



American College of Osteopathic Internists

## The ACOI Announces 2020 Award Winners for Education, Research and Clinical Excellence in Osteopathic Medicine

*Four Distinguished Internists from Across the Country to be Recognized at the Virtual ACOI 2020 Annual Convention and Scientific Sessions, October 21-24*

### For Immediate Release

ROCKVILLE, MD (September 1, 2020) – The American College of Osteopathic Internists (ACOI), a national professional organization dedicated to promoting the principles of osteopathic medicine, has announced their award winners being honored this year at the ACOI’s virtual Annual Convention (#ACO2020) this fall.

The award winners are:

- **MarkAlain Dery, DO, FACOI, Access Health Louisiana, New Orleans, LA – 2020 ACOI Internist of the Year**
  - To qualify for the Internist of the Year award, a physician must demonstrate clinical excellence and exceptional status in continuing professional accomplishments, scholarship, and professional activities, including teaching, research, and community service.
- **Cindy M. Hou DO, FACOI, Jefferson Health, New Jersey, Voorhees, NJ – 2020 ACOI Researcher of the Year**
  - To qualify for Researcher of the Year, a physician must demonstrate major contribution to clinical or basic research related to osteopathic internal medicine.
- **Thomas J. Mohr, DO, FACOI, Dean and Chief Academic Officer, Idaho College of Osteopathic Medicine, Meridian, ID; and Mousumi Som, DO, FACOI, Oklahoma State University Medical Center, Tulsa, OK – 2020 ACOI Teacher (s) of the Year**
  - To qualify for Teacher of the Year, a physician must demonstrate major contributions to osteopathic medical education and leadership that has had positive impact.

Each year, nominations detailing the physician’s accomplishments and activities deserving consideration are accepted by the ACOI and selections are made by the ACOI Honors and Awards committee based on specific criteria for each award. The awards, which are typically presented in person at the organization’s Annual Convention, will instead be bestowed this year virtually on October 23<sup>rd</sup> during the Fellows Convocation.

### About the ACOI

Since 1941, the American College of Osteopathic Internists (ACOI) has been dedicated to promoting high quality, distinctive osteopathic care for adults by practicing, educating and empowering physicians in principle-centered medicine. The ACOI demonstrates leadership as an organization providing osteopathic internists with education, forward-thinking information and opportunities for service to the profession to advance the practice of internal medicine and seeks to be the organization that osteopathic internists think of first for education, information, representation and service to the profession. For more information go to [www.acoi.org](http://www.acoi.org).

MEDIA CONTACT: Gina Kilker, BrandTree Communications, 480-209-8420 or [gina@brandtreecommunications.com](mailto:gina@brandtreecommunications.com)