

From President Carron A Good Team



“The most valuable player is the one who makes the most players valuable.”

-Peyton Manning

Fall has always been my favorite time of year. I love football,

sweatshirt weather and the change of the leaves in Michigan is one of the most beautiful sights you could ever see.

Being a lifelong Detroit, I am a long-suffering Detroit Lions fan. My husband and I have had season tickets for more than 20 years. Each new season begins with hope of more wins than losses, fewer penalties and maybe, just maybe, a playoff game. Yet each year the disappointment seems more profound. There is a saying in Detroit in the fall – “SOL- Same old Lions.” I spent the day Sunday cheering, praying and eventually just sad. The Lions lose again.

You may have heard another saying – “Detroit vs. everybody.” Our city is making a great comeback and we have had to overcome many naysayers. Yesterday, at the game many fans were wearing shirts that said “Detroit vs the Refs.” In our game against the Green

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Karen Nichols, DO Named Chair-Elect of the ACGME Board of Directors



The Board of Directors for the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME) announced that ACOI and AOA Past President **Karen J. Nichols, DO, MACOI**, is its new chair-elect.

Dr. Nichols will continue to serve on the ACGME’s Executive Committee, remain the chair of the Governance Committee and serve as a member of the standing committees for education, policy and monitoring. She was the ACGME Board’s Vice Chair last year.

Dr. Nichols practiced general internal medicine and geriatrics in Mesa, Arizona before serving as dean of Midwestern University Chicago College of Osteopathic Medicine from 2002-

2018. During her time in Arizona, she was assistant dean, post-doctoral education and division director, internal medicine, at the Midwestern University Arizona College of Osteopathic Medicine.

A graduate of the Kansas City University College of Osteopathic Medicine (KCU-COM), she also holds a master’s degree in management with a specialty in health care administration from Central Michigan University.

Dr. Nichols was the first woman to serve as president of the ACOI, the AOA, and the Arizona Osteopathic Medical Association.

Volunteer for an ACOI Committee

Volunteers are needed for a variety of ACOI committees, councils and task forces. Appointments will be made in January by 2019-20 President **Samuel K. Snyder, DO**, and the Board of Directors. Those interested in serving should send an email to Executive Director Brian J. Donadio (bjd@acoi.org) listing the position(s) of interest and a brief statement of qualifications. More information on the committees and the appointment process can be found on the ACOI website, www.acoi.org.

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2019 Convention Registration Open

Registration information included in this issue, or 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:

LEADERSHIP for the advancement of osteopathic medicine

EXCELLENCE in programs and services

INTEGRITY in decision-making and actions

PROFESSIONALISM in all interactions

SERVICE to meet member needs

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Letter from the President

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Bay Packers last week, we had some very tough calls not go our way, resulting in fans posting the billboard below all over the city (the cheese hat is the classic Packers fan paraphernalia):



My sister and I went to the post-game live radio show after the game. One of the announcers was wearing Packers' colors, and when we all complained, he said, "My bad," yet wouldn't take his jacket off. One of the players came to be interviewed, stayed three minutes, refused to sign any autographs and snuck out the back. When walking out of the stadium, we ran into a large group of security officers who insisted we had to

go out one door, the furthest from where we parked. They insisted we were some of the last people in the stadium, despite us telling them there were close to 50 fans still at the radio broadcast. All I could think of is maybe this is why the Lions last championship was in 1957. No one in Detroit seems to have the answer for why. But living it as a fan, I see a very poorly run organization: poor communication; no accountability; not caring about the fans. No one in charge seems to get any respect; no one is really overseeing the whole thing with an expectation of success in every aspect. I can only imagine the character flaws I see in the organization spill over to the field.

I have felt some of the same feelings over the last year as President of the ACOI when working with the AOA: poor communication with affiliates; not caring about the member; no expectation of success for the profession as a whole, just themselves as individuals. We have worked hard at the ACOI to define a new future for our organization and the Osteopathic profession. Come to our website, a meeting, or email us to see what is happening!

There are lots of good things this fall for ACOI. Our Convention is next week in Phoenix. Many new fellowships will be awarded; there will be lots of take-home info in the lectures and we will roll out our new message:

"It's always been within you."

We also will initiate a new fundraising campaign to raise money for our very successful Visiting Professor Program with matching funds provided by the Board of Directors. Speaking to our students as a visiting professor about staying in the profession after they graduate is one of the most rewarding things I have done. The students are grateful to be in an Osteopathic school. The amazing growth in the number of campuses makes it essential that we be able to expand this important program.

More of our message: "Stay true to why you pursued medicine."

Here at the ACOI we are a team; we communicate, care about the individual member, and do what we say we are going to do.

As I eternally debate whether to renew my Lions seasons tickets, I'm glad to have the ACOI as family to "fill my cup" back up!

"If service is beneath you, then leadership is beyond you."

ACOI is here to serve you.

Annette Carron, DO, FACOI

ACOI President



government RELATIONS

Timothy McNichol, JD

Impact of Full ACA Repeal Highlighted in New Report

A new report recently released by the Kaiser Family Foundation found that 27 percent (54 million) of adults in the US under the age of 65 have preexisting conditions. Due to provisions contained in the Affordable Care Act (ACA), private insurers are not permitted to deny coverage or increase costs to those with preexisting conditions. A case currently before the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals (Texas v. United States), and previously reported upon, could affirm a lower court decision striking down the ACA in its entirety. As a result, the final adjudication of the case could result in the health insurance coverage of nearly 54 million Americans put at risk. Regardless of the Fifth Circuit Court's ruling, it is likely the current case will be appealed to the US Supreme Court with arguments taking place as early as 2020. The Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals is expected to rule this month. The ACOI will continue to monitor this matter closely as it could significantly impact both physicians and the patients for whom they provide care.

NIH Directs Funds to Fight Opioid Crisis

According to the National Institutes of Health (NIH), it awarded nearly \$1 billion in grants, contracts, and cooperative agreements to battle the ongoing opioid crisis in fiscal year 2019. The NIH reported that funding was provided through the Helping to End Addiction Long-term Initiative (NIH HEAL). The initiative is intended to leverage expertise across the multitude of institutes that comprise NIH. Efforts are directed at better understanding pain and treatment options from across all disciplines. According to a statement released by NIH Director Francis S. Collins, MD, PhD, "It's clear that a multi-pronged scientific approach is needed to reduce the risks of opioids, accelerate development of effective non-opioid therapy for pain and provide more flexible and effective options for treating addictions to opioids." You can learn more about the HEAL Initiative by visiting www.nih.gov.

Executive Order on Medicare Signed

President Trump recently signed an executive order (EO) directing the Secretary of Health and Human Services (HHS) to propose and implement actions designed to strengthen the Medicare Advantage (MA) program through more diverse and affordable plan choices. The Secretary is tasked with fulfilling the goals established by the EO within one-year. The order directs the Secretary to identify and advance reforms that encourage the development of new MA benefit structures, encourages the use of Medicare Medical Savings Accounts, and implements payment models that allow beneficiaries to benefit from shared savings, among other things. The far-reaching EO is consistent with the Administration's ongoing efforts to reduce regulatory burdens within the Medicare program. The ACOI will closely monitor any regulations or legislation resulting from the President's directive. You can read the executive order in its entirety by visiting www.whitehouse.gov.

ACOs Show Savings

According to a report recently released by CMS, the Medicare Shared Savings Program created \$739.4 million in net savings in 2018. The savings occurred over 548 Accountable Care Organizations (ACOs). CMS administrator Seema Verma credited the success of the program to recently-implemented requirements that ACOs more quickly assume some of the risk within the savings program. According to CMS, 93 percent of eligible ACOs earned quality improvement reward payments in 2018. The greatest improvements were seen in preventive health measures.

National Influenza Vaccine Task Force Created

President Trump recently issued an EO establishing the National Influenza Vaccine Task Force. The Task Force will be co-chaired by the Secretary of Defense and the Secretary of Health and Human Services. The Task Force will have 120 days to submit a report identifying a five-year national plan to promote the use of more agile and scalable vaccine manufacturing technologies. Accelerated development of vaccines that protect against many or all influenza viruses, as well as estimating the cost of expanding and diversifying domestic vaccine manufacturing, is included in the directives set forth in the EO. You can review the full order at www.whitehouse.gov.

Washington Tidbits

The Letter that Changed the Face of History

As the race for the White House begins to unfold, uncertainly will reign supreme. Could one little girl change the face of our Nation? It has happened before!

On October 15, 11-year old Grace Bedell wrote a letter imploring a Republican presidential candidate to grow a beard. "I have got 4 brother's and part of them will vote for you any way and if you will let your whiskers grow I will try and get the rest of them to vote for you you would look a great deal better for your face is so thin," she wrote. Grace went on to write, "All the ladies like whiskers and they would tease their husband's to vote for you and then you would be President." The candidate responded to Grace's letter on October 19 expressing some reservations stating, "As to the whiskers, having never worn any, do you not think people would call it a piece of silly affectation if I were to begin now?" On his way to Washington, DC, the one-time candidate made his train stop in Fredonia, New York, not far from the home of Grace, so that he could meet her. The now bearded Abraham Lincoln met Ms. Bedell and gave her a kiss on the cheek. Little Grace Bedell just may have changed the face of history!



coding CORNER

Jill M. Young, CPC, CEDC, CIMC

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“Due to” Documentation

There are many codes in the ICD-10-CM book that include words such as “due to” or “in conditions classified elsewhere” in the text of the listing. When the code you are selecting for a patient encounter leads you to select a code with a listing such as this, two codes are often needed. Unfortunately, current electronic medical record software systems do not alert the user to the need for a second code unless it is in the descriptor for the first selected code. This is especially problematic because of the code set rules HIPAA requires us to follow. As a result of this omission, providers are handicapped in their efforts to accurately document and code for a patient’s condition. While coding edits are starting to “catch” the claim for those services being processed when secondary codes and guidelines are not being followed, the time for change is now.

The ICD-10-CM guidelines state:

Certain conditions have both an underlying etiology and multiple body system manifestations due to the underlying etiology. For such conditions, the ICD-10-CM has a coding convention that requires the underlying condition be sequenced first, if applicable, followed by the manifestation. Wherever such a combination exists, there is a “use additional code” note at the etiology code, and a “code first” note at the manifestation code. These instructional notes indicate the proper sequencing order of the codes, etiology followed by manifestation.

As evidenced by the above passage, coding guidelines direct you to select another code for that “due to” or “underlying condition” to accurately reflect a patient’s illness. Guidance is frequently given within the code information in the coding book on the sequencing of the two codes. This information is crucial in reflecting the patient’s true condition. Sometimes the code informs you of the other specific diagnosis, e.g. pathologic fracture due to osteoporosis. Other codes simply list “due to injury” or “due to drugs,” e.g. secondary diabetes, due to drugs. For these codes, your documentation and coding need to reflect the injury or the drug. Relationships between conditions sometimes result in one code, but it is the information documented by the provider that indicates when those codes are appropriate.

These coding guidelines are especially important for HCC (Hierarchal Condition Coding) purposes. If you show your sick patients as sick, as I often say, then the documentation needs to reflect any diagnoses for that patient encounter, along with co-morbidities, and any relationship between the diagnostic words. All this information is intended to help you properly document and code for the illness or injury of the patient at the appropriate level of severity in a compliant and concise manner. As a first step, I encourage you to ask your coder to run a report of codes you use to see if you included the necessary secondary information.

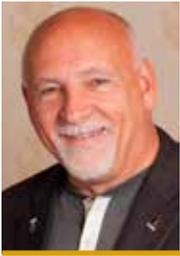
Renew Your Membership and Receive a \$50 Education Credit!

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.

Resources Available for ACGME Osteopathic Recognition

As part of the College’s ongoing effort to assist all internal medicine residency programs complete the transition to ACGME accreditation and achieve Osteopathic Recognition, ACOI is pleased to announce the development of an Osteopathic Recognition (OR) Tool Box.

The toolbox includes numerous resources that will help programs through the process. The resources in the tool box may be accessed by [here](#).



talking science & education

Donald S. Nelinson, PhD

Greetings colleagues and welcome to the October issue of Talking Science and Education. Gadzooks but it's cold here in Vermont! The leaves are gone, below freezing temperatures at night and I am looking forward to seeing many of you at the ACOI Annual Convention and Scientific Sessions in warm Phoenix, AZ on October 30-November 3.

Last month we noted that in the 2018 population health survey (United Health Foundation), cancer death rates showed mixed results. Since 1990 cancer deaths have decreased by 5%, however cancer death rates have increased. We asked in how many states have cancer death rates increased?

Nicole Longo, DO, FACOI from the Med Learning Group was the first respondent with the correct answer. As we reported, since 1990, cancer deaths significantly have dropped 5% nationally from 199.0 to 189.8 deaths and decreased significantly in 19 states and the District of Columbia. However, over the same period, cancer death rates have increased significantly in 12 states and not changed in 19 states.

Congratulations Nicole! I invite you all to test your population health knowledge with this month's question.

Cardiovascular death rates continue to move in the wrong direction. Since 2015, cardiovascular deaths have significantly increased by what percent?

- A. 20%
- B. 8%
- C. 2%
- D. 15%

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

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

Talking Education ACOI in Phoenix!

This month I wanted to encourage everyone to attend the premiere osteopathic medical education event of the year: ACOI's Annual Convention and Scientific Sessions. With a multitude of clinically-relevant presentations, an intensive half-day OPP/OMM session, and a discussion of late-breaking cardiovascular research, the meeting is guaranteed to provide a meaningful educational experience. I certainly don't want to miss an opportunity for shameless self-promotion, so I invite all my medical educator colleagues to attend my session entitled The Art and Science of Quality CME Presentations: Creating Impact and Driving Outcomes on Thursday morning October 31, from 7:00-8:00 AM.

Diabetes Dialogues

Multifactorial diabetes intervention reduces long-term HbA1c, BP more effectively than standard care

Adults with type 2 diabetes who took part in a multifactorial intervention that included structured education had their long-term measures of HbA1c, blood pressure and coronary heart disease risk lowered more substantially than those

who received the current standard of medical care, according to findings published in *Diabetic Medicine*¹.

In recent years, the management of type 2 diabetes has moved away from a one-dimensional, biomedical approach to individualized, targeted, multifactorial care with self-management education. Melanie J. Davies, CBE, MB, ChB, MD, FRCP, FRCGP, professor of diabetes medicine in the Diabetes Research Centre and department of health sciences at the University of Leicester and Leicester General Hospital in the U.K., and colleagues wrote: "Structured self-management education programs are vital because they empower individuals to learn more about their own long-term condition [and] facilitate skills-based learning and decision support."

Davies and colleagues analyzed 4-year data from 130 participants in the Microalbuminuria Education and Medication Optimisation (MEMO) study. Researchers originally randomly assigned participants to an 18-month intensive intervention or standard care. The intervention incorporated the Diabetes Education and Self-Management for Ongoing Newly Diagnosed (DESMOND) program and included group and personal sessions that provided education on optimal self-care practices and individualized targets for HbA1c, cholesterol and blood pressure. Davies and colleagues' analysis included 70 intervention participants (mean age, 60.8 years; 20% women) and 60 participants who received standard care (mean age, 60.7 years; 23.3% women). Davies and colleagues measured HbA1c, BP, total cholesterol, triglycerides, LDL cholesterol, HDL cholesterol, estimated glomerular filtration rate and calculated CHD and stroke risk annually.

At 4 years, compared with the standard care group, participants

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in the intervention group had their HbA1c reduced from baseline by a mean of 2.88 mmol/mol or 0.39% more ($P = .01$), their systolic BP reduced by a mean of 7.3 mm Hg more ($P < .0001$) and their diastolic BP reduced by a mean of 2.85 mm Hg more ($P = .03$). Participants in the intervention group also had their total cholesterol and LDL cholesterol reduced from baseline by a mean of 0.32 mmol/L more ($P = .002$) and 0.33 mmol/L ($P < .001$) more, respectively, than the those in the standard care group at 4 years. In addition, participants in the intervention had their 10-year CHD risk score reduced from baseline by a mean of 5.31 more points ($P < .001$) and their 10-year stroke risk score reduced by 4.41 more points ($P = .01$) than those in the standard care group.

The researchers noted that participants who received the intervention experienced a mean of 28 moderate hypoglycemic events while those who received standard care experienced nine such events ($P = .01$).

Although structured education has proven value, the MEMO study based on the DESMOND philosophy and principles of structured self-management education and patient empowerment is the first intervention to show that structured education alongside medication optimization offers cardiometabolic risk factor benefits and long-term reductions in cardiovascular risk. This study adds to the body of evidence and suggests that a comprehensive multifactorial care intervention with structured self-management education is beneficial even in people with established type 2 diabetes.

¹ Crasto W, et al. Diabet Med. 2019;doi:10.1111/dme.14134.

Bylaws Amendments Proposed

The Board of Directors of the American College of Osteopathic Internists has proposed amendments to the ACOI's Bylaws. The proposed amendments expand the applicability of codes of ethics and professionalism to ACOI members and clarify the application of codes of ethics and professionalism to Fellows, Master Fellows and Honorary Fellows.

The proposed amendments will be considered during the Annual Meeting of Members scheduled for Sunday, November 3, 2019 at the JW Marriott Desert Ridge Resort and Spa, 5350 East Marriott Drive, Phoenix, Arizona.

The proposed amendments to the Bylaws appear on Page 7 of this newsletter.

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NOTICE OF AMENDMENT TO ACOI BYLAWS

The Board of Directors of the American College of Osteopathic Internists, Inc. (ACOI) has proposed amendments to the ACOI's bylaws. The proposed amendments will be considered during the Annual Meeting of Members scheduled for Sunday, November 3, 2019 at the JW Marriott Desert Ridge Resort and Spa, 5350 East Marriott Drive, Phoenix, Arizona.

The proposed amendments expand the applicability of codes of ethics and professionalism to ACOI members and clarify the application of **codes of ethics and professionalism to Fellows, Master Fellows and Honorary Fellows**. **The proposed amendments to the Bylaws are underlined, italicized and appear in bold below:**

ARTICLE II: MEMBERSHIP

Section 2. Active Members. Active membership in the College shall be available to physicians who possess the United States degree of Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine (DO), or Doctor of Medicine (MD) (or a recognized international equivalent), and who:

1. Possess a valid license to practice in the state in which they practice;
2. Are of good moral character and conform with the Code of Ethics of the American Osteopathic Association **and other applicable codes of ethics and professionalism as determined by the Board of Directors;**

ARTICLE III: FELLOWS, MASTER FELLOWS AND HONORARY FELLOWS

Section 1. Requirements for the Degree of Fellow. The Board of Directors may award the title of "Fellow" to one who meets the following requirements:

1. Certification by the American Osteopathic Board of Internal Medicine or the American Board of Internal Medicine;
2. Active ACOI, Inc., membership in good standing for the two-year period preceding nomination;
3. Possession of active medical license in good standing;
4. Demonstration of continuing professional accomplishments and scholarship;
5. Documentation of continuing professional activities, which may include teaching, membership and service to regional and national professional organizations, hospital committee work, research, participation as both teacher and student in continuing medical education activities, significant achievement in the practice of osteopathic medicine and service to the public and community.

To be considered, a candidate must be nominated by a fellow of the ACOI, Inc. and endorsed by a second physician colleague, who may or may not be a fellow of the ACOI. The primary proposer must submit a substantive letter addressing the character, ethics, **professionalism** and professional achievements of the candidate, including contributions in clinical, teaching or research areas. The letter must make specific reference to the above-listed criteria and describe those attributes and activities which make the candidate deserving of this honor. The secondary endorser must attest to these attributes and activities by signature on the nomination form.

Section 3. Honorary Fellows. The Board of Directors may by unanimous vote award the title of Honorary Fellow to individuals manifesting exceptional concern, skill or ability in areas related to health, education, and public welfare. **The Board of Directors may by unanimous vote rescind the title of Honorary Fellow for cause.**

Explanatory Statement—For many years, ACOI members have been expected to comply with the Code of Ethics of the American Osteopathic Association. A review of that document by the Board of Directors found that it does not address many of the ethical questions arising today. The Board proposes this amendment to the Bylaws to allow for consideration of other applicable codes of ethics in cases where the AOA Code of Ethics is silent.

The current ACOI Bylaws are available at <https://www.acoi.org/about-acoi/bylaws>.

ACOI Board Issues a \$30,000 Challenge to Launch New Fundraising Campaign so Future Generations Can Carry on our Osteopathic Traditions and Practices

WHY – Due to the need for the kind of Principle-Centered Medicine that our members provide, ACOI introduces osteopathic medical students to our community and the vibrant career opportunities available in our specialty through our Visiting Professor Program and at the Annual Convention. Both of these programs are supported by our Generational Advancement Fund (GAF).

THE NEED

- Increase the number of Visiting Professor Programs from 25 to 40 per year at the 53 (and growing) osteopathic college campuses. Note: There were only 11 osteopathic medical schools in 1995 when the Visiting Professor Program started.
- Encourage 25 or more Internal Medicine Clubs to send their student leaders to the Annual Convention.

WHAT ACOI DOES – ACOI arranges and pays travel costs for an internal medicine role model speaker; provides a grant to the student club for refreshments; and supplies ACOI mementos for student attendees (approximately \$1000 per program). To assist Internal Medicine Club student leaders to attend the ACOI Annual Convention, the annual registration fee is waived and each club receives a \$1000 grant to cover travel and other expenses.

READ THE THANKS OF A STUDENT LEADER:

“I want to say thank you to those ACOI members who provide financial support that benefits students. The Visiting Professor Program is an awesome program that makes such a difference for students because these sessions give us a glimpse of our futures. I encourage members to continue contributing to the Generational Advancement Fund.” Alli Dews, Liberty University College of Osteopathic Medicine (LUCOM) 2018-2019 President, SOIMA

ANNUAL GAF FUNDRAISING GOAL: \$65,000

HOW YOU CAN HELP US MEET THE BOARD GAF CHALLENGE

– New and increased gifts to GAF will be matched dollar for dollar!

- Make a gift in honor or memory of someone who is or was important to your medical training and career.
- Become a member of the Sustainers Club which recognizes monthly donors. Keep in mind that \$83.33 a month is a \$1000 annual gift.
- Join the 75th Anniversary Circle with a gift or pledge of \$1000 and be recognized with an engraved leaf on the 75th Anniversary Circle Tree in the ACOI lobby.

THE ACOI BOARD OF DIRECTORS’ CHALLENGE CAN BE MET WITH YOUR SUPPORT!

Please stop at the Annual Convention Development Table in Phoenix or make a gift on the ACOI website.

Remember, your gift is tax-deductible to the full extent allowed by law.

Join the New Sustainers Club Today

The College is pleased to recognize the following members of our new Sustainers Club:

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Tower Health has joined forces with Drexel University to build an additional location for the university's College of Medicine in West Reading, less than one mile from the Reading Hospital campus. This collaboration will bring undergraduate and graduate clinical education and research to a single campus.

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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.

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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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 will 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 patient-centered care that you have built a career providing.

Stop by the Development Table at the Annual Convention in Phoenix 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. You can also contact Brian Donadio via email at bjd@acoi.org or call 301-231-8877 to let us know how and when to contact you.

Legacy Society Charter Members

Dr. Jack and Jocelyn Bragg

Dr. John and
Dr. Michelle Bulger

Dr. Mathew and
Marbree Hardee

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During the Annual Convention in Phoenix

**“Mindful Estate Planning” -
SUNRISE SESSION 7 AM , Friday, November 1**



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Estate Planning is not typically a priority on most individual’s “To Do List.” And the title of our ACOI Convention session – Estate Planning – is not very exciting. That said, you are invited to take a moment to consider this thought:

“You want to take care of people, but also the causes in life you care about.”

In this sunrise session, Barbara L. Tesner, CFRE, will provide you with the opportunity to view charitable gift planning through a new lens. It’s not just about calculating how much to give.

This session will begin with a brief exercise to engage you to think about estate planning in a new way.

After the exercise, the Art of Gift Planning will be discussed, including an overview of charitable gift planning options and vehicles:

- * What should I give? * How should I give? * When should I give? *

In general, the Session Objectives are:

- 1) Learn the elements of effective gift planning;
- 2) Understand ways to “Gain through Giving”;
- 3) Be inspired with a fresh perspective on estate planning.

Please join us for this session if you want to take care of people, but also the causes in life you care about.

SUNRISE SESSION 7- 8 AM, Friday, November 1, 2019 – Grand Canyon Ballroom 4.



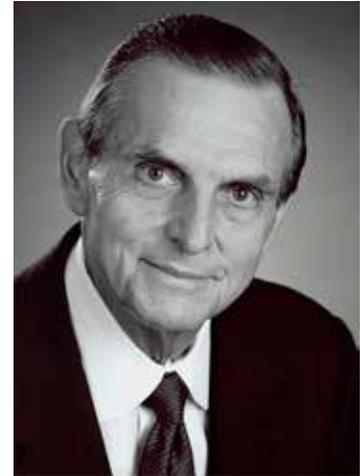
New Members Welcomed

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.

Vincent Ciampa, DO
Clinton Dunkle, DO
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Whitney Krolkowski, DO
Melissa Kuehl, DO
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Amy O’Neil, DO
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In Memoriam



Word has been received of the death of **Douglas L. Wood, DO, PhD, FACOI**, of Annapolis, MD. He passed away on October 6 at the age of 80. Dr. Wood was a board-certified internist and nephrologist who spent most of his career in education. After practicing as a nephrologist in Michigan, he served as Dean of the Michigan State University College of Osteopathic Medicine from 1991-95, following which he became the first DO to serve in the role of President and CEO of the American Association of Colleges of Osteopathic Medicine. He held that position for 10 years, during which he was appointed to represent the osteopathic profession on the federal Council on Graduate Medical Education.

After leaving AACOM, Dr. Wood became the founding Dean at the AT Still University School of Osteopathic Medicine in Arizona, where he eventually assumed the role of Provost. He moved from there to serve as Dean of the College of Osteopathic Medicine and Vice President for Health Affairs at the University of New England College of Osteopathic Medicine from 2010-16.

Dr. Wood was an Active member of the ACOI from 1972 until the time of his death. He was awarded the degree of Fellow in 1989.



REGISTRATION INFORMATION

EDUCATION SESSION FEES

Fees for the 2019 education sessions are based on ACOI membership status and length of time in practice. Active members (training completed prior to 6/30/14) pay \$795; Young Internists (training completed 7/01/14 or later) pay \$645; Emeritus and Retired members pay \$645; Residents and Fellows pay \$295 (\$195 for Research Contest entrants). Non-member Physicians pay \$995; Non-Physician Health Care Professionals may register for the ACOI member rate of \$795. There is no charge for students. Spouse/guest registration is \$125. **These fees include a \$50 early registration discount, which applies until October 9, 2019. 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 JW Marriott Desert Ridge is the headquarters hotel for the 2019 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 **October 9, 2019**. Reservation information is available by calling 1-800-835-6206; or visit <https://book.passkey.com/go/ACOI2019>.

PAYMENT INFORMATION

You may register online, by mail or fax for the 2019 ACOI Annual Convention and Scientific Sessions. Secure online registration is available through the ACOI website. Visit www.acoi.org and click on the convention registration link on the home page. You may also use the registration form in the Convention Packet to register by mail or fax. Payment may be by check payable to ACOI or charged on VISA or Mastercard. Complete the required information on the white Registration Form and return it to the ACOI at the address listed on the form.

CANCELLATION POLICY

Please note that refund requests must be made in writing to ACOI prior to **October 9, 2019**. **No refunds will be made after October 9, 2019, 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.



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REGISTRATION CATEGORY (please check appropriate box(es))	ON/BEFORE OCT 9	AFTER OCT 9
<input type="checkbox"/> ACOI Member (Training completed PRIOR to 6/30/2014).....	\$795.....	\$845
<input type="checkbox"/> ACOI Young Internist Member (Training completed AFTER 7/01/2014)	\$645.....	\$695
<input type="checkbox"/> ACOI Retired/Emeritus Member	\$645.....	\$695
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<input type="checkbox"/> Resident/Fellow (List Training Institution).....	\$295.....	\$345
<input type="checkbox"/> Resident/Fellow Displaying a Poster (List Training Institution).....	\$195.....	\$245
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<input type="checkbox"/> Non-Physician Health Care Professional (RN, PhD, RD, etc.).....	\$795.....	\$845
<input type="checkbox"/> State Licensure Requirements - Saturday, Nov. 2 7:00 am - 5:00 pm This fee applies ONLY if you do not register for full Convention	\$295.....	\$345
<input type="checkbox"/> Spouse/Guest Registration	\$125.....	\$175

Spouse/Guest registration includes entry to the education sessions, daily continental breakfast, and all social events, including one ticket to the Opening Reception.

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

- Wednesday, Oct. 30 - Noon - 1:00 pm Luncheon..... N/C
- Wednesday, Oct. 30 - 6:00 pm Welcome Reception..... N/C
- Thursday, Oct. 31 - 12:15 pm - 1:15 pm Luncheon..... N/C
- Thursday, Oct. 31 - 5:30-7:30 pm Alumni Receptions (Please check the appropriate box below)..... N/C
 - A.T. Still University of Health Sciences BEAUMONT/BOTSFORD DMUCOM Midwestern Univ/CCOM/AZCOM KCUMB LMU-DCOM MSUCOM ROWAN OU-HCOM
- Friday, Nov. 1 - 6:45 am Fun Run..... N/C
- Friday, Nov. 1 - Noon - 1:00 pm Luncheon:..... N/C
- Friday, Nov. 1 - 1:00 - 5:00 pm OPP/OMM/OMT Session (Open to the first 25 attendees)..... N/C
- Saturday, Nov. 2 - 12:15 - 1:15 pm Luncheon:..... N/C

OFF-SITE ACTIVITIES

- Thursday, Oct. 31 8-11 am Horseback Riding \$145
- Thursday, Oct. 31 1-4 pm Aquarium Tour \$110
- Friday, Nov. 1 5:30-10 am Hot Air Ballooning \$325
- Friday, Nov. 1 1-3:30 pm Music To My Ears \$100
- Saturday, Nov. 2 9 am - 12 pm Art & Architecture Tour..... \$115
- Saturday, Nov. 2 1-4 pm Scottsdale Shopping \$ 60
- Saturday, Nov 2 1-6 pm - ACOI Golf Outing, \$125

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 Wildfire Golf Course.

- PLEASE NOTE: Check here if you plan to stay at the JW Marriott Desert Ridge. (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/ACOI2019>)
- SPECIAL NEEDS: In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, every effort has been made to make this conference and activities accessible to people of all capabilities. Please list specific special assistance needed, or any dietary restrictions, or contact Susan Stacy at susan@acoi.org, 301 231-8877.

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

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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:
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**Your donation to GAF may qualify as a tax deductible charitable contribution.
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TOTAL FEES ENCLOSED.....\$ _____
 Online registration for the JW Marriott Desert Ridge is available by visiting <https://book.passkey.com/go/ACOI2019>

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NOTE: All registrations must be accompanied by a check for payment in full or appropriate credit card information. A processing fee of \$100 will be charged for cancellations received at any time. In order to obtain a refund, written cancellations must be received by October 9, 2019. No refunds will be made after that date, but registration fees may be applied to a future ACOI education activity.

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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.

2020 Certifying Examination Dates & Deadlines

APPLICATIONS OPEN MARCH 1, 2020

Internal Medicine Certifying Examination

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September 1-3, 2020 - *Application Deadline: July 1- Late Deadline: Aug 1*

Internal Medicine Recertifying Examination

Computerized Examination 300 Sites Nationwide

September 1-3, 2020 - *Application Deadline: July 1- Late Deadline: Aug 1*

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

Computerized Examination 300 Sites Nationwide

September 1-3, 2020 - *Application Deadline: July 1- Late Deadline: Aug 1*

Subspecialty Certifying Examinations

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August 18-20, 2020 - *Application Deadline: July 1- Late Deadline: Aug 1*

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

Subspecialty Recertifying Examinations

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August 18-20, 2020 - *Application Deadline: July 1- Late Deadline: Aug 1*

• 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

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August 18-20, 2020 - *Application Deadline: July 1- Late Deadline: Aug 1*

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

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