



American College of Osteopathic Internists

In Service to All Members; All Members in Service

MISSION

The mission of the ACOI is to advance the practice of osteopathic internal medicine. Through excellence in education, advocacy, research and the opportunity for service, the ACOI strives to enhance the professional and personal development of the family of osteopathic internists.

VISION

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

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Letter from the President

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to our members in several ways:

- Continuing Medical Education provides time to get away and refresh the brain's thoughts and ideas, and allows social time to interact with our professional colleagues.
- Professional development through the new ACOI leadership course will help physicians to improve leadership skills, which should lead to improved job satisfaction. Part of this course is improving conflict resolution skills.
- Members supporting members, as who else understands the dilemmas that an osteopathic internal medicine physician goes through better than our own colleagues? Our ACOI Board is there for you and we can provide resources to help meet your needs.
- Improving job satisfaction and lifestyle through the Phoenix Physician. The technique of managing in healthcare teams to provide high quality care should be very stimulating and reduce individual physician demands.

We want to support our membership by encouraging employers to provide adequate ancillary support staff. We want to help you feel fulfilled as physicians. We urge opportunities for wellness interactions and logical call hours, to reduce fatigue and potential errors.

We must take care of ourselves so we can continue to provide needed healthcare leadership for the future. I am an actively-practicing primary care internist who wants to help our membership transition through the difficult time ahead. Through the strength of our profession, we can do this together.

If you have needs that the ACOI can assist you with, please contact me at President@ACOI.org.



coping with **CODING**

The information provided here applies to Medicare coding. Be sure to check with local insurance carriers to determine if private insurers follow Medicare's lead in all coding matters.

Fiscal Cliff Law Impacts Medicare Participation Options

The 2013 Annual Participation Enrollment Program allowed eligible physicians, practitioners, and suppliers an opportunity to change their participation status by December 31, 2012. Given the enactment of the "American Taxpayer Relief Act of 2012 (H.R. 8), CMS announced that it will extend the 2013 Annual Participation Enrollment Program through February 15. Therefore, participation elections and withdrawals must be post-marked on or before this date. The effective date for any participation status changes elected by providers during the extension remains January 1, 2013.



government RELATIONS

Timothy McNichol, JD

“Fiscal Cliff” and Medicare Cuts Temporarily Averted

The Senate and House approved the “American Taxpayer Relief Act of 2012” (H.R. 8) by votes of 89-8 and 257-167, respectively, on January 1. The President signed the Act into law on January 2.

The Act extends the 2012 Medicare physician payment rates through December 31. As a result, the 26.5 percent reduction scheduled for January 1 was averted. H.R. 8 provides for a zero percent update for claims with dates of service on or after January 1 through December 31. According to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), Medicare claims administration contractors will be posting the Medicare physician fee schedule payment rates on their websites no later than January 23. The 2013 conversion factor is \$34.0230.

The non-partisan Congressional Budget Office (CBO) estimates that the one-year freeze will cost approximately \$25 billion over ten years. To partially offset this cost, Congress reduced Medicare and Medicaid funding to hospitals and other providers by approximately \$10.5 billion. These savings are accomplished through documentation and coding adjustments under Medicare’s inpatient prospective payment system. In addition, changes were made to Medicare’s end-stage renal disease bundled payment system to save approximately \$4.9 billion over 10 years. While scored as budget neutral, H.R. 8 also repealed the Community Living Assistance Services and Supports (CLASS) Act, which was created under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PPACA, Pub. Law 111-152). H.R. 8 did not repeal the Medicaid primary care payment increase provided for in the PPACA. It is, however, likely to be part of future cost-cutting discussions.

H.R. 8 delays across-the-board cuts to federal spending, referred to as sequestration, through March 1. Under current law, physicians will be limited to a two percent reduction in reimbursement under Medicare if sequestration is allowed to take effect. It is certain that additional reductions impacting physicians and their patients will be part of the discussions to address the current federal debt ceiling and sequestration. The ACOI will continue to monitor congressional negotiations that would impact access to care.

House Rules Address IPAB

Following the convening of the 113th Congress, the House adopted the rules (H.Res. 5) under which it will operate for the next two years. Included in the rules package is a provision that addresses the Independent Payment Advisory Board (IPAB) established under the PPACA. IPAB is a 15 member panel created to come up with ways to restrict Medicare spending growth if it reaches a certain target. Its recommendations would automatically become law without prescribed congressional intervention.

H.Res. 5 as adopted eliminates PPACA’s requirement that a replacement bill for the IPAB save equal amounts of Medicare money. In addition, it undoes the limitations for floor consideration provided for in the PPACA. To date, no members of the IPAB have been nominated or confirmed.

ACOI Responds to Newtown, Connecticut Tragedy

In response to the tragic events in Newtown, Connecticut and elsewhere, the ACOI has joined with a number of other physician organizations in recognizing the devastating consequences of gun violence and called on President Obama and Congress to act.

The increased firepower of assault weapons, semi-automatic firearms, high-capacity magazines, and high velocity ammunition heightens the risk of multiple gunshot wounds and severe penetrating trauma that results in more critical injuries and death. To this end, the organizations called on Congress to renew and strengthen the assault weapons ban, including banning high-capacity magazines. In addition, the letter states that physicians

should be able to have frank discussions with their patients and parents of patients about firearm safety issues and risks to help them safeguard their families from accidents. Finally, the letter supports increased funding for research in violence prevention and gun-related injuries and deaths.

CMS Program Identified and Prevented \$115 Million in Fraud

CMS announced that the newly-operational Fraud Prevention System helped stop, prevent, or identify roughly \$115 million in fraudulent payment during its first year of operation. According to CMS, the system helped identify 536 leads that have led to 511 ongoing investigations. The system uses predictive modeling and data analytics to review all Medicare fee-for-service claims for indications of fraud.

Washington Tidbits: Different Times, Different Divisive Issues, Common Resolve...

The 113th Congress has been sworn in and party lines have been drawn. The electoral votes have been tallied and President Obama will be sworn in for a second term on January 20. Awaiting Congress and the President are issues over which there are deep divisions and no easy answers. The manner in which these matters are handled will impact generations to come and shape the direction of our Nation.

While at times it appears that Congress is intractably mired in its own inaction and insurmountable conflicts, perhaps there is hope. With a looming Civil War and some of the Nation’s darkest days on the horizon, President Abraham Lincoln delivered his first inauguration speech on March 4, 1861. In concluding his comments he said, “I am loath to close. We are not enemies, but friends. We must not be enemies. Though passion may have strained, it must not break our bonds of affection. The mystic chords of memory, stretching from every battlefield, and patriot grave, to every living heart and hearthstone, all over this broad land, will yet swell the course of the Union, when again touched, as surely they will be, by the better angels of our nature.” With the 2012 elections in the books, it is now time to work for the common good of the Nation and its people

ACOI 2013 Clinical Challenges in Inpatient Care REGISTRATION FORM

Sheraton Lake Buena Vista Resort • March 13-17, 2013

Registration available online at www.acoi.org/CMEHospitalMedicineUpdate.html.

Full Name			
AOA Number			
Mailing Address			
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Preferred Name on Badge			
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Fees	Registration on/before 2/20/13	Registration after 2/20/13
	<input type="checkbox"/> ACOI Member..... \$595	<input type="checkbox"/> ACOI Member..... \$645
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ACOI Office
11400 Rockville Pike, Suite 801
Rockville, MD 20852

or Fax to 301 231-6099

or register online at www.acoi.org

NOTE: All registrations must be accompanied by a check for payment in full or appropriate credit card information. A processing fee of \$50 will be charged for cancellations received at any time. In order to obtain a refund, written cancellations must be received by February 20, 2013. No refunds will be made after that date, but registration fees (less \$50 cancellation fee) may be applied to a future ACOI meeting registration.

PLEASE NOTE: Check here if you plan to stay at the Sheraton Lake Buena Vista Resort. Separate hotel registration is required. This does not register or guarantee a room at the hotel.

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 or by phone, 301 231-8877.

List special requirements here: _____

2013 Challenges in Inpatient Care March 13-17 • Orlando, Florida

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13

6:00-7:30 pm WELCOME RECEPTION

THURSDAY, MARCH 14

7:30-8:00 am REGISTRATION
8:00-8:15 am Welcome and Introduction - *Frederick A. Schaller, DO, FACOI*
8:15-9:15 am Preoperative Risk Assessment: ACC Guidelines and Evidence for Use of BBBlockers/Statins - *Robert M. Bender, DO, FACOI*
9:15-10:15 am ECG Challenge - *Frederick A. Schaller, DO, FACOI*
10:15-10:30 am BREAK
10:30 am-Noon Transitioning Care: Best Practices - *Robert T. Hasty, DO, FACOI*
Noon-1:00 pm LUNCH
1:00- 2:00 pm Case Challenges in the Hospital - *Robert T. Hasty, DO, FACOI*
2:00-3:00 pm Being The Best and Letting Them Know- *Larry Feinman, DO, FACOS*
3:00-3:15 pm BREAK
3:15-4:15 pm Ventilator Complications, Evaluation and Management
Anthony N. Ottaviani, DO, MACOI
4:15-5:15 pm Interpretation and Implications of PFT - *Anthony N. Ottaviani, DO, MACOI*

FRIDAY, MARCH 15

8:00-9:00 am Hypercoagulability - *Kevin P. Hubbard, DO, FACOI*
9:00-10:00 am CKD in the Hospital Setting: Screening, Monitoring and Evaluating
Jack E. Prior, DO, FACOI
10:00-10:15 am BREAK
10:15-10:45 am HIT- *Kevin P. Hubbard, DO, FACOI*
10:45-11:45 pm Hyponatremia/Hypernatremia: Evaluation and Treatment
Jack E. Prior, DO, FACOI
11:45 am-12:45 pm LUNCH
12:45-1:45 pm Emerging Pathogen Resistance In Hospitals - *Cindy Hou, DO, FACOI*
1:45-2:45 pm Hottest Joints in Town - *Robert L. DiGiovanni, DO, FACOI*
2:45-3:00 pm BREAK
3:00-4:00 pm Endocarditis: Screening, Empiric and Directed Therapy
Cindy Hou, DO, FACOI
4:00-5:00 pm Making Sense of Autoimmune Markers - *Robert L. DiGiovanni, DO, FACOI*

SATURDAY, MARCH 16

8:00-8:45 am Acute Adrenal Insufficiency - *Jeffrey Freeman, DO, FACOI*
8:45-9:45 am Common Dermatologic Expressions of Medical Illness
Frank Armstrong, DO, FACOD
9:45-10:30 am Role of Insulin and Oral Agents in Management of the Hospitalized Diabetic
Jeffrey Freeman, DO, FACOI
10:30-10:45 am BREAK
10:45-11:30 am Acute Dermopathies in Hospitalized Patients - *Frank Armstrong, DO, FACOD*
11:30 am-12:15 pm Nutrition in the Hospitalized Patient - *John. B. Bulger, DO, FACOI*
12:15-1:15 pm LUNCH
1:15-2:15 pm VBP Update - *John. B. Bulger, DO, FACOI*
2:15-3:15 pm Acute CVA: BP Management and the Role of Anticoagulation
Scott L. Spradlin, DO, FACOI
3:15-3:30 pm BREAK
3:30-4:30 pm Seizures in the Hospitalized Patient: Presentation, Screening and Therapy
Scott L. Spradlin, DO, FACOI
4:30-5:30 pm End of Life Care in the Hospital - *Speaker TBA*

SUNDAY, MARCH 17

8:00-9:00 am Journal Club 1 - *Scott L. Girard, DO, FACOI*
9:00-10:00 am CT Abdomen Challenge - *Harvey Wiener, DO, FSIR*
10:00-11:00 am Journal Club 2 - *Scott L. Girard, DO, FACOI*
11:00 am-Noon CXR Challenge - *Harvey Wiener, DO, FSIR*

Member Milestones

ACOI Immediate Past President, **Jack D. Bragg, DO, FACOI**, represented the AOA on January 10 at a Hepatitis C Recommendation Provider Implementation Panel hosted at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention headquarters in Atlanta. The panel discussion focused on the implementation of the CDC's new recommendations for a one-time hepatitis C test for all persons born in the U.S. during 1945-1965. Dr. Bragg is a gastroenterologist practicing at the University of Missouri School of Medicine in Columbia.

Robert Jackson, DO, FACOI, was recognized as a Leading Physician of the World by the Premier Specialty Network. Dr. Jackson is a rheumatologist with a practice in Columbia, MO.

Research in Brief

Timothy R. Craig, DO, FACOI was lead author of **WAO (World Allergy Organization) Guideline for Management of Hereditary Angioedema**, which appeared in the December, 2012 issue of *World Allergy Journal* (Volume 5; Issue 12). Dr. Craig is an allergist on the faculty of the University of Pennsylvania in Hershey. He is a former member of the American Osteopathic Board of Internal Medicine.



IRA Tax Break

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This is good news for generous Americans. Retirement plan assets typically are subject to a heavy tax burden. Please act quickly if you want to make a rollover gift to ACOI. The “fiscal cliff” has given us a win-win situation: a special tax break for individuals and a special recipient break for ACOI. Contact your IRA administrator or a tax professional to get the latest advice on how this opportunity would apply specifically to you. If you do not need a charitable distribution for personal use, please consider making a charitable gift to ACOI.



PROFESSIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

SEEKING BC/BE PHYSICIANS– Oregon. Oregon State Hospital is looking for BC/BE physicians. We have it all! Oregon State Hospital is a brand new hospital that incorporates modern architecture, treatment spaces, and technologies.

Our Medical Clinic provides general medical care for psychiatric in-patients at both Salem and Portland campuses. A generous and comprehensive benefit and PERS retirement package is included as well as opportunities to have an academic appointment with the Oregon Health Sciences University.

Monday – Friday work week is available, with the potential for compensated night and weekend call.

Contact by Phone: (503) 945-2887; email: lila.m.lokey@state.or.us; www.oregon.gov/OHA/mentalhealth/osh. The State of Oregon is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

SEEKING BC/BE INTERNIST– Washington. Northside Internal Medicine / Columbia Medical Associates is currently seeking a BC/BE Internist to join our Northside Internal Medicine Group in Spokane, Washington to meet our increased service utilization. We are a group of nearly 40 multispecialty physicians providing comprehensive medical care to families and individuals of all ages within the Spokane region. The position offers the following:

- Flexible schedules and outstanding teams make this opportunity worth exploring.
- Competitive Salary and Generous Benefit Packages
- Conveniently located only two blocks from Holy Family Hospital
- Established relationship with local hospitalist group for admitting, rounding, and discharge

Our physicians are committed to maintaining the health and well being of all their patients through preventive care measures and working closely with community specialists. Our new partnership with Group Health and collaborative care models ensure patients have access to the best care in Spokane.

Northside Internal Medicine, (509) 489-7483, itself has 5 physicians (mixed DO and MD) and 2 Nurse Practitioners. We do Outpatient Care with limited call schedule. There are plenty of opportunities for cultural and outdoor activities in your spare time.

Mary Schaefer Badger, DO, FACOI; H. Kennedy Cathcart, DO, FACE.

To apply or inquire for further information please contact Nancy Longcoy, Physician Recruiter. Email at Longcoy.n@ghc.org; phone 206-448-6132.

INTERNAL MEDICINE OSTEOPATHIC PROGRAM FACULTY– Pennsylvania. The Department of Medicine at Crozer Chester Medical Center, Upland PA is recruiting for a full-time director for our successful three year dually accredited Osteopathic Internal Medicine Residency.

This program is administered in tandem with an ACGME IM residency lead by an established program director. The ideal candidate has dual certification in internal medicine by the ACOI and ACGME with three years of clinical experience and a commitment to education. This core faculty role includes the opportunity to lead scholarly activity endeavors supported by the department. The position is supported by a dedicated staff of faculty who run an inpatient teaching service and an integrated attending - resident ambulatory site with medical home certification, social worker, care coordinator, psychologist and EMR.

In addition to directing the Osteopathic portion of the IM residency, duties include office precepting, inpatient rounding and weekend call q 8 weeks. We offer faculty appointments at Temple University School of Medicine and Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine. We are located 20 minutes south of Philadelphia with easy commute to New Jersey and Delaware.

Interested applicants should send a cover letter and CV for immediate consideration: Richard Litwin, Administrative Director, CKHN Surgical Specialty, Physician Recruiter, Crozer Keystone Health Network, Crozer Keystone Health Network, 2602 West 9th Street; 2nd floor M.O.B., Chester, PA 19014. Tel: 610-497-7428 fax: 610-497-7404.

INTERNAL MEDICINE PHYSICIAN– Arizona. Would you like to be part of an Internal Medicine group located in the picturesque Cottonwood/Sedona Arizona? We are seeking an Internal Medicine Physician to join our team (MD or DO).

- Practice demographic is retirement age
- Patient base established
- Work alongside a team of medical professionals
- Must be willing to participate in a group call schedule
- Board Certification required or Board Eligible
- Competitive package
- Participate in rotating in-patient and out-patient call group
- Partnership available or employment model available
- Serious inquiries only

For further details, please submit your CV with work history to cottonwood.human.resource@gmail.com

INTERNAL MEDICINE PROGRAM FACULTY– North Carolina. Osteopathic Internal Medicine Program Faculty - Blue Ridge HealthCare Graduate Medical Education Department is seeking highly qualified Internal Medicine Program Faculty to train the next generation of osteopathic internists. The Internal Medicine program at Blue Ridge HealthCare is the only osteopathic medicine residency program in Western North Carolina and is affiliated with The Edward Via College of Osteopathic Medicine.

Located in Morganton, North Carolina, minutes off of the I-40 corridor in the beautiful foothills of Western NC, Grace Hospital is just 1 hour NW of Charlotte, NC, and 1 hour to the east of Asheville, NC. For over a century, the independent, not-for-profit mission of Grace Hospital, the primary teaching facility of Blue Ridge HealthCare, has remained faithful to its goal: to provide advanced, affordable healthcare for the residents of Burke County. Grace Hospital and Blue Ridge HealthCare are affiliated with Carolinas HealthCare System.

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Professional Opportunities

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Program Faculty are responsible for providing resident clinical education in both the inpatient and outpatient setting along with teaching medical students. Additionally, faculty provide direct care to patients in the teaching clinic. Minimum qualifications include being certified in internal medicine by the American College of Osteopathic Internists, hold a valid NC license or be eligible for NC licensure and have 1 – 3 years of clinical practice experience. Candidates with previous academic experience will be given preference. All offers are subject to background checks and reference reviews.

For more information or to submit your CV, please contact, Autumn Fincher, Director, Physician Recruitment at afincher@blueridgehealth.org or at 828-580-5693.

FELLOWSHIP POSITIONS/HOSPICE AND PALLIATIVE CARE– Colorado.

Hospice of Saint John in Lakewood, Colorado is the 2nd oldest inpatient hospice in the United States. It has recently been approved by the American Osteopathic Association for 2 post-residency fellowship positions in hospice and palliative care medicine beginning in July 2013. Specific details available at www.rvu-hospice.com.

MULTIPLE POSITIONS–

New Jersey. Hospitalist/ Night Float Position

Available for a Board Certified/ Eligible Internist/ Family Practitioner to join a medicine based Hospitalist group in Bergen County, NJ at a prestigious, nationally ranked institution. Position is for a Night Float physician with No Call. The position offers an excellent compensation package including Medical Insurance and 401K as well as a highly competitive

salary. To apply or inquire for further information about this opportunity please contact Timothy Hermansen. E-mail: timothy.hermansen@yahoo.com Phone: 973-653-9898.

Daytime Hospitalist Position

Available for a Board Certified/ Eligible Internist/ Family Practitioner to join a medicine based Hospitalist group in Bergen County, NJ at a prestigious, nationally ranked institution. Daytime hours with No Call. The position offers an exceptional compensation/benefit package including Medical Insurance and 401K, as well as a competitive salary including productivity bonuses. To apply or inquire for further information about this opportunity please contact Timothy Hermansen. E-mail: timothy.hermansen@yahoo.com Phone: 973-653-9898.

P/T Hospitalist Position

Available for a Board Certified/Board Eligible Internist/Family Practitioner to assist with medical rounds on weekends at an acute rehabilitation hospital. Multiple shifts available on both Saturdays and Sundays of each month. Competitive hourly reimbursement. To apply or inquire for further information about this opportunity please contact Timothy Hermansen. E-mail: timothy.hermansen@yahoo.com Phone: 973-653-9898.

P/T Hospitalist Position

Part-time Daytime position with Full time Benefits. Daytime hours typically 10AM – 3PM Monday through Friday with No Call and some weekend coverage. Position available for a Board Certified/Board Eligible Internist/Family Practitioner to assist with medical rounds at an acute rehabilitation hospital. The position offers exceptional benefits including Medical Insurance and 401K, as well as a competitive salary and with productivity bonuses. To apply or inquire for further information about this opportunity please contact Timothy Hermansen. E-mail: timothy.hermansen@yahoo.com Phone: 973-653-9898.

MULTIPLE POSITIONS– Virginia. Liberty University College of Osteopathic Medicine is currently seeking candidates for the full-time positions of Associate Dean for Clinical Affairs, Chair Department of Primary Medicine, Chair Department of Specialty Medicine, Chair Osteopathic Manipulative Medicine/Osteopathic Principles and Practices, Chair Structural and Functional Sciences, Chair Molecular and Cellular Sciences, and Chair Patho-Physiology and Applied Pharmacology. Interested candidates may e-mail their resumes to: Ronnie B. Martin, DO, FACOFP-dist, Dean, Proposed College of Osteopathic Medicine, rbmartin4@liberty.edu, and/or apply on-line at www.liberty.edu/HR. Liberty University is an EOE.

SAVE THE DATE: May 9, 10 and 11, 2013

Palliative Medicine and Hospice Care
Intensive Board Review Course

University of North Texas Health Science Center
Fort Worth, Texas

Sponsored by the UNTHSC Reynolds
Geriatric Education and Training in
Texas (GET-IT) Program

The Osteopathic CAQ exam in Hospice and
Palliative Medicine will be held in the fall of 2013.
The 2013 CAQ exam will be the final opportunity
to take the exam through the Clinical Practice
Pathway without fellowship training.

Sample topics to be addressed:
Pain Management, Symptom
Management, Palliative Sedations,
Breaking Bad News,
Care of the Dying Patient...
and much more!

Visit www.hsc.unt.edu/Sites/GETIT
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Upcoming ACOI Education Meeting Dates & Locations

NATIONAL MEETINGS

- 2013 Internal Medicine Board Review Course
March 13-17 Sheraton Lake Buena Vista Resort, Orlando, FL
- 2013 Challenges in Inpatient Care
March 13-17 Sheraton Lake Buena Vista Resort, Orlando, FL
- 2013 Congress on Medical Education for Resident Trainers
May 3-5 Laguna Cliffs Marriott Resort, Dana Point, CA
- 2013 Annual Convention & Scientific Sessions
Oct 9-13 Renaissance Esmeralda Resort and Spa, Indian Wells, CA
- 2014 Internal Medicine Board Review Course
March 26-30 Westin Savannah Harbor Resort & Spa, Savannah, GA
- 2014 Challenges in Inpatient Care
March 26-30 Westin Savannah Harbor Resort & Spa, Savannah, GA
- 2014 Annual Convention & Scientific Sessions
Oct 15-19 Baltimore Marriott Waterfront, Baltimore, MD

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.

2013 Certifying Examination Dates & Deadlines

Internal Medicine Certifying Examination

Computerized Examination 200 Sites Nationwide

September 9, 2013 - *Application Deadline: February 1, 2013*

Late Registration Deadline: April 1, 2013

Subspecialty & Certification of Added Qualifications:

Aug. 24, 2013 • Lombard, IL - *Application Deadline: April 1, 2013*

Late Registration Deadline: May 1, 2013

Cardiology • Clinical Cardiac Electrophysiology • Endocrinology • Gastroenterology • Geriatric Medicine • Hematology • Infectious Disease • Nephrology • Oncology • Pulmonary Diseases • Rheumatology • Sleep Medicine

Internal Medicine Recertifying Examination

Computerized Examination 200 Sites Nationwide

September 10, 2013 - *Application Deadline: April 1, 2013*

Late Registration Deadline: May 1, 2013

Subspecialties and Added Qualifications Recertifying Examination:

Aug. 24, 2013 • Lombard, IL - *Application Deadline: April 1, 2013*

Cardiology • Clinical Cardiac Electrophysiology • Critical Care Medicine • Endocrinology • Gastroenterology • Geriatric Medicine • Hematology

• Infectious Disease • Interventional Cardiology • Nephrology • Oncology • Pulmonary Diseases • Rheumatology

Late Registration Deadline: May 1, 2013

Further information and application materials are available at www.aobim.org or by writing to: Gary L. Slick, DO, MACOI, Executive Director, American Osteopathic Board of Internal Medicine, 1111 W. 17th Street, Tulsa, OK 74107. admin@aobim.org.

Congress Provides Tax Break for IRA Distributions

A provision of the “fiscal cliff” legislation that President Obama signed into law (American Tax Relief Act of 2012) on January 2, 2013 may be of interest to College members over the age of 70. It has the potential to benefit both members and the ACOI.

Specifically, those with an individual retirement account (IRA) can make a charitable deduction to ACOI through an IRA charitable distribution. This is important for those who must take mandatory distributions from their IRAs. The advantage to you is that as an individual you may exclude the amount of the distribution from your gross income. This provision is time-limited and distributions must be made before January 31, 2013, for the 2012 tax year, or December 31, 2013 for the current year.

The law has a special provision for making a 2012 tax-free charitable gift to ACOI from your IRA under certain circumstances. The term, “qualified charitable distribution,” is used in the law to describe a charitable rollover. It is money that individuals who are 70 ½ years or older may direct from their IRA accounts as gifts to charitable organizations. The underlying purpose of the law is to alleviate tax burdens for older Americans. The extension allows individuals who received an IRA distribution in December, 2012 to elect to count that distribution (or a portion thereof) as a 2012 charitable rollover if the amount in cash is transferred to a charity by January 31, 2013.

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