

From President Carron

Hot Enough For You?



Hot weather--more than 100 degrees in Detroit tomorrow.

Hot politics--- what is happening in Washington?

AOA Hot

Topics --- New CEO, new CME guidelines, Board exam debates, etc.

Hot Docs--- Are you burning up or burning out?

All the while, things heating up at the ACOI.

The ACOI Board has worked diligently over the last five years to define the ACOI's future in the Osteopathic profession after 2020, when the College will lose its direct role in overseeing GME for Internal Medicine.

Hot Mess!

Our initial focus was to help IM residency programs achieve ACGME accreditation and gain Osteopathic Recognition. Thanks to the efforts of ACOI's chief scientific officer,

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Elections Set for November 3

Nominations for ACOI Leadership Positions Announced

The ACOI Nominating Committee has announced the slate of candidates for election at the Annual Meeting of Members scheduled for Sunday, November 3 in Phoenix, AZ. The Committee has nominated, **Michael A. Adornetto, DO, MBA**, for President-elect and **Robert L. DiGiovanni, DO**, for Secretary-Treasurer. The Nominating Committee also approved four candidates for election to the Board of Directors. Incumbents **Susan M. Enright, DO**, **Robert T. Hasty, DO**, and **C. Clark Milton, DO**, were nominated to new terms. **Watson Ducatel, DO, MPH**, was nominated to complete the one year remaining in the term previously filled by Dr. DiGiovanni. Under the College's Bylaws, this year's President-elect, **Samuel K. Snyder, DO**, will be inaugurated as President for the 2019-2020 year at the conclusion of the elections.



Michael A. Adornetto, DO, MBA, FACOI, is board-certified in internal medicine and pediatrics with a private practice in Westlake, Ohio. A graduate of the Ohio University College of Osteopathic Medicine, Dr. Adornetto completed a combined internal medicine/pediatrics residency at the Cleveland Clinic Foundation in 1994. He is president of the West Shore Primary Care Associates and was the founding program

director of the osteopathic internal medicine residency at St. John Medical Center, Westlake. Dr. Adornetto is chair of the ACOI Practice Management and Professional Development Committee, and also serves on the Executive Committee. He is chairing the 2019 Convention program.

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Renew Your Membership and Receive a \$50 Education Credit!

The new ACOI membership year began on July 1 and renewal information has been sent to all members. This year, every new or renewing member of the College will receive a \$50 credit good toward the purchase of a CME activity of your choice at the ACOI Online Learning Center. This one-time credit can be used any time through June 30 of 2020.

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2019 Convention Registration Open

Visit www.acoi.org for complete information about the 2019 ACOI Annual Convention and Scientific Sessions
October 30 - November 3, 2019 in Phoenix, AZ



American College of Osteopathic Internists

In Service to All Members; All Members in Service

MISSION

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.

VALUES

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

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Letter from the President

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Don Nelinson, PhD, and our Council on Education and Evaluation, virtually all the programs are accredited, and many have obtained Osteopathic Recognition. ACOI will continue to have an impact on these residents.

Hot diggety dog!

Next, ACOI developed an online learning management system with the guidance of ACOI Deputy Executive Director, Tim McNichol. **SIGN UP NOW!** We have something for everyone online – primary care, subspecialists, office, hospital and even how to improve your lecture skills. Much, Much More is to come, including some “meet the professor” 15-minute sessions for residents/students. Learn from home or even your phone while waiting in line at grocery store!

Hot off the presses!

CME will continue to be a major focus of our future. You have heard already ACOI has obtained ACCME accreditation, again with the help of Dr. Nelinson. As we move forward, most ACOI education activities will provide both AOA and AMA PRA credit. We welcome MD Active members and have our first one, Christian Cable, immediate past chair of the internal medicine residency review committee for the ACGME. Invite your MD friends to our next meeting. The CME Committee is working continuously to upgrade and improve our meeting content. Under the guidance of Brian Donadio and Susan Stacy – the ACOI annual convention will continue to be “a coming home” for you with lots of take home info!

Hot Stuff!

We have surveyed our members and **WE HEAR YOU!** Many of you have expressed frustration with your job, hours, lack of time with family, or simply lack of control of your time. We have developed Principle-Centered Medicine, thanks mostly to ACOI Board member Bob Cain, DO, as guiding principles for our future and to help you stay true to why you pursued medicine.

The principles are as follows:

1. Focus on health and well-being;
2. Create meaningful and pervasive relationships;
3. Practice deep listening;
4. Embrace wholeness;
5. Recognize the health potential within us;
6. Address complexity;
7. Find and maintain balance.

With a focus on education, leadership, community, and health and wellness, ACOI will help you remember “It’s always been within you.”

Hot Damn!



government RELATIONS

Timothy McNichol, JD

Circuit Court Hears Oral Arguments in ACA Case

The Affordable Care Act (ACA) continues to work its way through the courts. Most recently, the Fifth Circuit Court heard oral arguments in a lower court decision (*Texas v. United States*) finding no part of the ACA could stand following enactment of legislation zeroing out the individual mandate penalty created under the ACA. As previously reported, the US District Court for the Northern District of Texas found that the Supreme Court decision upholding the ACA was no longer applicable due to a change in federal law. The prior Supreme Court decision found that the ACA was constitutional on the grounds that creation of the individual mandate was within Congress' taxing authority. If the Fifth Circuit Court affirms the lower court decision, the ACA could be struck down in its entirety. The case was brought by 18 Republican-led states. It is likely this case will be considered by the Supreme Court for final adjudication. The ACOI will follow the case closely due to its potential impact on physicians and patients. To date, Congress has failed to take any actions in preparation for the potentially far-reaching impact of this court case.

Administration Launches Kidney Health Initiative

President Trump recently issued an Executive Order (EO) establishing the Advancing American Kidney Health Initiative to improve care for those suffering from kidney disease in the United States. The initiative's goals are as follow: reduce the number of patients who develop kidney failure; reduce the number of Americans who receive dialysis in dialysis centers; and, increase the number of kidneys available for transplant. Concurrent with the issuance of the EO, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) proposed a mandatory End-Stage Renal Disease Treatment payment model to promote in-home dialysis and increase the number of available kidney transplants, among other things. You can learn more by visiting <https://www.cms.gov/newsroom/press-releases/hhs-transform-care-delivery-patients-chronic-kidney-disease>.

House and Senate Advance Efforts to Address Surprise Medical Bills

The House and Senate continue to consider legislation crafted to protect patients from surprise medical bills. Surprise medical billing most often occurs when a patient receives services from an out-of-network provider in an in-network facility. Multiple committees of jurisdiction in the House and Senate have considered, or are considering, legislation addressing the matter. While there is bipartisan support to address surprise medical billing, it has been difficult for legislators to find agreement on how best to resolve payment disputes that arise between providers and insurers. The ACOI joined with more than 100 physician organizations in sending a letter to the leadership of the House Committee on Energy and Commerce expressing support for the creation of an independent dispute resolution process that is fair to both physicians and patients. You can read the letter at <https://www.acoi.org/advocacy/legislative-and-regulatory-comments>.

Listing of Drug Prices in Direct-to-Consumer Advertising Halted

A federal court recently ruled CMS's final rule requiring pharmaceutical man-

ufacturers to include a drug's list price in direct-to-consumer television advertisements cannot take effect. In vacating the final rule, the US District Court for the District of Columbia found the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) overstepped its authority to regulate the marketing of prescription drugs as part of its role in administering the Medicare and Medicaid programs. The court expressed concern with the final rule's impact on pharmaceutical companies that are not direct participants in Medicare and Medicaid. The court suggested that such actions might more appropriately fall under the jurisdiction of the Food and Drug Administration. To date, there has been no indication that the court decision will be appealed.

More Than \$9 Billion in Payments Reported

CMS recently released a report showing \$9.35 billion in payments made between drug and medical device makers and physicians and teaching hospitals in 2018. This amount is up from the \$8.97 billion in financial transactions reported in 2017. According to the report, there were 11.9 million records of payments from manufacturers to 627,000 physicians and 1,180 teaching hospitals. Of the total payments reported, \$4.93 billion were research-related payments. The Physician Payment Sunshine Act, which created the Open Payments Program, was enacted as part of the ACA.

CMS Finalizes Policy to Cover Ambulatory Blood Pressure Monitoring

CMS recently released a decision memorandum expanding coverage of Ambulatory Blood Pressure Monitoring (ABPM) to patients with suspected "white coat hypertension" (WCH). WCH is defined as office blood pressure > 140/90

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talking science & education

Donald S. Nelinson, PhD



Greetings colleagues and welcome to the July issue of Talking Science and Education. As we move into a sultry summer, I thought I'd share with you a picture of my neighbors who came by while I was writing last month's column.

Last month's quiz question featured a major population health challenge. We asked by what percent has adult obesity increased in the past year.

Obesity prevalence exceeds 30 percent of the adult population for the first time in America's Health Rankings Annual Report history. In the past year, obesity increased from 29.9 percent to 31.3 percent of adults.

This month we ask about the number of primary care physicians per 100,000 population. In the past year, by what percent did primary care physicians increase per 100,000 population?

- A. 2%
- B. 5%
- C. 10%
- D. 12%

Become a Talking Science and Education winner, but remember: no Googling!!!

Send your answer to don@acoi.org and win valuable prizes!

Talking Education

Communicating for Concordance and Adherence: Education is but one element!

There is a general belief that patient educational interventions for enhancing medication adherence are important. However, their success at improving adherence is debatable¹. A major misassumption involved in the clinical and educational approaches to adherence and concordance is that, "If we just give them enough knowledge, they will adhere!" They, of course, are the patients. But in comes that sneaky little word concordance: the engagement in a dialogue to optimize buy-in and agreement to implement a treatment plan. Many clinicians balk: "I don't have time!" Yet treatment failures resulting from non-adherence are estimated to top \$100,000,000/year in the US.

So, communicating for adherence goes beyond "education." We must be willing to engage our patients as important partners and decision-makers in their own healthcare. Adherence, concordance, empowerment, and self-management; these are goals that will make our patients more capable and competent to actively engage in their self-care².

Diabetes Dialogues

Better medication access needed to address glycemic management disparities across income levels

Canadian adults with diabetes who have the lowest incomes have higher HbA1c levels compared with those with the highest incomes, but researchers argue that universal prescription access can lessen the discrepancy.

Although all residents have access to universal insurance for hospital and physician services, residents of most provinces lack universal, publicly-funded drug insurance before the age of 65, and instead either rely on private insurance plans through their employer, or must pay for medications out-of-pocket.

Bashu Shah and colleagues at the University of Toronto reviewed HbA1c levels during the first half of 2015 from 583,884 adults with diabetes who had data in the Ontario Diabetes Database. Participants younger than 40 years and older than 89 years were excluded; information on median neighborhood income was collected from Statistics Canada and used to stratify the participants into five income-level groups (lowest-income group: mean age, 64.9 years; 50.4% women; highest-income group: mean age, 66.2 years; 41.7% women).

According to the researchers, participants with the lowest income averaged higher HbA1c levels (56 mmol/mol, or 7.3%) vs. those with the highest income (54 mmol/mol, or 7.1%; $P < .001$). Among all income levels, those aged at least 65 years had superior glycemic control (53 mmol/mol, or 7%) compared with those younger than 65 (57 mmol/mol, or 7.4%; $P < .001$). The researchers added that age was a statistically significant modifier of the effect of income, with a wider gap in average HbA1c measures between income levels for those younger than 65 years vs. those aged at least 65 years.

Their findings highlight that lower-income populations with diabetes in Canada have poorer glycemic control compared to their higher-income counterparts, despite access to publicly funded health care. Health policy solutions to bridge this gap are likely to be multidimensional, but based on the results of the present study might include broadening drug insurance coverage to those younger than 65 to reduce health inequalities and the burden of diabetes in society³.

One may be able to extend these findings to the US where the skyrocketing costs for antihyperglycemic agents, including insulin, have become prohibitive.

¹Taibanguay N. et al. Effect of patient education on medication adherence of patients with rheumatoid arthritis: a randomized controlled trial. *Patient Preference Adherence*. 2019; 13: 119–129.

²Settineri S et al. Compliance, adherence, concordance, empowerment, and self-management: five words to manifest a relational maladjustment in diabetes. *J Multidiscip Healthc*. 2019; 12: 299–314.

³Branfield Day L, et al. *Diabet Med*. 2019;doi:10.1111/dme.14051.

Contributions Support ACOI's Visiting Professor Programs

Thanks to ACOI members who make a gift to the College's Generational Advancement Fund, we are able to support and grow our visits to medical school campuses across the country. Our thanks to our Visiting Professors for taking the time to educate medical students about osteopathic internal medicine. Twenty-two Visiting Professor sessions were conducted during the 2018-2019 training year.



Mark D. Baldwin, DO, FACOI drew a crowd at the Kansas City University of Medicine and Biosciences – Joplin campus.



ACOI Board member, Joanne Kaiser-Smith, DO, FACOI at the Philadelphia College of Medicine with PCOM's Internal Medicine Club's student president Jonathan Stewart, PCOM's Faculty Advisor Dr. Pat Lannutti, DO, Anthony Concilla, and Evan Finger.



The Visiting Professor session led by ACOI Past President Karen J. Nichols, DO, MA, MACOI, CS (red suit in middle of photo) at the Idaho College of Medicine was well attended. Dr. Nichols spoke on "Ethical Dilemmas at End of Life."



ACOI Welcomes New Planned Giving Counsel



Barbara L. Tesner, CFRE is now working with Barbara L. Ciconte, ACOI's Development Counsel, to provide education and information to ACOI members about the various ways they can support the College and provide for their families at the same time. The ACOI wishes to thank Sandy Macnab, CFRE, for his many years of service to the College in this area.

A senior fundraising consultant with thirty-years of experience, Barbara specializes in major gifts, planned gifts, and donor engagement. She and Barbara Ciconte have collaborated on other Washington, DC area clients which resulted in great success for those organizations.

You can meet her at the 2019 ACOI Annual Convention in Phoenix, where she will be presenting a Sunrise Session on planned giving.

AOBIM Adds Advanced Heart Failure/Transplant Certification

The AOA/AOBIM has announced a new certification opportunity in Advanced Heart Failure and Transplant Cardiology. This AOBIM certification will recognize the distinct and critical knowledge, skills, abilities, and judgements that practicing physicians require in the Advanced Heart Failure and Transplant Cardiology specialty. Applicants must be AOBIM board-certified specialists in Cardiology. Eligible applicants must have completed three years of an ACGME- or AOA-recognized fellowship program in Cardiology, followed by a one year ACGME- or AOA-recognized fellowship program in Advanced Heart Failure and Transplant Cardiology. For the first three years/three examinations (2019, 2020, and 2021), cardiologists certified by AOBIM who have not completed formal training in advanced heart failure and transplant cardiology will be eligible to apply for the Certification Examination in Advanced Heart Failure and Transplant Cardiology via the practice pathway. Please visit the AOBIM website for more information regarding the practice pathway criteria.

Exam application deadlines:

First Deadline: Friday, September 13, 2019

Final Deadline: Sunday, October 13, 2019

Exam administration dates (at Pearson Vue testing centers):

November 13-15, 2019

The AOBIM is grateful for all the subject matter experts who worked on the development of this exam and certification. For more information regarding this exam and to apply, visit the AOBIM – Advanced Heart Failure and Transplant Cardiology web page. Please contact the AOBIM at aobim@osteopathic.org or (312) 202-8274 for any further questions or comments regarding this exam or certification.

75th Anniversary Campaign Honor Roll of Donors

(Outright Gifts and Multi-Year Commitments of \$1,000 or more as of July 15, 2019)

The ACOI Board of Directors wishes to thank all ACOI members for their annual support for the College. The generous support of our 75th Anniversary Campaign donors is of the utmost importance as we seek to maintain an osteopathic approach to internal medicine for future generations of patients.

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Add Your Name to Leave a Legacy

Members of the ACOI Legacy Society have done their part to ensure the future of the College. A special thank you to our Charter Members!

If you are not a member, please look at the names listed and consider adding yours to those who have made a provision in their estate plans, typically with a bequest provision, that will provide support in the future.

It will bring you peace of mind knowing that you have done your part to ensure that those who enter the profession in the future will have access to the same education, support, and mentoring that you have received. *Think of it as paying your dues forward with a bequest of \$10,000 or more, leaving a legacy and mentoring those you will never know, but who will provide future generations with the kind of principle-centered care that you have built a career providing.*

New members will be recognized at the 2019 ACOI Convention in Phoenix. Be among those who will receive a certificate and a unique crystal memento that shows that you have proudly made an investment in the future of the profession.

If you would like to have the ACOI planned giving consultant talk with you about creative ways you can join the Legacy Society now and receive a lifetime income, please contact Brian Donadio via email at bjd@acoi.org or call 301-231-8877 to let us know how and when to contact you.

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75th Anniversary Fundraising Campaign

How Your Contributions Have Been Put to Use



The ACOI has used the funds raised in the successful 75th Anniversary Campaign to create a home for those who believe in the patient-centered, osteopathic approach to healthcare that we call Principle-Centered Medicine. More information about this will be forthcoming soon.

Meanwhile, in the past three years, we have hired staff and accomplished the following:

- Achieved accreditation from the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME) as a CME provider. Our CME now can provide AOA and AMA credit and meets the recertification requirements of both the AOBIM and the ABIM.
- Upgraded our technology to allow ACOI to offer CME in a variety of new, mobile-friendly formats that our members need. The new ACOI Online Learning Center now houses more than 100 CME credit opportunities that can be accessed anywhere, anytime.
- Provided hands-on assistance to residency programs as they seek allopathic accreditation while encouraging them to secure Osteopathic Recognition as they make the transition. This assures that the distinctive osteopathic philosophy imbued in students during their medical school years will continue during residency. The overwhelming majority of both internal medicine and subspecialty programs have been approved by the ACGME.
- Became the first osteopathic specialty to be granted an ex officio seat on an ACGME Residency Review Committee.

Board Nominations

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Robert L. DiGiovanni, DO, FACOI is a board-certified internist and rheumatologist practicing in Largo, FL. He completed his internal medicine training at Suncoast Hospital (now Largo Medical Center) and a fellowship in rheumatology at the University of Arizona Health Sciences Center in Tucson. He is the current president of Suncoast Internal Medicine Consultants and the program director of the rheumatology fellowship program at Largo Medical Center. Dr. DiGiovanni has been active in the

ACOI Subspecialty Section of Rheumatology, serving as chairman and education coordinator of the section. He chaired the 2018 Annual Convention program and has provided numerous lectures for the College at the board review course, convention and other meetings. Dr. DiGiovanni has been an Active member of the ACOI since 1987 and achieved the degree of Fellow in 1994. He was first elected to the Board of Directors in 2013.



Watson Ducatel, DO, MPH, FACOI is a board-certified general internist practicing in Brandon, FL. A 2011 graduate of NOVA Southeastern College of Osteopathic Medicine (now the Kiran L. Patel College of Osteopathic Medicine), he received his Master of Public Health at the same institution in 2011. Dr. Ducatel completed his internal medicine residency at Largo, FL Medical Center in 2014. He has served on the ACOI Committee on Minority Health and Cultural Competency since 2016 and

chaired a symposium on the impact of violence on underserved populations at the 2018 ACOI Convention. Dr. Ducatel has been an ACOI Active member since completing his training and received the degree of Fellow in 2016.



Susan M. Enright, DO, FACOI of Rochester Hills, MI, is board certified in internal medicine and emergency medicine. She serves at Michigan State University College of Osteopathic Medicine as director of the clinical clerkship curriculum. She has served several terms on the ACOI Council on Education and Evaluation, including the past four years as Chair. She also chairs the AOA's Program and Trainee Review Council (PTRC). Dr. Enright has been an ACOI Active member since 1998 and earned the degree of Fellow in 2002. Her first term on the Board began in 2016.



Robert T. Hasty, DO, FACOI is the founding dean of the new college of osteopathic medicine at the Kansas Health Science Center (KHSC). He assumed that role after opening the Idaho College of Osteopathic Medicine, where he was founding dean and chief academic officer from 2015 until May of this year. Dr. Hasty is a graduate of the Nova Southeastern University College of Osteopathic Medicine (now Kiran C. Patel College of Osteopathic Medicine) and completed his internal medicine res-

idency at Mount Sinai Medical Center in Miami, FL. Dr. Hasty completed an AOA Health Policy Fellowship in 2006-07. He has served on the ACOI CME Committee and the Council on Education and Evaluation. He chaired or co-

chaired the program at the Annual Trainers' Congress. He is active with several professional organizations, including the National Board of Osteopathic Medical Examiners. Dr. Hasty was appointed in 2105 as a member of the ACGME Osteopathic Principles Committee. He has been an Active member of the College since 2004 and received his ACOI Fellowship in 2007. He was named ACOI Teacher of the Year in 2014. Dr. Hasty was first elected to the Board in 2015.

C. Clark Milton, DO, FACOI, is a general internist in Wheeling, W.V. A graduate of the West Vir-



ginia School of Osteopathic Medicine, Dr. Milton completed his residency training at the West Virginia University School of

Medicine, where he was chief resident. Certified by the American Board of Internal Medicine, Dr. Milton is the Designated Institutional Official and Director of Medical Education at Wheeling Hospital. He also serves as Director of Corporate Health there. Dr. Milton has served on the ACOI Continuing Medical Education Committee for the past three years. He was appointed to the Board in November of 2018 to fill the remaining year of a term available as result of a resignation.



Samuel K. Snyder, DO, FACOI is Associate Professor and Chair of the Department of Medicine at Nova Southeastern

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University-Kiran C. Patel College of Osteopathic Medicine in Fort Lauderdale, FL. He formerly served as the program director of the internal medicine residency at Mount Sinai Medical Center there. He has represented the ACOI and AOA since 2015 on the ACGME Internal Medicine Residency Review Committee. Dr. Snyder is board-certified in internal medicine and nephrology. He has been an Active ACOI member since 1986 and received the degree of Fellow in 1995. He has been a member of the Executive Committee and Research Committee and has lectured numerous times on nephrology topics for the College. Dr. Snyder chaired the annual convention program in 2015. He was first elected to the Board of Directors in 2009.

The Nominating Committee this year is chaired by Rick A. Greco, DO. Also serving are Damon Baker, DO, and Amita Vasoya, DO. 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 also must 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.



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mm Hg on at least three separate clinic/office visits, with two separate measurements made at each visit. Patients should be followed over time. Those patients for which ABPM demonstrates BP > 135/85 mm Hg, may be at increased cardiovascular risk, and a physician may want to consider antihypertensive therapies. You can learn more by visiting <https://www.cms.gov>.

Washington Tidbits

Shared Vision Spanning Multiple Administrations

Each President brings his or her own vision for the country into the White House. It is a rare occasion when a vision spans multiple administrations and generations. The exploration of space and the requisite research into a multitude of scientific disciplines has provided this rare common ground.

With the enactment of the National Aeronautics and Space Act of 1958, President Dwight D. Eisenhower ushered in the start of the United States' space program. The law created the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA), a civil agency, designed to coordinate all space and aeronautical activities. This was precipitated by the successful launch and orbits of Russia's Sputniks I and II in late 1957. In May of 1961, President John F. Kennedy provided further focus and commitment before a joint session of Congress by challenging the nation to, "Commit itself to achieving the goal, before this decade is out, of landing a man on the moon and returning him safely to earth." It is this challenge, and the work of subsequent administrations from both sides of the aisle, that led to Neil Armstrong first setting foot on the moon on July 20, 1969. In the 50 intervening years since the first moon landing, each administration, Republican and Democrat, alike, has pushed our country to further explore and challenge our understanding of our world and our limitless universe. What will we achieve next?

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.

Active Members:

David Acierto	Marcel Letourneau
Wesam Agha	Andrew Lu
Asim Ahmed	Camilia Makhyoum
Muhammad Ahsan	Isabel Manzanillo
Terrence Andrews	Melissa Martinez
Ashlie Arthur	Kimberly McPhearson
Benjamin Bale	Andrew Mehalick
Elias Ballat	Ryan Melvin
Megan Benedict	Izza Mir
Ashesh Bhakta	Monzur Morshed
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Lauren Bixler	Phuong Nguyen
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John Dahdah	Brian Roe
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David Ellsworth	Abby Sapp
Ali Etemady-Deylami	Michael Schechter
Joshua Fakess	Noah Settergren
Aria Fazlinejad	Krupa Shah
LK Ferrell	Priya Shah
Alex Gauthier	Abid Shaikh
Andrew Gordon	Maria Shiptoski
Dyllen Grossman	Maryanne Sourial
Michael Halpin	Jeffery Stahl
Nicholas Hasandras	Christian Sullivan
Charles Hildebrand	Michael Summers
Anh Hoang	Supreya Swarup
Elizabeth Hunter	Matthew Szymaszek
Hieu Huynh	Atif Tatari
Lucy Joo	Tammy Tran
Timothy Jordan	William Wang
Ju Kim	Linda Yu
Brendan Korpanty	Vatche Zohrabian
Jeffrey Lee	

American College of Osteopathic Internists Annual Convention and Scientific Sessions

October 30 - November 3, 2019

JW Marriott Desert Ridge, Phoenix, AZ

“Lost in Translation: Applying Research to Clinical Practice” • Michael A. Adornetto, DO, MBA, FACOI, Program Chair

Wednesday, October 30, 2019

9:00 AM – 12:00 Noon	Practice Management Symposium
9:00 AM – 10:00 AM	Topic <i>Speaker TBD</i>
10:00 AM – 10:45 AM	Mastering the Prior Authorization Process: Assuring the Best Care for Your Patients <i>Jill M. Young, CPC, CEDC, CIMC</i>
10:45 AM – 11:00 AM	BREAK
11:00 AM – 11:45 AM	Medicare Target Probe and Educate: Medical Review Process <i>Ella M. Noel, DO, FACOI</i>
11:45 AM – 12:00 AM	Q&A with Panel
11:00 AM – 12 Noon	New Member and First-Time Attendee Orientation Q&A with ACOI Board of Directors <i>Annette T. Carron, DO, FACOI, President, Moderator</i>
12:00 Noon – 1:00 PM	Possible Luncheon <i>Speaker TBD</i>
1:00 PM – 3:30 PM	PLENARY SESSION - Cardiology <i>Martin C. Burke, DO, FACOI, Moderator</i>
1:00 PM – 1:40 PM	Late Breaking Trial Updates: Best in Show <i>Martin C. Burke, DO, FACOI</i>
1:40 PM – 2:30 PM	Hypertension Debate: ACC/AHA Guidelines vs ADA Consensus (2017) <i>Robert J. Chilton, DO, FACOI</i> <i>Louis C. Haenel, IV, DO, FACOI</i>
2:30 PM – 2:45 PM	BREAK
2:45 PM – 3:20 PM	Case-Based Medicine: Stroke Prevention in Atrial Fibrillation Systemic Coagulation vs LAAO <i>Martin C. Burke, DO, FACOI;</i> <i>Robert J. Chilton, DO, FACOI,</i> <i>L. Bing Liem, DO, FACOI and</i>
3:20 PM – 4:00 PM	CV Event Prevention: Altering Protein Synthesis <i>Speaker TBD</i>
4:00 PM – 5:30 PM	Tests I Wish You'd Never Ordered <i>Gerald W. Blackburn, DO, MACOI, Moderator</i> <i>Martin C. Burke, DO, FACOI</i> <i>Kevin P. Hubbard, DO, MACOI</i> <i>Roberta S. Rose, DO</i> <i>David A. Tessler, DO, FACOI</i>
6:00 PM - 7:30 PM	Welcome Reception

Thursday, October 31, 2019

7:00 AM - 8:00 AM	SUNRISE SESSIONS
	1) Anticoagulation in the Hospital Setting: Navigating the Not- So-Obvious Cases <i>Speaker TBD</i>
	2) Sexual Boundary Violations <i>Speaker TBD</i>
	3) Cannabis Confusion? <i>C. Clark Milton, DO, FACOI</i>

8:00 AM – 8:05 AM	4) The Art and Science of Quality CME Presentations: Creating Impact and Driving Outcomes <i>Donald S. Nelinson, PhD</i> <i>Adam Perahia, MD</i>
8:05 AM - 9:30 AM	PLENARY SESSIONS WELCOME/OPENING REMARKS President/Program Chair <i>Annette T. Carron, DO, FACOI, President</i> <i>Michael A. Adornetto, DO, MBA, FACOI, Program Chair</i>
9:30 AM – 10:00 AM	PLENARY SESSION – KEYNOTE Dream Makers <i>Jim (The Rookie) Morris, Jr.</i>
10:00 AM – 12:00 Noon	EXHIBIT BREAK PLENARY SESSION - Gastroenterology <i>Jack D. Bragg, DO, MACOI</i> Moderator Hepatology: NASH Treatment Options <i>Ghassan Hammoud, MD</i> Colon Cancer Screenings: Latest Recommendations (Cologard® vs Endoscopy) <i>John Dumont, DO, FACOI</i> Innovations in Endoscopic Interventions <i>Ghassan Hammoud, MD</i> Q&A with Panel
10:00 AM – 10:40 AM	LUNCHEON SYMPOSIUM Topic TBD <i>Speaker TBD</i>
10:40AM – 11:20 AM	PLENARY SESSION (con't) - Rheumatology <i>Keith A. Reich, DO, FACOI, Moderator</i> Rheumatoid Arthritis: Diagnostic Work-Up and Treatments <i>Jennifer G. Brackney, DO</i>
11:20 AM – 11:55 AM	Biologics in Disease Modification <i>Julie Jones, DO</i>
11:55 AM - 12:00 Noon	Gout and Osteoarthritis: What Works and What Doesn't <i>Ahmed Salah, DO</i>
12:00 Noon - 1:00 PM	BREAK PLENARY SESSIONS - Endocrine <i>John R. Sutton, DO, FACOI, Moderator</i>
1:00 PM – 3:00 PM	The COCCI Syndemic and Residual Cardiovascular Risk <i>Michael B. Clearfield, DO, MACOI</i>
1:00 PM – 1:40 PM	Expanding Indications for Anti- Hyperglycemic Medications <i>Toni M. Murphy, DO, FACOI</i>
1:40 PM – 2:20 PM	Thyroid Image Screening and Interpretation: Endocrinologist vs Radiologist <i>John R. Sutton, DO, FACOI</i>
2:20 PM – 3:00 PM	Q&A with Panel BREAKOUTS Resident Research Presentations (concurrent session) <i>Carol I. Duffy, DO, FACOI, Moderator</i>
3:00 PM – 3:30 PM	
3:30 PM - 5:30 PM	
3:30 PM – 4:15 PM	
4:15 PM – 4:45 PM	
4:45 PM – 5:20 PM	
5:20 PM – 5:30 PM	
4:15 PM – 5:00 PM	

5:00 PM - 6:00 PM	Women Physicians Discussion Group <i>Joanne Kaiser-Smith, DO, FACOI;</i> <i>Susan M. Enright, DO, FACOI;</i> <i>Amita Vasoya, DO, FACOI;</i> <i>Laura Rosch, DO, FACOI</i> <i>Valentina L. Stevenovich, DO</i> <i>Co-Moderators</i>	1:00 PM – 5:00 PM	Concurrent OPP/OMM/OMT Session Exploring the Role of OPP in Daily Patient Care: Common Inpatient and Outpatient Presentations <i>Robert A. Cain, DO, FACOI</i> <i>Annette T. Carron, DO, FACOI</i> <i>Co-Moderators with ACOI's Osteopathic Integration Task Force</i> (Limited Space, Sign-Up Requested)
5:30 PM - 7:30 PM	Alumni Receptions		
Friday, November 1, 2019			
7:00 AM - 8:00 AM	SUNRISE SESSIONS 1) 2018 AHA Stroke Guidelines – <i>Christopher Dietrich, DO</i> 2) Hospital Medicine Session – Electrolyte Replacement and Management: Finding the Balance <i>Mark D. Baldwin, DO, FACOI</i> 3) Estate Planning <i>Barbara L. Tesner, CFRE</i> 4) Investment Strategies <i>Anderson International</i>	1:00 PM - 2:45 PM	PLENARY SESSIONs (con't) – Allergy/Immunology <i>Julie Sterbank, DO, FACOI, Moderator</i>
		1:00 PM – 1:50 PM	Allergic Contact Dermatitis <i>Jonathan Horbal, DO, FACOI</i>
		1:50 PM – 2:40 PM	Update on Peanut Desensitization <i>Julie Sterbank, DO</i>
		2:40 PM – 2:45 PM	Q&A with Panel
		2:45 PM – 3:00 PM	BREAK
			PLENARY SESSION – Infectious Diseases <i>Mia A. Taormina, DO, FACOI, Moderator</i>
8:00 AM – 9:00 AM	PLENARY SESSION - KEYNOTE Physician Burnout: A Universal Concern <i>Humayun J. Chaudhry, DO, MACOI</i>	3:00 PM – 3:45 PM	Use of Chronic Antibiotics: What the Evidence Tells Us and What it Doesn't <i>Mia Taormina, DO, FACOI</i>
9:00 AM – 12:00 Noon	PLENARY SESSION – Pulmonary/Critical Care/ Sleep Medicine <i>Daniel L. Maxwell, DO, FACOI</i> <i>Amita Vasoya, DO, FACOI</i> <i>Co-Moderators</i>	3:45 PM – 4:30 PM	Overtreatment of Outpatient Infections <i>MarkAlan Dery, DO, FACOI</i>
9:00 AM – 9:40 AM	Evaluation of Insomnia <i>Carol E. Ash, DO, FACOI</i>	4:30 PM – 5:15 PM	Infectious Disease Then and Now: The Evolution of ID Strategies <i>Gerald W. Blackburn, DO, MACOI</i>
9:40 AM – 10:20 AM	Hypersomnic Disorders <i>Timothy J. Barreiro, DO, FACOI</i>	5:15 PM – 5:30 PM	Q&A with Panel
10:20 AM – 10:45 AM	EXHIBIT BREAK	6:00 PM - 7:30 PM	Convocation of Fellows and Reception
10:45 AM – 11:20 AM	Community Acquired Pneumonia <i>Daniel L. Maxwell, DO, FACOI</i>		
11:20 AM – 11:55 AM	Treatment Options for Patients with Chronic Obstructive Lung Disease Phenotype <i>Amita Vasoya, DO, FACOI</i>		
11:55 AM – 12 Noon	Q&A with Panel		
	Medical Educators Faculty Development – Special Sessions <i>Susan M. Enright, DO, FACOI, CEE Chai</i> <i>Joanne Kaiser-Smith, DO, FACOI, CEE Vice-Chair</i> <i>Jaclyn Cox, DO</i> <i>Brendan Kelley, DO, FACOI;</i> <i>Co-Moderators</i>		
9:00 AM – 12:00 Noon	Topics TBD <i>Speakers TBD</i>		
12:00 Noon - 1:00 PM	LUNCHEON SYMPOSIUM Topic TBD <i>Speaker TBD</i>		
		7:00 AM - 8:00 AM	Subspecialty Section Business Meetings Allergy <i>Julie Sterbank, DO, FACOI</i> Cardiology <i>Martin C. Burke, DO, FACOI</i> Hybrid Surgical and Catheter Ablation for Persistent A-Fib <i>L. Bing Liem, DO, FACOI</i> Endocrine <i>John R. Sutton, DO, FACOI</i> Gastroenterology <i>Jack D. Bragg, DO, MACOI</i> Geriatric Medicine <i>Annette T. Carron, DO, FACOI</i> Hematology/Oncology <i>Kevin P. Hubbard, DO, MACOI</i> Infectious Disease <i>MarkAlain Dery, DO, FACOI</i> Nephrology <i>Jeffery Packer, DO, FACOI</i> Nuclear Medicine <i>James C. Clouse, DO, FACOI</i>

7:00 AM - 8:00 AM	Palliative Medicine <i>Leonard Hock, DO, FACOI</i> Pulmonary/CCM/Sleep Medicine <i>Daniel L. Maxwell, DO, FACOI</i> Amita Vasoya, DO, FACOI Rheumatology <i>Keith A. Reich, DO, FACOI</i> SUNRISE SESSIONS 1) OMM Procedures at the Bedside in the Hospital <i>Antonios J. Tsompanidis, DO</i> 2) Washington Update <i>Timothy W. McNichol, JD</i>	1:00 PM – 2:00 PM 2:00 AM – 3:00 PM 3:00 AM – 4:00 PM 4:00 PM – 5:00 PM	Prevention of Medical Errors <i>Robert T. Hasty, DO, FACOI</i> AIDS/HIV <i>MarkAlain Dery, DO, FACOI</i> Human Trafficking <i>Rachel Robitz, MD</i> Domestic Violence – Speaker
8:00 AM – 8:45 AM	PLENARY SESSION - Nuclear Medicine <i>James C. Clouse, DO, MACOI, Moderator</i> Treatment of Neuroendocrine Tumors with LUTATHERA®, (LU 177 Dotatate) <i>Mark Tulchinsky, MD</i>	12:00 PM – 12:30 PM 12:30 PM – 4:00 PM	STUDENT SESSIONS (and Reception) <i>Robert G. Good, DO, FACOI, Moderator</i> Lunch Reception Student Sessions
8:45 AM – 9:45 AM	PLENARY SESSION – Minority Health Addressing the Impact of Mental Health Issues on the Underserved Population <i>Watson Ducatel, DO, FACOI</i> <i>Judith A. Lightfoot, DO, FACOI</i> Co-Moderators	12:15 PM - 1:15 PM 1:15 PM – 3:00 PM	LUNCHEON SYMPOSIUM Topic TBD <i>Speaker TBD</i> PLENARY SESSION (con't) - Nephrology <i>Jeffrey Packer, DO, FACOI, Moderator</i>
9:45 AM- 10:00 AM 10:00 AM – 11:30 AM	BREAK PLENARY SESSION – Geriatric Medicine <i>Annette T. Carron, DO, FACOI, Moderator</i>	1:15 PM – 1:50 PM 1:50 PM – 2:20 PM	Latest Research into the Treatment of Renal Disease <i>Peter Kotanko, MD</i> Research into Best Practices – New Ideas <i>David Kisor, BS, PharmD</i>
10:00 AM - 10:45 AM	Dementia DX and TX <i>Jonathan E. Beaulac, DO</i>	2:20 PM – 2:50 PM	Bias: How Preconceived Notions Affect Delivery of Care <i>Jonathan Suarez, MD</i>
10:45 AM – 11:30 AM	Managing Inpatient and Outpatient Depression in the Elderly Patient <i>Jonathan E. Beaulac, DO</i>	2:50 PM – 3:00 PM 3:00 PM - 3:15 PM 3:15 PM - 5:15 PM	Q&A with Panel BREAK PLENARY SESSION – Hematology/Oncology <i>Kevin P. Hubbard, DO, MACOI, Moderator</i>
11:30 AM – 12:15 PM	PLENARY SESSION – Palliative Care Medicine <i>Leonard R. Hock, DO, Moderator</i>	3:15 PM – 4:15 PM	Are We Really Addressing Hypercoagulability <i>Christopher G. Jordan, DO, FACOI</i>
11:30 AM – 12:10 PM	Physician Assisted Suicide – Point/Counterpoint <i>Karen J. Nichols, DO, MACOI</i> <i>Leonard R. Hock, DO, MACOI</i>	4:15 PM – 5:15 PM	Prostate Cancer Screening: What Do You Think, Doc? <i>Katie Murray, DO</i>
12:10 PM – 12:15 PM	Q&A with Panel	5:15 PM – 5:30 PM	Q&A with Panel
7:00 AM – 12:15 PM	BREAKOUT SPECIAL SESSIONS State Licensure Requirements <i>Annette T. Carron, DO, FACOI, Moderator</i>	Sunday, November 3, 2019	
7:00 AM – 8:00 AM	Rules and Regulations <i>Speaker TBD</i>	7:00 AM – 9:00 AM	REMS SESSION Pain Management & Opioids: Balancing Risks and Benefits <i>John Manfredonia, DO</i>
8:00 AM – 10:00 AM	Prescribing Controlled Substances Update <i>Joshua Lenchus, DO</i>	9:00 AM – 9:15 AM	Memorial Address <i>Martin C. Burke, DO, FACOI</i>
10:00 AM – 10:15 AM 10:15 AM – 12:15 PM	BREAK Ethics <i>Mitchell D. Forman, DO, FACOI & W. Donald Havens, MD, JD</i>	9:15 AM - 10:00 AM 10:00 AM	Annual Meeting of Members Convention Concludes
12:15 PM – 1:00 PM 1:00 PM – 5:00 PM	Lunch Break State Licensure Requirements <i>C. Clark Milton, DO, FACOI, Moderator</i>	*Schedule subject to change	

CME CALENDAR

Future ACOI Education Meeting Dates & Locations

NATIONAL MEETINGS

- 2019 Annual Convention & Scientific Sessions
Oct 30- Nov 3 JW Marriott Desert Ridge Resort & Spa, Phoenix, AZ
- 2020 Internal Medicine Board Review Course - April 29-May 3
- 2020 Clinical Challenges for Hospitalists - April 30-May 3
- 2020 Exploring New Science in Cardiovascular Medicine - May 1-3
- 2020 Congress on Medical Education for Residency Trainers - May 1-2
Renaissance Orlando at Sea World Resort, Orlando, FL
- 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
- 2022 Annual Convention and Scientific Sessions
Oct 19-23 Baltimore Marriott Waterfront Hotel, Baltimore, MD
- 2023 Annual Convention and Scientific Sessions
Oct 11-15 Tampa Marriott Waterside Hotel, Tampa, FL
- 2024 Annual Convention and Scientific Sessions
Oct 9-13 Kierland Resort, Phoenix, AZ

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

Information on any meeting listed here may be obtained from ACOI Headquarters at 800 327-5183 or from our website at www.acoi.org.

2019 Certifying Examination Dates & Deadlines

Internal Medicine Certifying Examination

Computerized Examination 300 Sites Nationwide

September 3-5, 2019 - *Application Deadline: Expired- Late Deadline: Expired*

Internal Medicine Recertifying Examination

Computerized Examination 300 Sites Nationwide

September 3-5, 2019 - *Application Deadline: Expired- Late Deadline: Expired*

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

Computerized Examination 300 Sites Nationwide

September 3-5, 2019 - *Application Deadline: Expired- Late Deadline: Expired*

Subspecialty Certifying Examinations

Computerized Examination 300 Sites Nationwide

August 22-24, 2019 - *Application Deadline: Expired- Late 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 22-24, 2019 - *Application Deadline: Expired- Late 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

Advanced Heart Failure and Transplant Cardiology Certifying Examination

Computerized Examination 300 Sites Nationwide

November 13-15, 2019 - *Application Deadline: Sept 13, 2019 - Late Deadline: Oct 13, 2019*

Further information and application materials are available by contacting Daniel Hart, AOBIM Director of Certification at admin@aobim.org; 312 202-8274.

Contact the AOBIM at admin@aobim.org for deadlines and dates for the Allergy, Sports Medicine, Pain Medicine, Undersea/Hyperbaric Medicine and Correctional Medicine examinations.

In Memoriam

Word has been received of the death of **Dennis Jay McClary, DO, FACOI**, of Tulsa, OK, on April 13, 2019. He was 60 years old. A 1986 graduate of the Oklahoma College of Osteopathic Medicine, Dr. McClary completed his internal medicine residency at OSU Medical Center and was certified by the AOBIM in 1991. He was an Active ACOI member from 1995 until the time of his death. He became an ACOI Fellow in 2002.

Member Milestone

Ray Page, DO PhD, of Fort Worth, TX, was recently recognized as a Fellow of the American Society of Clinical Oncology (ASCO). He was also named ASCO Advocate of Year, and is a mentor for ASCO's newly-developed Healthcare Policy Fellowship Program. Dr. Page is President and Research Director at The Center for Cancer and Blood Disorders in Fort Worth. He completed the ACOI-University of Texas at Dallas Health Policy Certificate Program in Healthcare Leadership and Management in 2013 and also serves as an ASCO delegate to the AMA.



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