planned giving consultant to associations, medical societies, and nonprofit organizations who is now working with ACOI.

Attendees will learn how they can help themselves (and their families) and help ACOI at the same time. This session will provide an executive overview of how charitable gifts can help you with tax and estate planning issues. You will learn about ways that you can make gifts that return income for your life, or that can help your children or grandchildren. While you will get information on the basics, the session will focus on two plans that give you money back and then go on to help ACOI programs.

Elections Set for October 4 in Tampa

Elections for seats on the ACOI Board of Directors and other leadership positions will take place on Sunday, October 4 at the conclusion of the 2015 Convention and Scientific Sessions in Tampa, FL. The ACOI Nominating Committee has nominated **John R. Sutton, DO**, for President-Elect and **Martin C. Burke, DO**, for Secretary-Treasurer. The Nominating Committee also approved four candidates for election to the Board of Directors. Incumbents **Michael A. Adornetto, DO, MBA**, **Robert A. Cain, DO**, and **Mitchell D. Forman, DO** are nominated for new three-year terms. **Robert T. Hasty, DO** completes the slate. Under the College's Bylaws, this year's President-Elect, **John B. Bulger, DO, MBA**, will be inaugurated as President for the 2015-2016 year at the conclusion of the elections. Biographical information about all of the candidates can be found in the July issue of this newsletter at www.acoi.org.

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 **Rick A. Greco, DO**. Also serving are **Annette T. Carron, DO** and **Joanne Kaiser-Smith, DO**.



PHYSICIAN LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES Chicago, Illinois

The NBOME is seeking qualified individuals to join a team of dynamic leaders and a staff that is passionate about the NBOME's mission of protecting the public. We currently have two full-time physician leadership opportunities in our Chicago, IL office – Senior Vice President for Cognitive Testing and Chief Physician for Test Development.

The Senior Vice President (SVP) for Cognitive Testing reports directly to the NBOME President/CEO and is responsible for operational oversight of all aspects of cognitive testing at NBOME, including test development, psychometric operations, research, and test administration for the COMLEX-USA licensure examinations and other NBOME assessment products. The SVP also serves as the senior physician clinical content expert for the department.

The Chief Physician for Test Development (CPTD) reports directly to the SVP for Cognitive Testing and assists with leading test development and related initiatives for the COMLEX-USA licensure examinations and other NBOME assessment products. Coordinates with internal product teams and item writing leaders on exam item development and review, and serves as content expert in partnership with NBOME National Faculty subject matter experts to assist in test item and clinical case writing and editing, referencing, item review, key validation, and related quality assurance and improvement processes.

For more information on these opportunities and how to apply, please visit our website at www.nbome.org.

PROFESSIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

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PROGRAM DIRECTOR INTERNAL MEDICINE - Southern New Jersey. Large internal medicine program seeking a physician Program Director with a minimum of 5 years faculty experience and 3 years administrative hands-on academic work. Must be ABIM certified. Program has over 100 residents. This opportunity encompasses a full range of responsibility including supervising, teaching and evaluations as well as curriculum development. Hospital has over 10 residencies and fellowships and is part of a small hospital system. Both a hospitalist and primary care tract are offered. Subspecialty affiliation with Fox Chase. New Jersey is noted for its 130 miles of coastline and white-sand beaches, barrier islands, light houses and the Boardwalk. Wanda Parker, The HealthField Alliance, 203-778-3333, healthfield@mindspring.com.

Gasstroenterologist - Michigan. Mercy Health Physician Partners – West Michigan Gastroenterology is seeking a Gastroenterologist to join our well established and very busy practice. We have a very strong and collaborative team who supports each other and have the highest level of patient centered care. We also benefit from a large primary care and specialty referral base. The candidate

must be BC/BE in Gastroenterology and be comfortable with ERCP.

Muskegon is located along the shoreline of beautiful Lake Michigan and has 27 inland lakes, 400 miles of rivers and miles of woods and dunes. It offers a taste for every season and is just a short drive, flight, bus, or ferry ride from cities like Detroit, Milwaukee, and Chicago. Forbes magazine recently ranked Muskegon as #12 nationwide for culture and leisure venues among cities its size and Muskegon is ranked as #13 in the nation as best metropolitan places for physicians. Muskegon is also the highest-ranking city in Michigan for job growth.

Mercy Health is a regional healthcare system serving both Muskegon and Grand Rapids, and is part of Trinity Health, the second largest Catholic healthcare system in the U.S.

To learn more about the practice please visit:

<http://mercyhealthphysicianpartners.com/muskegon/physicians/Gastroenterology>

Please contact our Physician Recruiter: Camille VanDyk at phone number: 616.685.6814 or email: vandykca@mercyhealth.com

Internal Medicine Core Faculty Opportunity

- Academic Partnership with Pacific Northwest University
- Accredited by the American Osteopathic Association
- OPTI West member
- Full time position
- .60 FTE outpatient practice at Skagit Regional Clinics - .40 FTE core faculty position instructing residents at Skagit Regional Clinics' Residency Clinic
- 26 FM and IM residents
- EMR
- Relocation assistance
- Experienced support staff
- BC in Internal Medicine
- Preference given to BC in NMM or CSPOMM
- We would like to start an NMM +1 program in the near future

Skagit Valley Hospital is a healthcare leader in Northwest Washington, providing advanced, quality and comprehensive services to the residents of our communities. Skagit Valley Hospital features private room throughout; from the Level III Trauma Emergency Department to the Family Birth Center the hospital offers a full range of surgical services, renal dialysis, advanced diagnostics, including CT, MRI and PET, and a spacious center for Sleep Studies.

Skagit Valley Hospital is home to the areas' only cardiac catheterization labs and offers advanced heart and vascular care.

Located in Mount Vernon, Washington in the heart of the beautiful Skagit Valley, 60 miles north of Seattle and 86 miles south of Vancouver, B.C. The area offers quick access to the San Juan Islands and the North Cascade Mountains; hiking, camping, biking, skiing right in your back yard! Endless water sports and mountain activities provide an amazing lifestyle. Bike to work! Close enough to all major metropolitan areas, enjoying all the best in world class sports and entertainment.

Please visit us at
<http://www.skagitvalleyhospital.org>
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CURRENT RECOMMENDATIONS AND ISSUES IN ADULT IMMUNIZATIONS

A lively session on current recommendations, special populations, common challenges including duration of protection, and making the most of risk-benefit discussions with patients who are vaccine-hesitant.

Faculty

Bryan L. Martin, DO, FACOI

Julie Sterbank, DO

Friday, October 2

1:00PM-2:00PM

Tampa Marriott Waterside Hotel & Marina

Grand Ballroom • Tampa, Florida

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Annual Convention & Scientific Sessions
September 30-October 4
Marriott Tampa Waterside Hotel

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))	ON/BEFORE SEPT. 9	AFTER SEPT. 9
<input type="checkbox"/> ACOI Member (Training completed PRIOR to 6/30/2010).....	\$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"/> Florida Licensure Requirements Only.....	\$295.....	\$345
<small>(Florida Licensure Requirements Session is included with full Convention registration)</small>		
<input type="checkbox"/> Spouse/Guest Registration	\$125.....	\$175
<small>Spouse/Guest registration includes entry to the education sessions, daily continental breakfast, and all social events, including one ticket to the Opening Reception.</small>		

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

- Wednesday, Sept. 30 - 6:30 pm Welcome Reception..... N/C
- Thursday, Oct. 1 - Noon - 1:00 pm Luncheon..... N/C
- Thursday, Oct. 1 - 5:30-7:30 pm Alumni Receptions (Please check the appropriate box below)..... N/C
- BOTSFORD DMUCOM MIDWESTERNU/CCOM-AZCOM MSUCOM NOVA SOUTHEASTERN PCOM ROWAN
- Friday, Oct. 2 - 11:45 am - 1:00 pm Luncheon..... N/C
- Friday, Oct. 2 - 6:45 am Fun Run..... N/C
- Saturday, Oct. 3 - Noon - 1:00 pm Luncheon:..... N/C

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

- Thursday, Oct. 1 - 8:00 am - Noon Neighborhoods of Tampa..... \$62
- Thursday, Oct. 1 - 9:00 am - 3:00 pm Museums of St. Petersburg/Salavador Dali Museum..... \$120
- Friday, Oct. 2 - 10:00 am - 2:00 pm Strolling Ybor City Tour with Lunch..... \$86
- Friday, Oct. 2 - 9:00 am - 4:00 pm Highlights of Sarasota/Ringling Museum..... \$120
- Saturday, Oct. 3 - 8:00 am - Noon Airboats..... \$97
- Saturday, Oct. 3 - 9:00 am - 3:00 pm Dolphin Encounter/Clearwater Beach..... \$88

- PLEASE NOTE: Check here if you plan to stay at the Marriott Tampa Waterside 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 resweb.passkey.com/go/ACOIAnnualConvention)
- 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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Full Name			
Preferred Name on Badge		AOA Number	
Mailing Address			
City		State	Zip
Work Ph. ()		Cell Phone ()	
Home Ph. ()		E-Mail Address	
Medical Specialty/Subspecialty			
Preferred Name of Spouse/Guest on Badge			
Emergency Contact			
Relation		Telephone ()	

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

REGISTRATION PAYMENT

REGISTRATION.....\$ _____

SPOUSE REGISTRATION.....\$ _____

ON-SITE ACTIVITIES/OFF-SITE TOURS\$ _____

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

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

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

\$1000 \$500 \$250 \$200 \$150 \$125 \$100 \$50 Other.....\$ _____

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

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

TOTAL FEES ENCLOSED.....\$ _____

Online registration for the Tampa Marriott Waterside Hotel is available by visiting <https://resweb.passkey.com/go/ACOIAnnualConvention>

Payment Method	<input type="checkbox"/> Check to ACOI <input type="checkbox"/> MasterCard <input type="checkbox"/> VISA	Credit Card Security #	
Credit Card Number		Credit Card Exp. Date	
Name on Card		Signature	
<input type="checkbox"/> CHECK HERE IF BILLING ADDRESS IS SAME AS MAILING ADDRESS LISTED ABOVE. IF NOT, PLEASE PROVIDE BELOW			
Billing Address			
City		State	Zip

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

NOTE: All registrations must be accompanied by a check for payment in full or appropriate credit card information. A processing fee of \$50 will be charged for cancellations received at any time. In order to obtain a refund, written cancellations must be received by Sept. 9, 2015. No refunds will be made after that date, but registration fees may be applied to a future ACOI education program.

OVER...More registration information on reverse side. Both sides must be completed for form to be processed. You may also register online at www.acoi.org

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REGISTRATION INFORMATION

EDUCATION SESSION FEES

Fees for the 2015 education sessions are based on ACOI membership status and length of time in practice. Active members (training completed prior to 6/30/10) pay \$745; Young Internists (training completed 6/30/09 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. Those registering only for the Florida Licensure Requirements session pay \$295. There is no charge for students. Spouse/guest registration is \$125. **These fees include a \$50 early registration discount, which applies until September 9, 2015. 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 and will be held at the Convention Center, located next to the hotel. 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 Marriott Tampa Waterside Hotel is the headquarters hotel for the ACOI 2015 Annual Convention and Scientific Sessions. All educational and social events will take place there. ACOI has arranged a discounted room rate of \$175 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 September 9, 2015. Reservation information is available by calling 1-800-228-9290 or visit <https://resweb.passkey.com/go/ACOIAnnualConvention>.

PAYMENT INFORMATION

You may register online, by mail or fax for the ACOI 2015 Annual Convention and Scientific Sessions. Secure online registration is available through the ACOI website. Visit 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 mail, email to susan@acoi.org, or fax it to ACOI at (301) 231-6099.

CANCELLATION POLICY

Please note that refund requests must be made in writing to ACOI prior to September 9, 2015. A processing fee of \$50 will be charged for cancellations received at any time. **No refunds will be made after September 9, 2015, but unused registration fees may be applied toward a future ACOI education program.**

ACOI GENERATIONAL ADVANCEMENT PROGRAM

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.

CME CALENDAR

Future ACOI Education Meeting Dates & Locations

NATIONAL MEETINGS

- 2015 Annual Convention & Scientific Sessions
Sept 30-Oct 4 Marriott Tampa Waterside Hotel, Tampa, FL
- 2016 Internal Medicine Board Review Course
March 30-April 3 Renaissance Resort at SeaWorld, Orlando, FL
- 2016 Clinical Challenges in Inpatient Care
March 31-April 3 Renaissance Resort at SeaWorld, Orlando, FL
- 2016 Residency Trainers Congress/Chief Resident/Emerging Leaders Training Program
May 5-7 Westin Savannah Harbor Golf Resort & Spa, Savannah, GA
- 2016 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
- 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.

2015 Certifying Examination Dates & Deadlines

Internal Medicine Certifying Examination

Computerized Examination 200 Sites Nationwide
September 10, 2015 - *Application Deadline: February 1, 2015*
Late Registration Deadline: April 1, 2015

Subspecialty & Certification of Added Qualifications:

Aug. 22, 2015 • Lombard, IL - *Application Deadline: April 1, 2015*
Late Registration Deadline: May 1, 2015
Cardiology • Clinical Cardiac Electrophysiology • Endocrinology • Gastroenterology • Geriatric Medicine
Hematology • Infectious Disease • Nephrology • Oncology • Pulmonary Diseases • Rheumatology

Internal Medicine Recertifying Examination

Computerized Examination 200 Sites Nationwide
September 11, 2015 - *Application Deadline: April 1, 2015*
Late Registration Deadline: May 1, 2015

Focused Hospital Medicine Recertification

Aug. 22, 2015 • Lombard, IL - *Application Deadline: April 1, 2015*
Late Registration Deadline: May 1, 2015.

Subspecialty and Added Qualifications Recertifying Examinations:

Aug. 22, 2015 • Lombard, IL
Cardiology • Clinical Cardiac Electrophysiology • Critical Care Medicine • Endocrinology • Gastroenterology • Geriatric Medicine • Hematology
• Infectious Disease • Interventional Cardiology • Nephrology • Oncology • Pulmonary Diseases • Rheumatology
Application Deadline: April 1, 2015
Late Registration Deadline: May 1, 2015

*Further information and application materials are available at www.aobim.org or by writing to: Gary L. Slick, DO, MACOI, Executive Director, American Osteopathic Board of Internal Medicine, 1111 W. 17th Street, Tulsa, OK 74107, email: admin@aobim.org.
Exam date for Hospice/Palliative Medicine is October 18, 2015, to be held during the OMED Convention in Orlando, FL. Visit http://www.aobim.org/WebPageStatic/PDF/CAQ_Hospice_and_Palliative_Medicine.pdf for more information regarding this exam.
*Contact the AOBIM at admin@aobim.org for deadlines and dates for the Pain Medicine, Undersea/Hyperbaric Medicine and Correctional Medicine examinations.**

AOF Announces Award Recipients for Honors 2015

The ACOI Board of Directors and staff offer congratulations to three ACOI members who are among the recipients of special recognition by the American Osteopathic Foundation (AOF). The 2015 AOF scholarship and award recipients include:

Physician of the Year

Craig Dietz, DO, MPH,
FACOI, AAHIVS
Chief Medical Officer, Kansas
City CARE Clinic

W. Douglas Ward, PhD, Educator of the Year

J. Michael Finley, DO
Associate Dean of Graduate
and Clinical Medical Education
– WesternU/COMP

AOF/ACOI Outstanding Resident of the Year Award in Internal Medicine

John R. Dahdah, DO –
Geisinger Medical Center
(Danville, PA).

The three will be recognized at the AOF's annual awards gala scheduled for Oct. 16 in Orlando, FL. Dr. Dahdah also will be honored at the ACOI Convocation of Fellows on Oct. 4 in Tampa, FL. The ACOI cosponsors the Internal Medicine Resident of the Year Award with the AOF