

## From President Burke ACOI's Brand Stronger Everyday



Principle-Centered Medicine™ philosophy is driving our next 75 years as the ACOI Board defines and develops messaging to

describe our broad array of quality professional services. Our annual CME convention is just around the corner, with content to address every patient-centered internist's needs. We look forward to seeing everyone this year from October 17-21st. The family-friendly venue at the Orlando World Center Marriott and the didactic content set up by program chair Rob DiGiovanni DO, FACOI is devoted to giving our members the very best, well-rounded destination CME. This year, highlights include a keynote address by ACOI member and chair of the ACGME IM residency review committee, Christian Cable, MD, who's talk is entitled, "Osteopathic Medicine from the Outside In." There will also be directed breakout sessions for residents/students and

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## Exploring Role of OPP in Patient Care Session Filling Up

Members who wish to participate in the "Exploring the Role of OPP in Daily Patient Care" symposium during the 2017 ACOI Annual Convention should complete their registrations quickly. This session, which will take place on Saturday, Oct. 20, is limited to 24 participants. Only seven seats remain at this time. Once 24 participants enroll, a waiting list will be created.

The interactive, half-day symposium will include discussion and hands-on activities that try to place Dr. Still's vision for osteopathic medicine within the context of 21st Century healthcare. It will also identify how this aligns to ACOI's vision, mission, and values. Presentations will address such issues as the osteopathic lexicon--- what is meant by OPP, OMM, and OMT; balancing patient care influenced by OPP (thinking osteopathically) and patient care guided by OPP (treating osteopathically). There will also be small group breakouts on OMM and a case study providing a model for presenting evidence-based OMM cases. Complete program information is available elsewhere in this newsletter and at [www.acoi.org](http://www.acoi.org).

## AOA Settles Class Action Lawsuit

The AOA announced late in July that it has settled a class action lawsuit brought by four members who challenged the requirement that ties AOA board certification to membership in the AOA. In the settlement, AOA agreed among other things to permanently decouple certification from AOA membership, to reduce AOA dues by \$90, which is the amount it charged as a certification maintenance fee, and to freeze AOA dues through May 31, 2022. The AOA also agreed to pay court-ordered attorneys' fees of \$2,617,000 and payment amounts of up to \$15,000 to each of the four class representatives.

The settlement does not affect membership in the ACOI since there is no requirement tying certification to ACOI membership.

The text of the notice of settlement is on pages 9-10.

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

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*The mission of the ACOI is to promote high quality, distinctive osteopathic care of the adult.*

### VISION

*The ACOI seeks to be the organization that osteopathic internists think of first for education, information, representation and service to the profession.*

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## Letter from the President

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hospitalists, as well as a limited-attendance symposium on Osteopathic Practice and Principles. Of course, catching up with colleagues, co-residents and friends is often even better.

## AOA Certification/Membership Decoupling

Many members may or may not know that the AOA has settled a class action lawsuit that challenged the AOA policy that holders of AOA board certification must also be members of the AOA. The settlement terms are detailed elsewhere in this newsletter and on the AOA website. Your ACOI membership has never been coupled to your board certification in Internal Medicine or its subspecialties. Thus, your ACOI membership and participation remains unaffected by this settlement. If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact the ACOI office.

Regarding AOBIM recertification, the ACOI is working closely with the AOBIM Board and the AOA to create a process to replace the high stakes, 10-year recertification examination. This is an extremely important initiative for our members and diplomates of the AOBIM. We are diligently working together to create high impact and online recertification content that is focused on patients and osteopathic practice and principles. More to come in the near future on this very delicate transition.

## ACOI Branding Campaign

As we continue to transition to a professional services organization and a broader membership, the ACOI Board of Directors has engaged a consultant to help brand our style and philosophy of patient care. This is being finalized in the coming months and will likely be rolled out in stages starting at the Annual Convention. I have touched on this in previous columns where the essence of Principle Centered Medicine™ will be defined and messaged to like-minded health systems, physicians and allied health professionals. We look forward to providing more definition and messaging around principle centered tenets and practice.

## Physician Wellness

As summer comes to an end, I wish you a safe and relaxing Fall season. You and your family's health and safety reign supreme. Your work and devotion with patients is so commendable and ideal, and the ACOI recognizes it. We also understand that it can exact an emotional and physical toll. Please take time for yourselves from time-to-time and realize that it will allow you to be more effective as a caregiver and physician.

As always, I welcome your comments and input.

*Martin C. Burke, DO, FACOI, President*



# government RELATIONS

*Timothy McNichol, JD*

## **CMS Announces Support for Step Therapy**

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) announced that it will allow Medicare Advantage (MA) plans the option of applying step therapy for physician-administered and other Part B medications. Step therapy is a type of prior authorization where patients are required to first try less expensive medications before specific, more expensive drugs are permitted. Under new guidance issued by CMS, MA plans can begin using step therapy for Medicare Part B drugs beginning January 1, 2019. Under this new policy, step therapy can be applied only to new prescriptions or the administration of Part B drugs for beneficiaries who are not actively receiving the affected medication. This new guidance is part of the Administration's ongoing efforts to reduce the cost of prescription drugs. According to a statement by Health and Human Services (HHS) Secretary Alex Azar, "By allowing Medicare advantage plans to negotiate for physician-administered drugs like private-sector insurers already do, we can drive down prices for some of the most expensive drugs seniors use." You can view the new guidance at <https://www.cms.gov/newsroom/fact-sheets/medicare-advantage-prior-authorization-and-step-therapy-part-b-drugs>.

## **ACOI and Others Support Funding for Health Professions Programs**

The ACOI and other members of the Health Professions and Nursing Education Coalition recently sent a letter to the House and Senate appropriators supporting funding for the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) Title VII health professions program for fiscal year 2019. The letter also expressed disappointment with the proposed termination of the Health Career Opportunity Program designed to ensure a culturally competent workforce. As the appropriations process continues, the ACOI will closely monitor funding decisions that impact the physician workforce and the healthcare delivery system. You can view the full letter at <https://www.acoi.org/advocacy/legislative-and-regulatory-comments>.

## **CMS Reinstates Risk Adjustment Payments under the ACA**

CMS recently issued a final rule reinstating risk adjustment payments established under the Affordable Care Act (ACA). The final rule was issued following CMS' earlier announcement that it would no longer make the payments to insurers. In reinstating the payment, CMS stated that immediate action is needed to maintain stability in the individual and small group health insurance markets. The reinstated risk-adjusted program is one of three premium stabilization programs created under the ACA.

## **Cities File Suit against the Administration**

A lawsuit was filed in federal court by four cities alleging that the Administration is acting to sabotage and nullify the ACA. The suit claims that expanded access to non-compliant health plans, reduced funding for outreach, a condensed time to enroll through ACA marketplaces, and other activities underline the Administration's efforts to undermine the law. As a result, the suit alleges insurers are leaving ACA marketplaces, premiums are increasing, and the resulting increase in the number of uninsured are leaving the cities to bear the financial impact of these actions. The cities that brought the action are Columbus, Ohio, Baltimore, Maryland, Cincinnati, Ohio, and Chicago, Illinois.

## **Washington Tidbits**

### **The Duel...Wait, Which One?**

An investigation was undertaken in 1792 by senators James Monroe, Frederick Muhlenberg and Abraham Venable into a financial situation regarding the alleged misappropriations of federal funds. Two individuals serving jail time suggested that then-Secretary of the Treasury Alexander Hamilton was a co-conspirator. While the investigation did not find that Hamilton was involved in any criminal activity, the ensuing investigation uncovered an affair between Hamilton and Maria Reynolds. The payments in question that Hamilton made to James Reynolds, Maria's husband, appeared to be part of a blackmail scheme to cover-up the affair. The matter was dropped – or so it seemed.

Monroe claimed to have bundled up the investigative materials and sent them to a friend in Virginia, most likely someone by the name of Thomas Jefferson. History suggests that Monroe's clerk made copies of the materials and provided them to a reporter who, in turn, published pamphlets with the information about the investigation. Hamilton confronted Monroe about the release of the materials and the matter escalated to the point where Hamilton and Monroe were on the cusp of a duel to protect their honor. It appears that Hamilton questioned Monroe's truthfulness and Monroe in turn called Hamilton a scoundrel. The highly-ritualistic process of dueling required that each participant select a second to negotiate on his behalf. In this instance, Monroe's second was able to deescalate the matter so that no shots were ever fired and both men were able to save face. Monroe's second, who was able to rein the two in and prevent the duel, was another public figure. Hamilton and Monroe's second would meet again a few years later – his name was Aaron Burr!

## 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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## ABIM Delays Program Director Certification Requirement

The American Board of Internal Medicine (ABIM) has pushed back to 2022 the implementation date of its controversial policy requiring program directors to be ABIM-certified in order to attest to resident competency to sit for ABIM certification. The policy, which stands in direct contradiction to the ACGME policy recognizing AOA certification of residency program directors, originally was scheduled to take effect in 2020.

ACOI, the AOA and others have been working to convince the ABIM to drop the requirement. None of the other allopathic certifying boards has announced an intent to adopt a similar position. More information about the ABIM announcement may be found at <https://www.abim.org/certification/policies/general/special-training-policies.aspx>. This, and other topics, will be addressed at a special session for medical educators planned for the ACOI Convention in Orlando.



## ACOI Members Continue In AOA Leadership Roles

The American Osteopathic Association held its annual business meetings in July when it's Board of Trustees and House of Delegates met to consider policies and conduct elections. As in previous years, members of the College will play a prominent role this year in leading the AOA.

**C. Michael Ogle, DO**, of Enid, OK, was elected to a three-year term on the Board of Trustees. He joins five other ACOI members serving on the Board: **Joseph Giaimo, DO, FACOI**; **Robert Hostoffer, DO, FACOI**; **Seger Morris, DO, FACOI**; **Geraldine O'Shea, DO**; and **Richard Thacker, DO, FACOI**. Dr. Morris was elected to a one-year term on the Board representing new physicians in practice. ACOI member **Jennie Kwon, DO**, recently completed Board service in the role that Dr. Morris will fill.

In addition, **David Broder, DO, FACOI**, was re-elected as Vice Speaker of the AOA House of Delegates. Congratulations and thank you to all of these members for their service to the profession.

## Have You Moved?

Keep us updated.

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

**[acoi@acoi.org](mailto:acoi@acoi.org)**





# talking science & education

Donald S. Nelinson, PhD

Greetings colleagues and welcome to the August, 2018 edition of Talking Science and Education. As my bubbe would say, it's so hot all I can do is shvitz! Well, I hope you are all doing better than my bubbe with this heat.

In last month's population health quiz we asked which state has more than 80 dentists per 100,000 population. With several respondents and correct answers, the prize for July's quiz goes to the first correct respondent, Dr. Peter Ankrom of Tennessee. Congratulations, Dr. Ankrom, for knowing that New Jersey is the correct answer. Keep an eye out for your prizes! New Jersey and Massachusetts have more than 80 dentists per 100,000 population.

For this month, we ask: which state of the following has fewer than 45 dentists per 100,000 population?

- A. Nevada
- B. Montana
- C. Delaware
- D. Louisiana

Remember: no Googling!!! Send your answer to [don@acoi.org](mailto:don@acoi.org).

## Talking Education

Seasoned clinicians have vast experience in patient interactions, through which they have learned many helpful communication techniques. But, in this era of evidence-based medicine, we should be more discerning. Dr. Calvin Chou of UCSF and the Academy of Communication in Healthcare offers an excellent perspective in the March, 2018 issue of the NEJM Catalyst on the importance of utilizing evidence-based communications with our patients. In his piece entitled, "Time to Start Using Evidence-Based Approaches to Patient Engagement," Dr. Chou challenges us with the question, "Would you trust a surgeon who told you, 'I haven't had any formal training for this procedure, observed any experts, nor received feedback on my skills, BUT over the course of time, through trial and error, I think I've found what works for me?'" That is essentially how physicians were "trained" in communication skills for decades. Particularly as osteopathic physicians, we know that the right thing is to communicate effectively, humanistically, and compassionately. Fewer of us are aware that, over the past quarter-century or so, patient-clinician communication has become a prominent field of scientific research. Important findings from these data affect almost every patient interaction we have.

Communication is a skill no different than taking a blood pressure or doing a colonoscopy. The big difference is that we assume we have mastered this skill by simply graduating from medical school and completing graduate training. While communication skills training is not a health care panacea, it can reliably improve quality of care, patient outcomes, and the patient and provider experience. Indeed Debra Roter's research has demonstrated that the best predictor of patient satisfaction is physician satisfaction; and the physician's satisfaction is rooted largely in the relationship with our patients<sup>1</sup>. In some instances, the data have existed for well more than a decade, yet only recently have market forces, such as value-based purchasing and emphasis on patient experience, started to exert influence on these most interactive — and human — of provider behaviors. Look at the work of Debra Roter at Johns Hopkins or Helen Meldrum at Bentley University to name just two. Though there are glimmers of hope at places that have adopted provider communication training — such as Hopkins, Harvard, Mayo, the Cleveland Clinic, and several other health systems across the country — we still have a long way to go. As recent technological advances drive people toward interacting with devices rather than directly with others in the health care setting, interpersonal communication skills have never been more important. In the high-stakes setting of health, well-being, and wellness, a trustful, caring relationship between patient and clinician leads to better outcomes for both.

Thanks for listening.

## Diabetes Dialogues

Glycated hemoglobin (HbA1c) likely causes coronary artery disease (CAD), but the underlying mechanisms are not yet clear, according to study results published in *Diabetes Care*<sup>2</sup> this June.

Previous studies have found that HbA1c is positively associated with cardiovascular disease (CVD), but the evidence has been primarily observational.

The study conducted by Yeung and others in the UK included 38 genetic variants strongly and independently related to HbA1c (n=123,665) applied to the UK Biobank data (n=392,038).

The researchers used inverse variance weighting (IVW) to determine the associations between HbA1c and CVD, CAD, stroke, and stroke subtypes. They performed sensitivity analyses included Mendelian randomization (MR)-Egger, a weighted median, and exclusion of potentially invalid single nucleotide polymorphisms (SNPs).

Using IVW, the researchers found that HbA1c was not associated with CVD (odds ratio [OR] 1.11 per %; 95% CI, 0.83-1.48). HbA1c was, however, associated with increased risk for CAD (OR 1.50 per %; 95% CI, 1.08-2.11) with directionally consistent results from MR-Egger and weighted median. After the researchers excluded potentially invalid SNPs, the association became more pronounced (OR 2.24 per %; 95% CI, 1.55-3.25).

Due to a lower number of cases, the researchers could not determine the association between HbA1c and stroke and its subtypes.

This study provides more evidence of a causal role of HbA1c in CAD. It is possible that interventions that target HbA1c reduction *may* be potential targets for reducing the global burden of CAD.

<sup>1</sup>Roter DL and Hall JA. *Doctors Talking with Patients, Patients Talking with Doctors*. Second Edition; 2006. Praeger.

<sup>2</sup>Yeung SLA, Luo S, Schooling CM. *The impact of glycated hemoglobin (HbA1c) on cardiovascular disease risk: a Mendelian randomization study using UK Biobank* [published online June 27, 2018]. *Diabetes Care*. doi:10.2337/dc18-0289.

## Interview With Robert G. Good, DO, FACOI



Meet **Bob Good, DO, FACOI**, Chief Medical Officer, Carle System Medical Management and Health Alliance in Mattoon, IL. He served on the ACOI Board of Directors from 2006 - 2015 and was the College's President in 2012-2013. Dr. Good continues his service by serving on ACOI's Practice Management Committee and as director of the Chief Resident Leadership Symposium.

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

**Dr. Good:** I have dedicated my time in order to maintain the integrity of our degree and our specialty of internal medicine. It is important for the College to provide support for board certification for current members and provide assistance for ACGME's single accreditation

for future DOs.

The single accreditation decision occurred during Rick Greco's term as President, who followed me. I am pleased that the ACOI took a leading role in addressing this critical change.

**Ms. Ciconte:** Regarding your efforts and involvement with the College, what are you most proud of ACOI accomplishing?

**Dr. Good:** During my presidency, ACOI re-energized one of the most significant outreach programs to medical students - the Visiting Professor Program. This program gave medical students an opportunity to meet ACOI members and learn more about osteopathic internal medicine. We also got students involved in attending the ACOI Annual Convention where they were able to meet more ACOI members who counseled them on their future medical careers.

I am also proud that the College focused on the role of physicians as leaders and developed leadership programs that would benefit our members.

**Ms. Ciconte:** In addition to sharing your time and talents with ACOI, you have made financial contributions to ACOI over and above your dues, including a generous contribution to the 75th Anniversary Campaign. Why did you choose to make a gift? What do you think ACOI should do and say to encourage members to support the College financially?

**Dr. Good:** My long-time financial support is another way for me to help ACOI maintain the integrity of our degree and our specialty. I know many of the people you have interviewed for the ACOI information newsletter say they give as a way of giving back. I, too, see my contributions as giving back to those who spent the last 75 years establishing the integrity of our degree and building the ACOI.

As for the 75th Anniversary Campaign, I wanted to lend my support to ACOI's

current board that is doing a good job of analyzing the problems the College faces and determining solutions for our future. Now, ACOI is able to adapt and change in order to take the necessary actions for our future.

I believe the appearance of success and the likelihood of future success should encourage ACOI members to financially support the College.

I do several Visiting Professor presentations every year and am excited to see the young people enthusiastic about their futures. Member support for these programs and student convention activities are creating a new generation of osteopathic internists.

**Ms. Ciconte:** Given the challenges facing osteopathic internal medicine, what does ACOI need to do to continue to serve its members in the future?

**Dr. Good:** ACOI needs not to be intimidated, but continue to be the loudest voice for our profession. We need to have an impact on the government, with activities like On the Hill days meeting with our representatives. Physician leadership programs need to continue to be offered.

I believe our members really identify more with their specialty than with their state medical associations. For that reason, I see that there is some potential for the ACOI to create a select number of state societies. These ACOI state societies would help us create stronger DO physician mentors for students, so that they would not just have MD mentors.

As I mentioned earlier, the ACOI needs to continue to show the integrity and quality of our degree! Thanks to the leadership of the ACOI Board we can continue to best serve our members.

**Ms. Ciconte:** Dr. Good, ACOI is indeed grateful to you for your generosity, leadership and dedication to the College and the principles of osteopathic internal medicine.

# 75th Anniversary Campaign Honor Roll of Donors

(Outright Gifts and Multi-Year Commitments of \$1,000 or more as of August 1, 2018)

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## Any Change in Your Listing? Let Us Know!

Work on the 75th Anniversary  
Circle Tree which will be  
displayed in the ACOI Office  
Lobby has begun. Please  
doublecheck your listing and  
let us know if there are any  
changes needed.  
Deadline for sending  
your update is  
**Friday,  
August 31!**

## Do Well While Doing Good

### Gaining Through Giving Seminar at Annual Convention



Sandy Macnab, FAHP, CFRE

In our  
continuing series  
of tax  
planning  
seminars at  
the ACOI  
Annual  
Convention, Sandy  
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& Co., will present the popular session, *Gaining Through Giving - Doing Well While Doing Good*, a Sunrise Session at 7 AM on Friday, October 19. Sandy is a nationally recognized planned giving consultant to associations, medical societies, and nonprofit organizations who is working with ACOI. At the session, you will learn how you can help yourself and your family and help ACOI at the same time. The session will provide an executive overview of the surprising ways that charitable gifts can help you with tax and estate planning issues, even with the new tax law changes. You will learn about ways to make gifts that can return income for your entire life, or that can help your children or grandchildren. While you will get information on the basics, the session will focus specifically on two plans that give you money back for your lifetime and then go on to help ACOI programs when you are gone.

There are other strategies we can suggest that can increase your current income or reduce your taxes while helping ACOI. If you'd like to know more now or want to schedule a confidential free telephone consultation with Mr. Macnab, call Brian Donadio at 301-231-8877 or email him at [bjd@acoi.org](mailto:bjd@acoi.org) and he will make the arrangements. Request a copy of *Your 2018 Personal Planning Guide* that is packed with ideas for personal and practical income tax planning, investments and retirement, social security and charitable gift planning.





## **Internal Medicine Residency Associate Program Director / Clinic Director**

At Touro University California we are excited to present the following opportunities for you:

We are currently seeking D.O. or M.D. Internists as core faculty for a new Internal Medicine residency program. If you enjoy teaching and are looking for the opportunity to lead and work in an exciting, educational, team based environment we look forward to hearing from you. Currently available positions include:

**Internal Medicine Residency Associate Program Director.** In this position you will be practicing Internal Medicine and teaching students and residents in an exciting and supportive educational environment. You will work with the Residency Program Director to develop, administer, and maintain all aspects of an IM educational program conducive to educating our residents in each of the ACGME competency areas.

**<http://apptrkr.com/1269829>**

**Internal Medicine Residency Clinic Director.** In this position you will be supervising the IM residents in an outpatient clinic and working with the Residency Program Director and Associate Program Director to develop, oversee, and ensure the quality of didactic and clinical education.

**<http://apptrkr.com/1270247>**

Both positions provide an opportunity for advancement and career growth. You will have the opportunity to work and practice in an exciting educational environment. In each position you will be able to practice Internal Medicine while you mentor and teach residents and medical students.

These positions are located in Stockton California. Additional opportunities also exist at other Touro University locations for the right candidate. The successful candidate must be board eligible or board certified in Internal Medicine by ABMS or AOA.

Competitive benefit and salary package commensurate with experience.

For more detail and to apply please go to:

**<https://touro.peopleadmin.com>**



# AOA Class Action Settlement

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## **Important Notice About the Settlement of Class Action Litigation Against the American Osteopathic Association ("AOA")**

**If You Were a Member of AOA or Paid AOA Dues on Behalf of an AOA Member at Any Time Since August 1, 2012, You May Be Eligible for Benefits from a Class Action Settlement.**

**If you did not pay your own membership dues, please share this information with the person or entity that paid dues on your behalf; if you paid dues on behalf of one or more AOA members, please share this information with the AOA members.**

A Settlement has been reached in a class action lawsuit challenging the AOA's policy that holders of an AOA Board certification must also purchase membership in the AOA in order to maintain their Board certification, and alleging that holders of AOA "lifetime" certification were injured by allegedly fraudulent statements or intentional omissions made by the AOA that allegedly constituted misrepresentations of the "lifetime" nature of the AOA Board certifications originally granted as "lifetime" certificates. The AOA denies any liability or wrongdoing, and the Court has not decided which side is right. However, to avoid the costs and risks of litigation, the AOA has agreed to a settlement.

**Who is Included?** The Settlement Class consists of all persons who were AOA members and all persons or entities who paid dues on behalf of any AOA member at any time since August 1, 2012. There are also sub-classes comprised of (1) all members of the Settlement Class that have held AOA Board certifications since August 1, 2012; and (2) all members of the Settlement Class who were given "lifetime" Board certification.

**What Are the Settlement Terms?** The AOA has agreed to the following settlement terms:

- **Rescission of the Challenged Rule:** The AOA shall permanently decouple AOA Board certification from membership in the AOA, such that, as of the Effective Date of the Settlement, AOA Board certification shall no longer be conditioned upon membership in the AOA;
- **Termination of Board Certification Maintenance Fee:** The AOA shall, for the period from June 1, 2019 through May 31, 2022, terminate the Certification Maintenance Fee (currently \$90 per certification) that the AOA currently charges AOA Board-certified DOs. The Certification Maintenance Fee may be reinstated at any time after May 31, 2022, if approved by the AOA House of Delegates ("HOD");
- **Dues Reduction:** The AOA shall reduce the Annual Regular Membership dues (currently \$683) by \$90 for the 12-month period beginning June 1, 2019 through May 31, 2020. It shall not increase the Annual Regular Membership dues above that reduced amount for the period from June 1, 2020 through May 31, 2022. Any changes to the amount of Annual Regular Membership dues after May 31, 2022, shall be determined by the HOD, in accordance with the AOA's Constitution and Bylaws;
- **Lifetime Certification Holders:** AOA will not require Board-certified DOs who received "lifetime" Board certification to participate in Osteopathic Continuous Certification ("OCC") or to remain members of AOA. However, lifetime certification will continue to require a license to practice in good standing for the state or other jurisdiction in which the physician practices, specialty specific Continuing Medical Education identified by the certifying board, and no evidence of unethical or unlawful conduct by the Board-certified DO;
- **Continuing Medical Education ("CME"):** The AOA shall, for the period from January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2021, make available to all AOA members who purchase Annual Regular Membership two courses from its online CME programming on a complimentary basis, subject to an aggregate maximum of 12 CME credits each calendar year;

## AOA Class Action Settlement

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- CME Acceptance for AOA Membership: The AOA shall recognize accredited CME whether taken in person or online, for purposes of maintaining membership in the AOA and will not impose membership requirements as to the number of CME credits that may be taken online versus the number of CME credits that must be taken in person. However, AOA specialty boards can identify requirements for the number of online or in person CME credits that must be taken to maintain AOA Board certification;
- No Enforcement of CME Requirements for Non-Board Certified DO Members: The AOA may maintain CME requirements as aspirational goals for members. However, physicians will not lose membership in AOA as a result of failing to meet the CME requirement, provided that the physicians meet the CME requirements for the state(s) in which they practice;
- Osteopathic Awareness Campaign Expenditures: For each of the Fiscal Years June 1, 2019-2020 and June 1, 2020-2021, the AOA shall provide funding of not less than \$2 million for the D.O. Osteopathic Physician Brand Identity Campaign, which refers to the campaign to promote "osteopathic medicine to a wide audience," described in detail on the AOA's website at: <http://www.osteopathic.org/inside-aoa/about/Pages/doctors-that-DO-campaign.aspx>;
- Establishment of Independent/Private Practice DO Task Force: The AOA shall establish a task force comprised of between five and seven members who are independent private practice DOs or DOs who practice in an independent private practice DO group, all of whom are engaged in direct patient care. The membership of this task force will be determined at the sole discretion of the AOA Board of Trustees as long as the members meet the above qualifications. The task force will be treated like any other task force. The task force shall be established for a minimum of three years;
- Costs of Notice: The AOA shall bear the costs relating to notice to the Settlement Class and Sub-Classes.
- Attorneys' Fees and Class Representative Service Awards: The AOA has also agreed to pay a court-ordered award of attorneys' fees and costs, up to a total amount of \$2,617,000, and that Class Counsel will request that service payments of up to \$15,000 be paid to the four Class Representatives for their service on behalf of the whole Settlement Class.

**How Do I Get These Benefits?** A Settlement Class Member will receive these benefits from the Settlement automatically.

**Your Rights Will Be Affected.** YOU CANNOT EXCLUDE YOURSELF FROM THE SETTLEMENT CLASS OR ANY SUB-CLASS. ONCE THE SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT BECOMES FINAL, YOU WILL BE BOUND BY THE TERMS OF THE SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT, INCLUDING ITS RELEASES OF ANY CLAIM THAT WAS OR COULD HAVE BEEN INCLUDED IN THIS LITIGATION. YOU WILL BE BARRED FROM MAKING ANY CLAIM OF ANY KIND, INCLUDING A CLAIM FOR MONETARY DAMAGES.

**Your Right To Object.** You may object to the Settlement by October 29, 2018. The Court has scheduled a hearing on November 9, 2018 to consider whether to approve the Settlement. You can appear at the hearing, but you do not have to. You can hire your own attorney, at your own expense, to appear or speak for you at the hearing. You can visit the following website to learn more about how to object to the Settlement:  
[www.membershipfeesettlement.com](http://www.membershipfeesettlement.com).

**American College of Osteopathic Internists Annual Convention and Scientific Sessions**  
**October 17-21, 2018**  
**Orlando World Center Marriott, Orlando, FL**  
**“Osteopathic Internal Medicine: The Next 75 Years”**

**Wednesday, October 17, 2018**

<b>9:00 AM – 12:00 Noon</b>	<b>Practice Management Symposium</b>
9:00 AM – 10:00 AM	Hierarchical Condition Category (HCC) Coding, Risk Adjustment and Outcome Scores <i>Speaker TBD</i>
10:00 AM – 10:45 AM	Medical Marijuana: The Blurred Boundaries of Politics and Medicine <i>C. Clark Milton, DO, FACOI</i>
10:45 AM – 11:00 AM	<b>BREAK</b>
11:00 AM – 11:45 AM	Caring for the Doc: Impact of Physician Well-being on Patient Care <i>Pamela S.N. Goldman, DO, MHSA, FACOI</i>
11:45 AM – 12:00 Noon	Q&A with Panel
11:00 AM – 12:00 Noon	New Member and First-Time Attendee Orientation Q&A with ACOI Board of Directors <i>Martin C. Burke, DO, FACOI, President, Moderator</i>
12:00 Noon – 1:00 PM	<b>LUNCHEON SYMPOSIUM</b> Pumping New Therapies Into the Management of Chronic Heart Failure <i>Christopher J. Sciamanna, DO</i>
<b>1:00 PM – 3:30 PM</b>	<b>PLENARY SESSION</b> <i>George G. Sokos, DO, Cardiology Moderator</i>
1:00 PM – 1:40 PM	Diabetic Heart Disease: A Ticking Time Bomb! <i>Robert J. Chilton, DO, FACOI</i>
1:40 PM – 2:30 PM	Women and Heart Disease Prevention: Should We Be Doing Anything New? <i>Kathleen J. Drinan, DO, FACOI</i>
2:30 PM – 2:45 PM	<b>BREAK</b>
2:45 PM – 3:20 PM	Surgical vs. Percutaneous Coronary Revascularization in Patients with Diabetes and Acute Coronary Syndrome <i>Christopher Cook, MD</i>
3:20 PM – 4:00 PM	Cardio-Oncology: New Insights into an Old Problem <i>Christopher Bianco, DO</i>
4:00 PM – 5:30 PM	Tests I Wish You'd Never Ordered <i>Gerald W. Blackburn, DO, MACOI, Moderator</i> <i>Mark D. Baldwin, DO, FACOI</i> <i>Martin C. Burke, DO, FACOI</i> <i>Pedro A. Espat, DO, FACOI</i> <i>J. Michael Finley, DO, FACOI</i>
6:00 - 7:30 PM	<b>Welcome Reception</b>

**Thursday, October 18, 2018**

<b>7:00 AM - 8:00 AM</b>	<b>SUNRISE SESSIONS</b>
	1) Hyponatremia <i>Mark D. Baldwin, DO, FACOI</i>
	2) Hospitalist Interest Group – Organizational Meeting <i>Scott L. Girard, DO, FACOI</i>
	3) Creating & Formatting Successful Lectures <i>Annette T. Carron, DO, FACOI</i>
<b>8:00 AM – 8:05 AM</b>	<b>WELCOME/OPENING REMARKS</b> <i>President/Program Chair</i> <i>Martin C. Burke DO, FACOI, President</i> <i>Robert L. DiGiovanni, DO, FACOI, Program Chair</i>
<b>8:05 AM - 9:30 AM</b>	<b>PLENARY SESSION – KEYNOTE</b> Cardiovascular Disease Prevention: Current Knowledge, Future Directions <i>Daniel B. Levy, MD</i>
<b>9:30 AM – 10:00 AM</b>	<b>EXHIBIT BREAK</b>
<b>10:00 AM – 12:15 PM</b>	<b>PLENARY SESSION</b> <i>Charlene LePane, DO, FACOI, Moderator</i>
10:00 AM – 10:45 AM	The Benefits and Limits of PPIs with Warfarin Regimens <i>Charlene LePane, DO, FACOI</i>

10:45 AM – 11:30 AM	Case Report: Elevated AST, ALT with No History of Liver Disease; You Make the Diagnosis! <i>Maryam Roden Kashi, DO</i>
11:30 AM – 12:00 Noon	Advances in Endoscopy <i>Gary L. Cornette, DO, FACOI</i>
12:00 Noon - 12:15 PM	Q&A with Panel
12:15 PM - 1:15 PM	<b>LUNCHEON SYMPOSIUM</b> Unraveling the Effects of Antihyperglycemic Agents on Cardiovascular Risk <i>Louis C. Haenel, Jr, DO, FACOI</i>
<b>1:15 PM – 3:30 PM</b>	<b>PLENARY SESSION</b> <i>Keith A. Reich, DO, FACOI, Moderator</i>
1:15 PM – 1:50 PM	Mimickers of Vasculitis <i>Eugene Jalbert, DO</i>
1:50 PM – 2:30 PM	Rheumatology Labs for the Primary Care Physician <i>J. Michael Finley, DO, FACOI</i>
2:30 PM – 3:20 PM	Building an Improved Management Strategy for Osteoporosis <i>Sarena Ravi, MD</i>
3:20 PM – 3:30 PM	Q&A with Panel
3:30 PM – 3:45 PM	<b>BREAK</b>
<b>3:45 PM – 6:00 PM</b>	<b>PLENARY SESSION</b> <i>MarkAlain Dery, DO, FACOI, Moderator</i>
3:45 PM – 4:30 PM	HIV and The Realities of #GettingToZero <i>MarkAlain Dery, DO, FACOI</i>
4:30 PM – 5:15 PM	New Antimicrobials and Rapid Diagnostics: Implications for Antibiotic Stewardship <i>Mia A. Taormina, DO, FACOI</i>
5:15 PM – 5:45 PM	Controversies of Prospective Clinical Infectious Diseases: Point-Counterpoint <i>MarkAlain Dery, DO, FACOI &amp;</i> <i>Mia A. Taormina, DO, FACOI</i>
5:45 PM – 6:00 PM	Q&A with Panel
5:00 PM - 6:00 PM	Women Physicians Discussion Group <i>Susan M. Enright, DO, FACOI &amp;</i> <i>Amita Vasoya, DO, FACOI Co-Moderators</i>
5:30 PM - 7:30 PM	<b>Alumni Receptions</b>

**Friday, October 19, 2018**

<b>7:00 AM - 8:00 AM</b>	<b>SUNRISE SESSIONS</b>
	1) Artificial Intelligence <i>Martin C. Burke, DO, FACOI</i>
	2) Estate Planning <i>Alexander Macnab</i>
	3) Hospitalist Interest Group: Neurology in the Hospital <i>Roberta Rose, DO</i>
	4) Evidence-Based Education: We've Talked the Talk, Now Let's Walk the Walk! <i>Donald S. Nelinson, PhD</i>
<b>8:00 AM – 9:00 AM</b>	<b>PLENARY SESSION - KEYNOTE</b> Osteopathic Medicine from the Outside In <i>Christian T. Cable, MD</i>
<b>9:00 AM – 12:00 Noon</b>	<b>PLENARY SESSION</b> <i>Daniel L. Maxwell, DO, FACOI;</i> <i>Amita Vasoya, DO, FACOI,</i> <i>Co-Moderators</i>
9:00 AM – 9:40 AM	Evaluation and Treatment of the Suspicious Solitary Pulmonary When is a Biopsy Necessary? <i>Miguel Alvelo-Rivera, MD</i>
9:40 AM – 10:20 AM	The Preoperative Pulmonary Evaluation <i>Elizabeth Chapaton-Rivard, DO</i>



10:20 AM – 10:45 AM	<b>EXHIBIT BREAK</b>		
10:45 AM – 11:20 AM	Monoclonal Antibodies in the Treatment of Severe Allergic Asthma <i>Daniel L. Maxwell, DO, FACOI</i>		Pulmonary/CCM/Sleep Medicine – <i>Daniel L. Maxwell, DO, FACOI</i> <i>Amita Vasoya, DO, FACOI</i> Evaluation and Empiric Treatment of the Undiagnosed Sleep Apnea Patient in the Perioperative Period - <i>Speaker TBD</i> Rheumatology – <i>Keith A. Reich, DO, FACOI</i>
11:20 AM – 11:55 AM	OSA Newer Treatment Options and the Non-Compliant Patient <i>Michelle Zetoony-Nudell, DO, FACOI</i>		
11:55 AM – 12 Noon	Q&A with Panel	7:00 AM - 8:00 AM	<b>SUNRISE SESSIONS</b> 1) Hospitalist Interest Group: Getting Comfortable with Critical Care in the Hospital <i>Patrick C. Cullinan, DO, FACOI</i> 2) Washington Update: Legislation, Regulation and a Changing Court <i>Timothy W. McNichol, JD</i> 3) The Fundamentals of Resuscitation <i>Patrick C. Cullinan, DO, FACOI</i>
<b>9:00 – 12:00 Noon</b>	<b>BREAKOUT SESSION</b> <b>Medical Educators Faculty Development –</b> <i>Susan M. Enright, DO, FACOI, Chair,</i> <i>Council on Education and Evaluation</i> <i>Rick A. Greco, DO, FACOI &amp;</i> <i>Andrew Z. Filiaut, DO, FACOI, Co-Moderators</i>		
9:00 – 12:00 Noon	Topics/Speakers TBD	8:00 AM – 9:00 AM	<b>PLENARY SESSION – KEYNOTE</b> The Doctor Will See You Now... A Prescription for Dealing with Change <i>Raymond J. Mis, DO, FACOI</i> <b>PLENARY SESSION</b> <i>James C. Clouse, DO, FACOI, Moderator</i>
12:00 Noon - 1:00 PM	<b>LUNCHEON SYMPOSIUM</b> Addressing Unmet Needs in Type 2 Diabetes Management with Injectable Medications <i>Jeffrey S. Freeman, DO, FACOI</i>	9:00 AM – 9:45 AM	Radioactive Iodine Therapy for Hyperthyroidism <i>Mark Tulchinsky, MD</i>
<b>1:00 PM - 2:45 PM</b>	<b>PLENARY SESSION</b> <i>Julie Sterbank, DO, FACOI, Moderator</i>	<b>9:45 AM- 10:30 AM</b>	<b>PLENARY SESSION</b> <i>Annette T. Carron, DO, FACOI, Moderator</i>
1:00 PM – 1:50 PM	Fungal Sinusitis <i>Steven Houser, MD</i>	9:45 AM – 10:15 AM	The Artificial Feeding Controversy: Who, What & When? <i>Sonali Wilborn, MD</i>
1:50 PM – 2:40 PM	Chronic Urticaria <i>Julie Sterbank, DO, FACOI</i>	10:15 AM - 10:30 AM	<b>BREAK</b>
2:40 PM – 2:45 PM	Q&A with Panel	10:30 AM – 11:00 AM	LTACHs – Role in the Future of Healthcare <i>Jerome Wilborn, DO</i>
2:45 PM - 3:00 PM	<b>BREAK</b>	<b>11:00 AM – 12:30 PM</b>	<b>PLENARY SESSION</b> <i>Leonard R. Hock, DO, Moderator</i>
<b>3:00 PM - 5:15 PM</b>	<b>PLENARY SESSION</b> <i>John R. Sutton, DO, FACOI, Moderator</i>	11:00 AM – 11:40 AM	Palliative Medicine Update 2018 <i>Jason Beckrow, DO, FACOI</i>
3:00 PM – 3:45 PM	Hyperosmolar Hyperglycemic State <i>Erica M. Kretchman, DO</i>	11:40 AM – 12:25 PM	Withdrawal <i>Leonard R. Hock, DO, MACOI</i>
3:45 PM – 4:30 PM	Technology and Outpatient Insulin Management <i>Eric S. Langer, DO, FACOI</i>	12:25 PM – 12:30 PM	Q&A with Panel
<b>3:45 – 5:00 PM</b>	<b>BREAKOUT SESSION</b> <b>MINORITY HEALTH AND CULTURAL COMPETENCY</b> How to Recognize and Address the Impact of Violence on Your Patients <i>Watson Ducatel, DO, FACOI</i> <i>and Minority Health Committee Members</i>	<b>11:00 AM – 5:00 PM</b>	<b>Resident/Fellow Session (and Reception)</b> <i>Sara Ancello, DO &amp; Joshua Layher, DO, Co-Moderators</i>
4:30 PM – 5:00 PM	Endocrine Hypertension <i>John R. Sutton, DO, FACOI</i>	11:00 AM – 11:30 AM	ACGME Update <i>Susan M. Enright, DO, FACOI</i>
5:00 PM – 5:15 PM	Q&A with Panel	11:30 AM – 12:15 PM	Patient Safety: What Physicians Need to Know <i>Jeremy D. Tucker MD</i>
<b>4:00 PM – 5:00 PM</b>	<b>BREAKOUT SESSION</b> Resident Research Presentations <i>Samuel K. Snyder, DO, FACOI, Moderator</i>	12:15 PM – 12:45 PM	Lunch Reception (Acute Care to support)
6:00 PM - 8:00 PM	<b>Convocation of Fellows and Reception</b>	12:45 PM – 1:30 PM	Independent Practice vs. Hospital Employment <i>Sheila M. Mints, JD</i>
<b>Saturday, October 20, 2018</b>		1:30 PM – 2:00 PM	Emotional Intelligence <i>Sara Ancello, DO</i>
7:00 AM - 8:00 AM	<b>Subspecialty Section Business Meetings</b> Allergy – <i>Julie Sterbank, DO, FACOI</i> Cardiology – <i>George G. Sokos, DO</i> Cardiogenic Shock – <i>George G. Sokos, DO</i> Endocrine – <i>John R. Sutton, DO, FACOI</i> Gastroenterology – <i>Charlene LePane, DO, FACOI</i> Geriatric Medicine – <i>Annette T. Carron, DO, FACOI</i> Hematology/Oncology – <i>Mary Jo Voelpel, DO, FACOI</i> Targeting the Jak Pathway in Intermediate or High-Risk Myelofibrosis - <i>Harry P. Erba, MD, PhD</i> Infectious Disease – <i>MarkAlain Dery, DO, FACOI</i> Nephrology – <i>Samuel K. Snyder, DO, FACOI;</i> <i>Jeffery Packer, DO, FACOI</i> Nuclear Medicine – <i>James C. Clouse, DO, FACOI</i> Palliative Medicine – <i>Leonard R. Hock, DO, FACOI</i>	2:00 PM – 2:45 PM	Internal Medicine or Subspecialty: Meeting with Program Directors
		2:45 PM – 3:00 PM	<b>BREAK</b>
		3:00 PM – 3:45 PM	Coding: What You Need to Know <i>Joshua Layer, DO</i>
		3:45 PM – 5:00 PM	Medical Jeopardy <i>Sara Ancello, DO and Joshua Layer, DO</i>
		<b>11:00 AM – 5:00 AM</b>	<b>STUDENT SESSIONS (and Reception)</b> <i>Robert G. Good, DO, FACOI, Moderator</i>
		11:00 AM – 11:30 AM	ACGME Update <i>Susan M. Enright, DO, FACOI (joint w/residents)</i>
		12:00 PM – 12:30 PM	<b>Lunch Reception</b>

12:30 PM – 1:15 PM	When the Physician is Harassed by a Patient <i>Robert G. Good, DO, FACOI</i> <i>Isaac J. Kirstein, DO, FACOI</i> <i>Natalie R. Sessions, DO, FACOI</i> <i>Pamela Goffman, LCSW, TEP</i>	1:00 pm - 5:00 pm	<b>BREAKOUT SESSION</b> <b>OSTEOPATHIC PRINCIPLES AND PRACTICES</b> Exploring the Role of OPP in Daily Patient Care OPP/OMM/OMT (Limited Space, Separate Registration Required)
1:15 PM – 2:15 PM	Meeting with IM and Subspecialty Program Directors	1:00 pm -1:20 pm	<b>Welcome and Orientation to the Course</b> Addressing “Why” <i>Robert A. Cain, DO, FACOI &amp; Annette T. Carron, DO, FACOI, Co-Moderators</i>
2:15 PM – 2:45 PM	Health System Sciences: The Third Medical Science, The Key to Future Leadership <i>Isaac Kirstein, DO, FACOI</i>	1:20 pm - 2:00 pm	The Osteopathic Lexicon: What Do We Mean By OPP, OMM, and OMT? (This session will begin with a small group discussion and report out, followed by a short presentation.)
2:45 PM – 3:00 PM	<b>BREAK</b>	2:00 pm - 2:30 pm	Balancing Patient Care Influenced by OPP and Patient Care Guided by OPP (This session will address ‘thinking osteopathically’ and ‘treating osteopathically,’ beginning with a large group discussion and ending with a short presentation.)
3:00 PM – 3:30 PM	Medical Student Burnout <i>Robert G. Good, DO, FACOI</i>	2:30 pm - 2:45 pm	<b>BREAK</b>
3:30 PM – 3:45 PM	What to Expect in Your First Year of Residency <i>Speaker TBD</i>	2:45 pm - 4:00 pm	OMM Participants will select one of three topics. There will be a short presentation on the topic by a content expert/facilitator. This will be followed by a discussion and interactive learning opportunity. Each group will be asked to create a verbal report of key takeaways from their topic to share with the larger audience. 1. Problem-directed treatment versus finding or dysfunction-directed treatment 2. Searching the osteopathic literature and applying it to patient care 3. Optimizing documentation and reimbursement
3:45 PM – 5:00 PM	Medical Jeopardy <i>Sara Ancello, DO and Joshua Layer, DO (joint w/residents)</i>	4:00 pm - 4:45 pm	A Model for Presenting Evidence-based OMM Cases Case: Optimizing COPD Outcomes Through the Lens of Osteopathic Medicine (This is an interactive presentation with group discussion about how to apply the information shared.)
<b>7:00 AM – 5:00 PM</b>	<b>BREAKOUT SESSION</b> <b>STATE LICENSURE REQUIREMENTS</b> <i>Samuel K. Snyder, DO, FACOI, Moderator</i>	4:45 pm - 5:00 pm	Wrap up and discussion about future courses.
7:00 AM – 8:00 AM	FL Rules and Regulations <i>Jason D. Winn, Esq.</i>	<b>Sunday, October 21, 2018</b>	
8:00 AM – 10:00 AM	Prescribing Controlled Substances Update <i>Thomas F. Jan, DO (invited)</i>	7:30 AM – 8:00 AM	<b>SUNRISE SESSION</b> Topic TBD <i>Speaker TBD</i>
10:00 AM – 10:15 AM	<b>BREAK</b>	8:00 AM – 9:00 AM	<b>PLENARY SESSION</b> Hospitalist Interest Group: What the Oncologist Wants the Hospitalist to Know <i>Kevin P. Hubbard, DO, MACOI</i>
10:15 AM – 12:15 PM	Ethics <i>Mitchell D. Forman, DO, FACOI</i> <i>Weldon (Don) Havins, MD, JD, FACS</i>	9:00 AM – 9:15 AM	<b>Memorial Lecture</b> <i>John R. Sutton, DO, FACOI</i>
1:00 PM – 2:00 PM	Prevention of Medical Errors <i>Tiffany Sizemore Ruiz, DO</i>	9:15 AM - 10:00 AM	<b>Annual Meeting of Members</b>
2:00 AM – 3:00 PM	AIDS/HIV <i>MarkAlain Dery, DO, FACOI</i>	10:00 AM	<b>Convention Concludes</b>
3:00 AM – 4:00 PM	An Introduction to Human Trafficking For the Healthcare Professional <i>Rachel Robitz, MD</i>	*Schedule subject to change	
4:00 PM – 5:00 PM	Domestic Violence <i>Michelle Mendez</i>		
12:15 PM - 1:15 PM	<b>LUNCHEON SYMPOSIUM</b> Breathing New Air into COPD & Asthma <i>Amita Vasoya, DO, FACOI</i>		
1:15 PM – 3:00 PM	<b>PLENARY SESSION</b> <i>Samuel K. Snyder, DO, FACOI &amp; Jeffrey Packer, DO, FACOI, Co-Moderators</i>		
1:15 PM – 1:50 PM	Nephrology in the World of Climate Change <i>Samuel K. Snyder, DO, FACOI</i>		
1:50 PM – 2:20 PM	Onco-Nephrology <i>Ilya Glezerman, MD</i>		
2:20 PM – 2:50 PM	Evolving Technologies in the Future World of Green Nephrology <i>Robert Kossman, MD</i>		
2:50 PM – 3:00 PM	Q&A with Panel		
3:00 PM - 3:15 PM	<b>BREAK</b>		
3:15 PM - 5:30 PM	<b>PLENARY SESSION</b> <i>Mary Jo Voelpel, DO, FACOI, Moderator</i>		
3:15 PM – 4:15 PM	Advances in Acute Myeloid Leukemia <i>Harry P. Erba, MD, PhD</i>		
4:15 PM – 5:15 PM	Polycythemia Vera and the Implications of Uncontrolled Disease <i>Mary Jo Voelpel, DO, FACOI</i>		
5:15 PM – 5:30 PM	Q&A with Panel		



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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 26	AFTER SEPT 26
<input type="checkbox"/> ACOI Member (Training completed PRIOR to 6/30/2013).....	\$775.....	\$825
<input type="checkbox"/> ACOI Young Internist Member (Training completed AFTER 7/01/13) .....	\$645.....	\$695
<input type="checkbox"/> ACOI Retired/Emeritus Member .....	\$645.....	\$695
<input type="checkbox"/> Non-Member Physician.....	\$995.....	\$1045
<input type="checkbox"/> Resident/Fellow (List Training Institution).....	\$395.....	\$445
<input type="checkbox"/> Resident/Fellow Displaying a Poster (List Training Institution).....	\$295.....	\$345
<input type="checkbox"/> Student (List Osteopathic College attended) .....	N/C.....	N/C
<input type="checkbox"/> Non-Physician Health Care Professional (RN, PhD, RD, etc.).....	\$775.....	\$825
<input type="checkbox"/> State Licensure Requirements - Saturday, Oct. 20 7:30 am - 5:30 pm		
This fee applies ONLY if you do not register for full Convention .....	\$295.....	\$345
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))

<input type="checkbox"/> Wednesday, Oct.17 - Noon - 1:00 pm Luncheon.....	N/C
<input type="checkbox"/> Wednesday, Oct.17 - 6:00 pm Welcome Reception.....	N/C
<input type="checkbox"/> Thursday, Oct. 18 - 12:15 pm - 1:15 pm Luncheon.....	N/C
<input type="checkbox"/> Thursday, Oct. 18 - 5:30-7:30 pm Alumni Receptions (Please check the appropriate box below).....	N/C
<input type="checkbox"/> BEAUMONT/BOTSFORD <input type="checkbox"/> CCOM/AZCOM <input type="checkbox"/> DMUCOM <input type="checkbox"/> KCUMB <input type="checkbox"/> LMU-DCOM <input type="checkbox"/> MCLAREN/MCCOMB <input type="checkbox"/> MSUCOM <input type="checkbox"/> PCOM/PCOM-GA <input type="checkbox"/> ROWAN <input type="checkbox"/> WV SOM <input type="checkbox"/> OU-HCOM	
<input type="checkbox"/> Friday, Oct. 19 - 6:45 am Fun Run .....	N/C
<input type="checkbox"/> Friday, Oct. 19 - Noon - 1:00 pm Luncheon: .....	N/C
<input type="checkbox"/> Saturday, Oct. 20 - 1:00 - 5:00 pm Exploring the Role of OPP in Daily Patient Care (Space limited - 25-person maximum) .....	N/C
<input type="checkbox"/> Saturday, Oct. 20 - 7:30 am - 5:30 pm State Licensure Requirements	
<input type="checkbox"/> (Please check if you plan to attend) Separate Registration Required, Space Limited. (NO CHARGE FOR CONVENTION REGISTRANTS): .....	N/C
Saturday, Oct. 20 - 12:15 - 1:15 pm Luncheon: .....	N/C

### OFF-SITE ACTIVITIES

Saturday, Oct. 20 - 1:00 - 6:00 pm - ACOI Golf Outing, .....\$120

You will also need to complete the separate registration form included in this packet.

Club and shoe rentals are separate and paid directly to the Hawks Landing Golf Club.

- ☐ PLEASE NOTE: Check here if you plan to stay at the Marriott Orlando World Center. (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://book.passkey.com/go/ACOI2018>)
- ☐ SPECIAL NEEDS: In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, every effort has been made to make this conference and activities accessible to people of all capabilities. Please list specific special assistance needed, or any dietary restrictions, or contact Susan Stacy at [susan@acoi.org](mailto:susan@acoi.org), 301 231-8877.



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<b>Preferred Name on Badge</b>		<b>AOA Number</b>	
<b>Mailing Address</b>			
<b>City</b>		<b>State</b>	<b>Zip</b>
<b>Work Ph.</b> ( )		<b>Cell Phone</b> ( )	
<b>Home Ph.</b> ( )		<b>E-Mail Address</b>	
<b>Medical Specialty/Subspecialty</b>			
<b>Preferred Name of Spouse/Guest on Badge</b>			
<b>Emergency Contact</b>			
<b>Relation</b>		<b>Telephone</b> ( )	

**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.....\$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 SATURDAY GOLF OUTING .....\$ \_\_\_\_\_

**\*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 GAF may qualify as a tax deductible charitable contribution.*

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**TOTAL FEES ENCLOSED**.....\$ \_\_\_\_\_

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

REGISTER ONLINE AT [WWW.ACOI.ORG](http://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 \$100 will be charged for cancellations received at any time. In order to obtain a refund, written cancellations must be received by September 26, 2018. No refunds will be made after that date, but registration fees may be applied to a future ACOI education activity.



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## REGISTRATION INFORMATION

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### EDUCATION SESSION FEES

Fees for the 2018 education sessions are based on ACOI membership status and length of time in practice. Active members (training completed prior to 6/30/13) pay \$775; Young Internists (training completed 7/01/13 or later) pay \$645; Emeritus and Retired members pay \$645; Residents and Fellows pay \$395 (\$295 for Research Contest entrants). Non-member Physicians pay \$995; Non-Physician Health Care Professionals may register for the ACOI member rate of \$775. There is no charge for students. Spouse/guest registration is \$125. **These fees include a \$50 early registration discount, which applies until September 26, 2018. Registrations received after that date do not qualify for the discount.**

### WHAT DOES REGISTRATION INCLUDE?

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

### HOTEL INFORMATION

The Orlando World Center Marriott is the headquarters hotel for the 2018 ACOI Annual Convention and Scientific Sessions. All educational and social events will take place there. ACOI has arranged a discounted room rate of \$259 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 26, 2018**. Reservation information is available by calling 800 - 228-9290; or visit <https://book.passkey.com/go/ACOI2018>.

### PAYMENT INFORMATION

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### CANCELLATION POLICY

Please note that refund requests must be made in writing to ACOI prior to **September 26, 2018**. **No refunds will be made after September 26, 2018, but unused registration fees may be applied toward a future ACOI education activity.** A processing fee of \$100 will be charged for cancellations received at any time.

### 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 \$125. 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 \$125, 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**

- 2018 Annual Convention & Scientific Sessions  
Oct 17-21 Orlando World Center Marriott, Orlando, FL
- 2019 Internal Medicine Board Review Course
- 2019 Clinical Challenges for Inpatient Care
- 2019 Exploring New Science in Cardiovascular Medicine
- 2019 Congress on Medical Education for Residency Trainers  
May 7-12 Baltimore Marriott Waterfront Hotel, Baltimore, MD
- 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
- 2021 Annual Convention & Scientific Sessions  
Sept 29-Oct 3 Marriott Marquis Hotel, San Francisco, CA

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

*Information on any meeting listed here may be obtained from ACOI Headquarters at 800 327-5183 or from our website at [www.acoi.org](http://www.acoi.org).*

## **2018 Certifying Examination Dates & Deadlines**

### **Internal Medicine Certifying Examination**

Computerized Examination 300 Sites Nationwide

September 12-14, 2018 - *Application Deadline: Expired*

### **Internal Medicine Recertifying Examination**

Computerized Examination 300 Sites Nationwide

September 12-14, 2018 - *Application Deadline: Expired*

### **Internal Medicine Recertifying with a Focus in Hospital-Based Medicine Examination**

Computerized Examination 300 Sites Nationwide

September 12-14, 2018 - *Application Deadline: Expired*

### **Subspecialty Certifying Examinations**

Computerized Examination 300 Sites Nationwide

August 28-30, 2018 - *Application Deadline: Expired*

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

### **Subspecialty Recertifying Examinations**

Computerized Examination 300 Sites Nationwide

August 28-30, 2018 - *Application Deadline: Expired*

- Cardiology • Clinical Cardiac Electrophysiology • Critical Care Medicine • Endocrinology
- Gastroenterology • Geriatric Medicine • Hematology • Hospice and Palliative Medicine
- Infectious Disease • Interventional Cardiology • Nephrology • Oncology
- Pulmonary Diseases • Rheumatology • Sleep Medicine

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

*Contact the AOBIM at [admin@aobim.org](mailto:admin@aobim.org) for deadlines and dates for the Allergy, Sports Medicine, Pain Medicine, Undersea/Hyperbaric Medicine and Correctional Medicine examinations.*

## **InMemoriam**

Word has been received of the death of Alvin Riley, Sr., DO, FACOI. A graduate of Michigan State University College of Osteopathic Medicine, Dr. Riley was 64 years old. A board-certified general internist, Dr. Riley completed his internal medicine residency training at Michigan Hospital and Medical Center in Detroit. He was an ACOI Active member for 22 years and achieved the degree of fellow in the College in 2002.