

From President Lightfoot

There Is Much to Be Thankful For



Happy holidays to the ACOI family from the Lightfoot-Banks family. Anne, Alvin, Aaron and I would like to extend greetings and warm wishes throughout this holiday season.

This is a time to reflect and give thanks for all of our blessings, and also to spend time with the family and friends we adore. May we also be mindful that some of us are alone. If any of you are aware of ACOI members who are alone, please email me at President@ACOIOrg. I will personally send them warm wishes for the holidays.

With Thanksgiving behind us, I want to reflect on all that I am thankful for as we move this organization forward. I appreciate the accessibility of the ACOI to its members, and dedication of the members who volunteer their time and energy to work on our committees. I hope that their energy and spirit continues throughout 2015 and beyond.

I am thankful for the spirit of giving and contributions made throughout the year to the Generational Advancement Fund,

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March 18-22 in Las Vegas

2015 Board Review Course Registration Open



Registration is open for the 2015 ACOI Internal Medicine Board Review Course, which will take place March 18-22 at the Cosmopolitan Hotel in Las Vegas. The course is a comprehensive review of general medicine and each of the subspecialties. It is an excellent way for practicing physicians to update their medical knowledge, as well as an essential part of the preparation process for the certifying and recertifying examinations in internal medicine.

Special emphasis is placed on recent advances in various subspecialty areas and on clinical skills management as they pertain to clinical practice and the examinations. Attendance

at the review course meets the requirement that osteopathic internal medicine residents must attend one ACOI education program during the course of their training.

Guest rooms are available at the Cosmopolitan Hotel for a discounted room rate of \$199/night, plus applicable taxes. The hotel charges a resort fee which provides guests with the use of resort services and amenities that are designed to enhance the guest experience. This fee includes: high speed Internet access (in-room and public areas); 24-hour Fitness Center access and unlimited local, toll free and domestic long distance telephone calls. Additional information and registration materials appear inside this newsletter and are available on www.acoi.org, or by calling 1-800-327-5183.

March 19-22

2015 Inpatient Clinical Challenges Program Announced

Registration is open for the ACOI's popular CME program for hospitalists and others: Clinical Challenges in Inpatient Care, which will take place March 19-22 at the Cosmopolitan Hotel in Las Vegas, NV. The program will provide up to 25 AOA 1A CME credits in internal medicine. In addition, the program meets the American Osteopathic Board of Internal Medicine's (AOBIM) requirement for a board review course for those who plan to sit for the new focused hospital medicine recertification credential.

Inpatient Clinical Challenges Program Chairman Frederick A. Schaller, DO, has designed an agenda that will appeal to physicians who treat patients in the hospital. Among the areas to be covered are: peripheral vascular disease and wound care; hyperbaric medicine, opportunistic infections; oncologic emergencies; optimal stroke management; treating acute pain in the chronic pain patient; medical malpractice for the hospitalist; hospital-based ethics and more.

The Cosmopolitan Hotel is located in the heart of the famous Las Vegas strip. A discounted room rate of \$199 plus applicable taxes per night has been arranged. In addition, the hotel charges a resort fee that provides daily high speed internet access (in-room and public areas); 24-hour fitness center access and unlimited local, toll free and domestic long distance telephone calls.

Further information regarding the Clinical Challenges program, including meeting and hotel registration materials, are included in this newsletter and are available at www.acoi.org, or by calling 1-800-327-5183. To qualify for the \$50 early registration discount, registrations must be received by February 24, 2015.

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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.

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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which was initially spearheaded by Past President Rick Schaller, DO. These contributions support and strengthen the College in many ways. The Visiting Professor Program, resident text book vouchers and grants to student internal medicine clubs all are made possible by contributions to the Generational Advancement Fund. Thank you to our members who contributed this year and those who plan to. There is no contribution too small or too large. The return on investment for our internal medicine students, residents and fellows is great.

I would like to extend thanks to Chairman Marty Burke, DO, FACOI and the ACOI Development Committee for the fine job that they are doing. In the spirit of giving, I challenge all members who are established in practice for five years or more to make a contribution of whatever is comfortable for you and your family to help jump start the Generational Advancement Fund for 2015. Your contribution is an investment in the future of osteopathic internal medicine. Remember, most of us would not be where we are today without an investment by someone who cared!

I am truly thankful to have a talented and diverse Board of Directors who are committed to the survival of our College as we navigate in unsettled waters. The Board is firmly focused on strategic planning to assure our strong future as change approaches over which we have very little control.

All of us at the ACOI are thankful for our residency program directors and faculty, who continue to turn out the best and the brightest internal medicine graduates across this country. Thank you all for the work that you do as great teachers and mentors within the ACOI family.

Last, but not least, I would be remiss if I weren't thankful for our excellent ACOI staff led by Executive Director Brian Donadio, FACOI, Timothy McNichol, JD, Susan Stacy, FACOI, Christina Perando, Keisha Oglesby, Katie Allen, Claudette Jones, Melissa Stacy and Ellen Donadio.

Please feel free to contact me about any issues of importance to you. Happy Hanukkah, Merry Christmas, Feliz Navidad, Happy Kwanzaa and Happy New Year!

Judith A. Lightfoot DO, FACOI



Check Out Our New Website

The ACOI recently unveiled a redesigned website designed for easier navigation and a cleaner, more modern look. All content has been reviewed, updated and reorganized to make the site more user friendly.

Take a look at the new design at www.acoi.org and let us know what you think.



government RELATIONS

Timothy McNichol, JD

CMS Reports Low Healthcare Spending Growth

According to a report recently released by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), healthcare spending continued to grow at a historically low rate in 2013. The report found that healthcare spending grew by 3.6 percent. As a result, total healthcare spending reached \$2.9 trillion or \$9,255 per person. According to the report, Medicare spending accounted for 20 percent (\$585.7 billion) of the total spent on healthcare in the US. During this same time, Medicare enrollment grew by 1.6 million beneficiaries to a total of 51.3 million enrollees. Private health insurance premiums grew by 2.8 percent and accounted for 33 percent of the total healthcare spending. Private health insurance spending reached \$961.7 billion and covered 189.3 million people (60 percent of the total population).

Final Rule to Combat Fraud is Issued

CMS recently finalized a rule to keep healthcare providers with large Medicare debt from exiting the Medicare program only to return as a new business entity. In addition, the rule allows for the removal of those with abusive billing practices from the program. The rule was issued as a result of requirements contained in the Affordable Care Act (ACA). Finally, the rule allows CMS to deny enrollment of providers who are affiliated with others who have large unpaid Medicare debt. The rule is a continuation of the government's effort to reduce fraud within federally-funded programs.

Administration Sued by House Republicans

House Republicans filed a lawsuit against the Obama Administration accusing it of overstepping its constitutional powers in its implementation of the ACA. Specifically, the suit charges that the delayed enforcement of the employer mandate as required by the ACA amounts to rewriting key provisions of the ACA without the necessary congressional action. The suit further alleges that certain payments to insurers under the ACA are improper. While the ACA does authorize the payments to insurers, Congress must appropriate the proper funds. The suit states that absent the appropriations, the payments cannot be made. Essentially, the suit claims that the Administration has amended the law and acted counter to what was approved by Congress. The Administration has responded that it has worked within its authority to execute the law. This novel lawsuit enters uncharted territory. It is unclear what the next steps will be in this legal process. The ACOI will continue to follow the matter closely.

HHS Report Shows Fewer Patient Injuries

According to a report recently released by the Department of Health and Human Services, an estimated 50,000 fewer patients died in hospitals as a result of a reduction in hospital-acquired conditions from 2010 to 2013. The report estimates that the reduction saved approximately \$12 billion in healthcare costs. Provisions in the ACA, such as quality incentives, were among the factors said to be driving the improved patient care. It is estimated that these improvements resulted in 1.3 million fewer hospital-acquired conditions overall. The report states that the reduction equated to a 70 percent reduction in hospital-acquired conditions over the three-year period.

Washington Tidbits: Senatorial "Residency"

The Senate will welcome 13 new members to its ranks in January. Twelve of these new Senator will serve in the new majority and have the opportunity to take their turn as the temporary presiding officer during periods of routine debate. It is thought that serving in this role provides the best opportunity for new senators to learn about the complex parliamentary procedures that govern floor debate in the chamber. In an effort to encourage freshmen senators to serve in this role, the Senate created the "Golden Gavel" award to recognize those who preside 100 hours during any session. Once the 100 hours is reached, all floor business is stopped and the temporary presiding officer is recognized and presented with the "Golden Gavel." With the complex rules that govern debate, few would argue that their "training is complete" at the attainment of 100 hours as temporary presiding officer!

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“Crucial Conversations: Are You Prepared?”

Do you know what a crucial conversation is? Are you comfortable having a crucial conversation with a colleague, patient, consultant, spouse or business associate? If not, why not?

If you are like many, you can recognize a crucial conversation, but may have difficulty providing a definition or defining its key elements. Participants in the ACOI and University of Texas at Dallas’ (UTD) Certificate Program in Healthcare Leadership and Management, however, not only can describe the key elements of a crucial conversation, but also are able to outline an approach to prepare and conduct one in an effective manner.

Being able to have a crucial conversation in an effective manner is essential because so much of our daily professional activity is conducted through conversations with others; whether they are patients, nurses, colleagues, administrators or managers, to name a few. Not uncommonly, some of these conversations concern topics where the stakes are high, opinions differ and strong emotions may be expressed – the key elements of a crucial conversation. Sound familiar?



coding **CORNER** Jill M. Young, CPC, CEDC, CIMC

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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.

Is that Colonoscopy for “Screening” or “Diagnostic” Purposes?

With the finalization of the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services’ (CMS) payment policies for 2015 comes the potential for additional confusion. One such area is the co-pay rules for colonoscopies.

It is becoming more common for sedation to be provided by an anesthesiologist for screening colonoscopies. In 2014, the patient’s financial liability for these anesthesia services is a 20 percent co-pay in addition to any unmet deductible. Under the Social Security Act, co-pays and deductibles for screening services can be waived. As a result of CMS’s final rule, co-pays and deductibles for anesthesia services for screening colonoscopies will be waived when billed appropriately in 2015. However, CMS indicated that it will no longer waive the co-pays for patients when a screening colonoscopy becomes therapeutic in nature. The policy of waiving co-pays for therapeutic colonoscopies will be discontinued January 1. Deductibles will continue to be waived for screening colonoscopies and, beginning January 1, the associated anesthesia services. Be prepared for lots of patient questions about this topic, especially if you referred the patient for the screening colonoscopy.

When you recognize a crucial conversation is needed, how do you prepare for it? If you are like the majority of people, you are likely to put the conversation off, or to try to avoid it completely. If the issue has the core elements noted above, however, avoiding the conversation provides only temporary relief. Sooner or later the issue will need to be addressed.

Graduates of the certificate program learn how to prepare for and conduct a crucial conversation because it is addressed in unit three – Communication and Influence. Program participants examine how the timing and location of a crucial conversation impacts its chances for success. Participants are taught that, if possible, you should avoid a crucial conversation when tired, angry, under stress, unprepared or if other parties are present. Selecting a time and place in agreement with others who will participate is a sound first step.

Assuming you have agreed on a mutually-acceptable time and place your next task is to prepare for the conversation. Fortunately, help is available to assist in the form of a brief, easily read book titled,

“Crucial Conversations: Tools for Talking When Stakes are High,” by Kerry Patterson and his collaborators at VitalSmarts (McGraw-Hill, New York, 2002).

These authors have developed and tested a seven-step approach for preparing and executing a crucial conversation that respects all parties and enhances the likelihood that the conversation will be productive even if not comfortable.

Participants in the course, through the use of case studies, learn these steps and apply them by preparing a script for a crucial conversation with a disruptive physician who is a member of the fictitious Bailey Clinic or the Synergy Hospitalist Group.

ACOI Involvement Begins at the Student Level

(This is one in a series of interviews with ACOI members who are strongly committed to the College and why they believe it has made a difference in their lives. This series is presented by Barbara L. Cicone, CFRE, Development Counsel to ACOI.)



LaToya Patterson

Ms. Cicone spoke to LaToya Patterson during the 2014 Annual Convention in Baltimore.

Ms. Cicone: Tell me why you are attending ACOI's Annual Convention.

Ms. Patterson: I am currently a fourth year medical student at Lincoln Memorial University's, DeBusk College of Osteopathic Medicine, in Harrogate, Tennessee. Looking back, I always wanted to be a doctor. My nurturing nature was developed since I was responsible for taking care of my younger siblings. I am also inquisitive, so internal medicine, especially cardiology, is of interest to me.

Ms. Cicone: How did you first learn about ACOI?

Ms. Patterson: I joined the student internal medicine club at my medical school that participates in ACOI's Visiting Professor Program. Dr. Michael Adornetto came and spoke to our club, which was very informative and helpful to us.

Ms. Cicone: Is this the first ACOI Annual Convention you have attended?

Ms. Patterson: No, I called ACOI last year and was able to attend the 2013 Annual Convention in California. The sessions for medical students on interviewing skills, preparing our CVs, and the Q&A with ACOI's President, Dr. Good, were excellent.

Ms. Cicone: I understand you helped ACOI encourage other medical students to attend this year's Annual Convention. How did you reach out to them?

Ms. Patterson: Social media, such as Facebook and Twitter, as well as YouTube videos helped me reach other medical students. I visited other schools' student internal medicine club websites in order to contact current leaders and make the case for why their members should attend, including the fact that ACOI makes grants available to student clubs to attend.

Ms. Cicone: What are some of the challenges facing medical students today?

Ms. Patterson: One of the biggest challenges is picking a residency program. Given the lack of guidance for choosing a program, students attending the ACOI Convention have opportunities to meet and talk with people who could be helpful to them in their careers. I remember how open, approachable and friendly ACOI's leadership and convention attendees were at last year's meeting and that is why I have encouraged other students to attend this year's Convention.

Ms. Cicone: ACOI's Generational Advancement Fund provides support for various student and resident programs, including the Visiting Professor Program, grants to student internal medicine clubs and providing textbooks to residents. What would you say to encourage more ACOI members to contribute to this fund?

Ms. Patterson: I would tell them that their support will assist the next generation of osteopathic internists to carry on the traditions and practices of providing high quality care to our patients. It is a way for those who have had successful careers to give back and help guide students and residents down the paths they need to go.

Ms. Cicone: ACOI thanks you for your commitment of time and effort to increase student involvement in the College. We look to you as a future ACOI leader!

New Members Welcomed

The ACOI Board of Directors and staff welcome the following members whose membership applications or changes in membership status have been approved by the Credentials Committee and Board of Directors.

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PROFESSIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

AVAILABLE FELLOWSHIP POSITION FOR JULY 2015! -

Correctional Managed Health Care-University of Connecticut Health Center
The University of Connecticut School of Medicine UCONN Health Center Correctional Managed Health Care Program (CMHC) has a robust two year Fellowship program in Correctional Medicine which leads to Certification by the American Board of Correctional Medicine and a Master Degree in Public Health. It also has significant networking with partners for placement after the completion of the Fellowship. It is currently the only freestanding program in the country that partners with state prisons and jails as well as juvenile/youth detention.

Eligibility:

Applicants must meet the following qualifications in addition to program specific qualifications to be eligible for appointment to fellowship program at The University of Connecticut School of Medicine:

1. Graduates of osteopathic medicine schools in the United States accredited by the American Osteopathic Association (AOA) and successful completion of any pre-requisite training specified by the appropriate accrediting body.
2. Applicants for training in correctional medicine must be AOA board certified/eligible in any participating conjoint specialty. (Family Medicine, Internal Medicine, and Occupational and Preventative Medicine)
3. Applicant must meet CDOC background check and have no prior criminal convictions

Benefits:

Benefits include: Leave Benefits, 4 Weeks' Vacation, Educational and Travel Allowance, Major Holidays off, Medical, Dental and Prescription Benefits for employee, spouse and dependent children, Professional Liability/Malpractice Insurance.

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ASSISTANT PROFESSOR - New York

The Department of Medicine at the NYIT College of Osteopathic Medicine (NYITCOM) is seeking a full-time academic Internal Medicine physician at the Assistant Professor level for immediate employment. Responsibilities to include ambulatory patient care in our Academic Health Care Centers, pre-clinical and clinical medical student education, research, scholarly activities and institutional service.

Qualifications: DO or MD degree; completion of an ACGME or AOA approved Internal Medicine residency; board eligible or certified by the AOBIM or ABIM; NY State licensed or eligible; subspecialty training or other advanced certification a consideration but not mandatory.

Environment: NYIT offers a competitive salary and attractive benefits package along with a professional environment designed to enhance career development. NYIT has been recognized by the Chronicle of Higher Education as one of the "Great Colleges to Work For" according to its 2010 and 2011 published surveys. Come join a growing department at a progressive, technologically-oriented osteopathic medical school.

Interested candidates please send a copy of your CV along with cover letter to: Candi Rosen at crosen@nyit.edu

POSITIONS AVAILABLE FOR GERIATRIC MEDICINE FELLOWSHIP - Stratford, New Jersey

Consistently ranked among the best Graduate Schools in Geriatrics by U.S. News & World Report, Rowan University School of Osteopathic Medicine's Geriatric Internal Medicine Fellowship has one- and two-year positions available 7/1/15. The program provides the opportunity to train with experts in geriatric internal medicine and to develop and enhance teaching and research skills and clinical expertise in treating older adults. Qualified applicants must have completed an AOA-accredited residency program in internal medicine and have or be eligible for a NJ medical license. Applications should be submitted through Electronic Residency Application Service (ERAS). For more information, visit our web site www.rowan.edu/som/njisa/ or contact Susan Huff at (856) 566-6124 or email huffsm@rowan.edu. Interested, email Dr. Bonnie Portier at BPor486@aol.com.

Director of Medical Education Bradenton, Florida

Manatee Memorial Hospital, a 319-bed teaching hospital with established AOA-accredited residency programs in Internal Medicine, Family Medicine and a Traditional Rotating Internship program seeks a highly qualified physician with significant academic leadership experience to assume oversight, administration and accountability of the hospital's AOA-approved programs as the Director of Medical Education. DME qualifications include: Graduate of a COCA-approved COM, AOA Board certification, a minimum of three (3) years practice experience and three (3) years experience as a teaching faculty member in an OGME program. The DME will ensure compliance with the AOA Basic Documents and AOA-approved specialty standards and implement a high quality post doctoral training program at MMH, including participation in appointment and supervision of Residency Program Directors. The DME also serves as the Intern Program Director, ensuring completion of evaluations and all internship requirements and is the Chairman of the Graduate Medical Education Committee of the Hospital. The DME position requires active participation with the House Staff and availability in the hospital throughout the work week.

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SEEKING BC/BE FP/IM AND PA-C - Roxborough/Manayunk, Pennsylvania

Busy Primary Care Practice looking for a motivated and energetic practitioner. This practice has been established for 20 years in the Roxborough/Manayunk (PA) community. We are partnered with 2 local community teaching hospitals. The practitioner will share duties with 2 Physicians and 2 PA-C's. Duties include Out-patient office, Inpatient Hospital, Skilled Nursing and Long Term Care facilities.

Call will be rotated 1 in 4. Salary commensurate with experience. There is a 401K, profit sharing, and bonus structure. Potential for partnership exists and can be discussed at a future date.

Full time preferred, Part time option exists. Employer will assist with relocation costs. Email: drpedano@aol.com

NEPHROLOGIST - Tulsa, Oklahoma

Established five-physician private Nephrology practice located in Tulsa, OK associated with Oklahoma State University - College of Health Sciences is seeking a BE/BC Adult Nephrologist to start immediately. Practice consists of comprehensive clinical nephrology including care of office, hospital, and dialysis (HD, PD, NxStage) patients. If interested, teaching at the student, resident and fellow levels is available. Competitive salary with excellent benefits package. Opportunity for early partnership at which time JV membership and ownership of dialysis units is available. Job Requirements: MD or DO Degree; Graduate of an Accredited Nephrology Training Program; BC in Internal Medicine and BE/BC in Nephrology; Three Excellent Letters of Recommendation.

Contact April Wells, Practice Administrator, april@tulsakidney.com.

NEPHROLOGY FELLOWSHIP - Tulsa, Oklahoma

Nephrology fellowship position is open for July, 2015 at Oklahoma State University Medical Center. Join an outstanding senior fellow in training.

This program includes five nephrologists (soon to be expanding to six), 350 dialysis patients (45 on home therapy), and three months of elective time the second year. The fellow will rotate at OSU Medical Center and St Francis Hospital (both in Tulsa). There are also two secondary hospitals in Tulsa utilized for training. Transplant training is done at St John Hospital in Tulsa. At OSUMC, the fellow will have residents and students assigned to service and will be expected to participate in teaching.

If you have an interest, please contact Kenneth E Calabrese DO, FACOI at kencalab44@gmail.com.

RHEUMATOLOGIST - Kirksville, Missouri

9am to 5pm clinics only. No evenings or weekends. Four days of service per week (or less) with six weeks off annually for vacations and CME. Base income >\$380,000.00 with an opportunity for teaching at AT Still University rheumatology courses and provide presentations in ATSU CME conferences. Contact: Robert W. Jackson, DO, FACOI, robert.jackson@psnmo.net.

John M. Kauffman, DO Named AOF Educator of the Year



ACOI member John M. Kauffman, DO, FACOI, received the American Osteopathic Foundation's Educator of the Year Award at a ceremony held in Seattle in October.

Establishing a new osteopathic medical school is no small undertaking, especially in rural, underserved areas. But Dr. Kauffman, the founding dean and chief academic officer for Campbell University Jerry M. Wallace School of Osteopathic Medicine (CUSOM), was up to the task when opening the first medical school in North Carolina in more than 35 years and helping to develop the state's first DO internal medicine residency program.

Since the school's founding in 2011, Dr. Kauffman has assembled a team of equally dedicated educators and clinicians, and participated in the selection of every CUSOM student. He has a strong connection with his students, and embraces a supportive, hands-on approach. His kind and unassuming nature is paired with a drive to serve others and a wise and thoughtful approach to medical education, leading some to refer to him as the Johnny Appleseed of osteopathic graduate medical education.

Before CUSOM, Dr. Kauffman spent four years in different roles at Edward Via College of Osteopathic Medicine (VCOM) in Blacksburg, VA, including vice dean and associate dean for postgraduate affairs and chief academic officer. He also served as director of medical education at several osteopathic medical centers and established many successful residency programs during his career, including growing the number of residency positions at VCOM from 40 to 280.

Dr. Kauffman has been a long-time member of the ACOI and served for several years on the Council on Education and Evaluation prior to becoming Dean at Campbell University.

2015 ACOI INTERNAL MEDICINE REVIEW COURSE AGENDA

Wednesday, March 18

6:30–7:00 am	Registration & Continental Breakfast
Rheumatology	
7:00–7:30 am	Rheumatoid Arthritis - <i>Robert L. DiGiovanni, DO, FACOI</i>
7:30–8:00 am	Vaculitides and Osteoarthritis - <i>Robert L. DiGiovanni, DO, FACOI</i>
8:00–8:30 am	Scleroderma, Lupus and Dermatomyositis - <i>Howard L. Feinberg, DO, FACOI</i>
8:30–9:00 am	Spondyloarthropathies and Reactive Arthritis <i>Robert L. DiGiovanni, DO, FACOI</i>
9:00–9:15 am	Break
9:15–9:45 am	Gout and Pseudogout-Crystal Arthropathies <i>Howard L. Feinberg, DO, FACOI</i>
9:45–10:15 am	Osteomyelitis, Septic Arthritis, Lyme Arthritis, Rheumatic Fever & AID Arthritis - <i>Howard L. Feinberg, DO, FACOI</i>
10:15–10:30 am	Joint Fluid Analysis - <i>Drs. Feinberg and DiGiovanni</i>
10:30–10:45 am	Rheumatology Board Questions - <i>Drs. Feinberg and DiGiovanni</i>
Infectious Diseases	
10:45–11:15 am	Clinical Microbiology - <i>Gerald W. Blackburn, DO, MACOI</i>
11:15–11:45 am	Pneumonia & TB - <i>David V. Condoluci, DO, FACOI</i>
11:45 am–1:00 pm	Lunch Break
1:00–1:30 pm	Endocarditis & Prophylaxis; Infectious GI Diseases <i>Gerald W. Blackburn, DO, MACOI</i>
1:30–2:00 pm	CNS Infections - <i>David V. Condoluci, DO, FACOI</i>
2:00–2:30 pm	HIV/AIDS - <i>Gerald W. Blackburn, DO, MACOI</i>
2:30–2:50 pm	Hemorrhagic Fevers and Fevers of Unknown Origin <i>David V. Condoluci, DO, FACOI</i>
2:50–3:00 pm	Infectious Disease Board Review Questions - <i>Drs. Blackburn and Condoluci</i>
Allergy/Immunology	
3:00–3:30 pm	Asthma - <i>Timothy R. Craig, DO, FACOI</i>
3:30–4:00 pm	Clinical Basis of the Immune Response and the Complement Cascade - <i>Bryan L. Martin, DO, FACOI</i>
4:00–4:30 pm	Food, Sinusitis, Rhinitis and Drug Allergy - <i>Timothy R. Craig, DO, FACOI</i>
4:30–5:00 pm	Systemic Allergic Disorders, Immunodeficiency and Immunoglobulin Disorders - <i>Bryan L. Martin, DO, FACOI</i>
5:00–5:30 pm	Allergic Skin Disorders and HAE - <i>Timothy R. Craig, DO, FACOI</i>
5:30–5:45 pm	Allergy/Immunology Board Review Questions - <i>Drs. Craig and Martin</i>
6:00–7:00 pm	Reception

Thursday, March 19

6:30–7:00 am	Continental Breakfast
Cardiology	
7:00–7:30 am	Cardiac Risk Factors and Noninvasive Cardiac Diagnosis-ECG, Echo, et.al <i>Gail D. Burchett, DO, MACOI</i>
7:30–8:15 am	Valvular and Congenital Heart Disease - <i>Martin C. Burke DO, FACOI</i>
8:15–8:30 am	Diagnosis of Peripheral Arterial Diseases - <i>Martin C. Burke, DO, FACOI</i>
8:30–9:00 am	Cardiomyopathies - <i>Gail D. Burchett, DO, MACOI</i>
9:00–9:15 am	Cardiology Board Review Questions - <i>Drs. Burchett, Burke and Chilton</i>
9:15–9:30 am	Coffee Break
9:30–10:00 am	Congestive Heart Failure - <i>Gail D. Burchett, DO, FACOI</i>
10:00–10:30 am	Management of Chronic Coronary Syndromes - <i>Robert J. Chilton DO, FACOI</i>
10:30–11:00 am	Acute Coronary Syndromes - <i>Martin C. Burke, DO, FACOI</i>
11:00–11:30 am	Management of Cardiac Arrhythmias and Conduction Disorders <i>Robert J. Chilton DO, FACOI</i>
11:30–11:45 am	Cardiology Board Questions - <i>Dr. Burchett, Burke and Chilton</i>
11:45 am–1:00 pm	Lunch Break
Endocrinology	
1:00–1:30 pm	Parathyroid Disease; Calcium Metabolism; Osteoporosis <i>Jack L. Snitzer, DO, FACOI</i>
1:30–2:00 pm	Disease of the Thyroid - <i>John R. Sutton, DO, FACOI</i>
2:00–2:30 pm	Endocrine Pancreas; Diabetes Mellitus; Metabolic Syndrome <i>Jack L. Snitzer, DO, FACOI</i>
2:30–3:00 pm	Endocrine Board Review Questions - <i>Drs. Snitzer and Sutton</i>
3:00–3:15 pm	Coffee Break
3:15–3:45 pm	Disease of the Adrenals and Gonads - <i>John R. Sutton, DO, FACOI</i>
3:45–4:15 pm	Pituitary and Related Disorders - <i>Jack L. Snitzer, DO, FACOI</i>
4:15–4:45 pm	Interactive Identification Optic Fundi and Endocrine Physical Findings <i>John R. Sutton, DO, FACOI</i>
4:45–5:00 pm	Endocrine Board Review Questions - <i>Drs. Sutton and Snitzer</i>

Friday, March 20

6:30–7:00 am	Continental Breakfast
General Medicine	
7:00–7:30 am	Acute and Chronic Neuropathies - <i>Scott L. Spradlin, DO, FACOI</i>

7:30–8:00 am	The Role of Genetic Testing and Counseling for the General Internist <i>John B. Bulger, DO, FACOI</i>
8:00–8:30 am	Amotrophies, Motor Disorders, Headaches - <i>Scott L. Spradlin, DO, FACOI</i>
8:30–9:00 am	Nutritional Disorders and Their Management <i>John B. Bulger, DO, FACOI</i>
9:00–9:15 am	General Medicine Board Review Questions - <i>Drs. Spradlin and Bulger</i>
9:15–9:30 am	Coffee Break
9:30–10:00 am	Cutaneous Manifestations of Systemic Disease - Part 1 <i>F. Richard Darrow, DO, MACOI</i>
10:00–10:30 am	Cutaneous Manifestations of Systemic Disease-Part 2 <i>F. Richard Darrow, DO, MACOI</i>
10:30–11:00 am	Diagnosis of Stroke, Multiple Sclerosis & Acute and Chronic Neuropathies <i>Scott L. Spradlin, DO, FACOI</i>
11:00–11:30 am	Drug Caused Side-Effects and Disorders - <i>F. Richard Darrow, DO, MACOI</i>
11:30–11:45 am	General Medicine Board Review Questions - <i>Drs. Darrow and Spradlin</i>
11:45–1:00 pm	Lunch Break
Gastroenterology	
1:00 am–1:30 pm	Disease of the Esophagus - <i>Catherine Kerschen, DO, FACOI</i>
1:30–2:00 pm	Disease of the Stomach - <i>Jack D. Bragg, DO, FACOI</i>
2:00–2:30 pm	Disease of the Small Intestine - <i>Catherine Kerschen, DO, FACOI</i>
2:30–3:00 pm	Disease of the Colon - <i>Jack D. Bragg, DO, FACOI</i>
3:00–3:15 pm	GI Board Review Questions - <i>Drs. Bragg and Kerschen</i>
3:15–3:30 pm	Coffee Break
3:30–4:00 pm	Disease of the Pancreas - <i>Jack D. Bragg, DO, FACOI</i>
4:00–4:30 pm	Liver Diseases - <i>Catherine Kerschen, DO, FACOI</i>
4:30–5:00 pm	GI Surgery Review: Indications and Complications – What to Look For <i>Catherine Kerschen, DO, FACOI</i>
5:00–5:30 pm	Cancer of the GI Tract, Liver and Pancreas - <i>Jack D. Bragg, DO, FACOI</i>
5:30–5:45 pm	GI Board Review Questions - <i>Drs. Bragg and Kerschen</i>

Saturday, March 21

6:30–7:00 am	Continental Breakfast
Pulmonary Diseases	
7:00–7:30 am	Respiratory Failure, Ventilator Therapy and PFT - <i>Thomas F. Morley, DO, FACOI</i>
7:30–8:00 am	Chronic Obstructive Lung Disease - <i>Amita Vasoya, DO, FACOI</i>
8:00–8:30 am	Restrictive Lung Disease - <i>Thomas F. Morley, DO, FACOI</i>
8:30–9:00 am	Lung Cancer and Paraneoplastic Syndromes - <i>Amita Vasoya, DO, FACOI</i>
9:00–9:15 am	Coffee Break
9:15–9:45 am	Pulmonary Thromboembolism - <i>Thomas F. Morley, DO, FACOI</i>
9:45–10:15 am	Unknown PFTs, Chest X-rays - <i>Drs. Vasoya and Morley</i>
10:15–10:45 am	5 Key Board Concepts for ICU Medicine - <i>Timothy J. Barriero, DO, FACOI</i>
10:45–11:15 am	Sleep Medicine Review - <i>Timothy J. Barriero, DO, FACOI</i>
11:15–11:45 am	Pulmonary/Sleep Board Review Questions - <i>Drs. Morley, Vasoya and Barriero</i>
11:45 am–1:00 pm	Lunch Lecture (Medicine for the Boards) - <i>Scott L. Spradlin, DO, FACOI</i>
Nephrology	
1:00–1:30 pm	Acute Kidney Injury and Chronic Kidney Disease - <i>Mark D. Baldwin, DO, FACOI</i>
1:30–2:00 pm	Tubulointerstitial Disease - <i>Mark D. Baldwin, DO, FACOI</i>
2:00–2:30 pm	Glomerulonephritis-Diagnosis and Management - <i>John E. Prior, DO, FACOI</i>
2:30–2:45 pm	Nephrology Board Review Questions - <i>Drs. Baldwin and Prior</i>
2:45–3:00 pm	Coffee Break
3:00–3:30 pm	Case Studies of Electrolyte Disorders - <i>Mark D. Baldwin, DO, FACOI</i>
3:30–4:00 pm	Case Studies of Acid/Base Disorders - <i>John E. Prior, DO, FACOI</i>
4:00–4:30 pm	Hypertension - <i>John E. Prior, DO, FACOI</i>
4:30–4:45 pm	Nephrology Board Review Questions - <i>Dr. Prior and Baldwin</i>

Sunday, March 22

6:30–7:00 am	Continental Breakfast
Hematology	
7:00–7:30 am	Benign Hematology - <i>Cheryl D. Kovalski, DO, FACOI</i>
7:30–8:00 am	Disorders of Hemostasis - <i>Cheryl D. Kovalski, DO, FACOI</i>
8:00–8:30 am	Basic Oncology, Markers, Genes - <i>Kevin P. Hubbard, DO, FACOI</i>
8:30–9:00 am	Clinical Oncology, Physical Diagnosis, Systemic Manifestations, Chemotherapy - <i>Kevin P. Hubbard, DO, FACOI</i>
9:00–9:30 am	Leukemia and Lymphoma - <i>Cheryl D. Kovalski, DO, FACOI</i>
9:30–9:45 am	Coffee Break
Oncology	
9:45–10:15 am	Oncologic Palliative Care Session - <i>Kevin P. Hubbard, DO, FACOI</i>
10:15–10:45 am	Myelodysplastic Syndrome & Plasma Cell Dyscrasias - <i>Cheryl D. Kovalski, DO, FACOI</i>
10:45–11:15 am	Cancer in Men-Prostate, Testes and Kidney - <i>Kevin P. Hubbard, DO, FACOI</i>
11:15–11:45 am	Cancer in Women - Breast, Uterus and Ovary - <i>Kevin P. Hubbard, DO, FACOI</i>
11:45 am–Noon	Hem/Onc Board Review Questions - <i>Drs. Hubbard and Kovalski</i>

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ACOI 2015 Clinical Challenges in Inpatient Care AGENDA

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18 - WELCOME RECEPTION 6:00-7:00 PM

THURSDAY, MARCH 19

7:30 – 8:00 am	Continental Breakfast
8:00 – 8:15 am	Welcome - <i>Frederick A. Schaller, DO, FACOI, Moderator</i>
8:15 – 9:00 am	Peripheral Vascular Disease and Wound Care - <i>Glenn D. Haraway, DO, FACOI</i>
9:00 – 9:45 am	Hyperbaric Medicine – Care of the Diabetic Foot Ulcer - <i>Glenn D. Haraway, DO, FACOI</i>
9:45 – 10:30 am	BP Management in the Elderly: Orthostasis, Post-Prandial and Autonomic - <i>Terri B. Ginsberg, DO, FACOI</i>
10:30 – 10:45 am	BREAK
10:45 – 11:15 am	Delirium in the Hospitalized Patient - <i>Terri B. Ginsberg, DO, FACOI</i>
11:15am – Noon	Hepatitis C Update - <i>Peter G. Gulick, DO, FACOI</i>
Noon – 1:15 pm	LUNCH
1:15 – 2:00 pm	Opportunistic Infections You Will Still See - <i>Peter G. Gulick, DO, FACOI</i>
2:00 – 2:15 pm	BREAK
2:15 – 3:00 pm	Lessons Learned for Ebola...and for “The Next Big One” <i>Gerald W. Blackburn, DO, MACOI</i>
3:00 – 3:45 pm	The Next Big One - What’s Out There? - <i>Gerald W. Blackburn, DO, MACOI</i>
3:45 – 4:30 pm	Treatment of Acute Pain in the Chronic Pain Patient - <i>Michael Karagiozis, DO</i>
4:30 – 5:15 pm	Palliative Care in the Hospital Patient - <i>Michael Karagiozis, DO</i>

FRIDAY, MARCH 20

7:30 – 8:00 am	Continental Breakfast
8:00 – 8:45 am	Hepatorenal Syndrome - <i>Jack E. Prior, DO, FACOI</i>
8:45 – 9:30 am	ESRD: Medical Management and Mismanagement - <i>Jack E. Prior, DO, FACOI</i>
9:30 – 10:15 am	Bariatric Surgery: Long-Term Complications - <i>Marc Cote, DO, FACOI</i>
10:15 – 10:30 am	BREAK
10:30 – 11:15 am	Nutrition in the Hospitalized Patient - <i>Marc Cote, DO, FACOI</i>
11:15 am – Noon	Rheumatologic Markers: What to Order in the Hospitalized Patient - <i>Scott Harris, DO</i>
Noon – 1:15 pm	LUNCH
1:15 – 2:00 pm	Rheumatology Topic TBA - <i>Scott Harris, DO</i>
2:00 – 2:45 pm	Assessing Bleeding Risks HASBLED/ATRIA: Which to Use - <i>Kevin P. Hubbard, DO, FACOI</i>
2:45 – 3:00 pm	BREAK
3:00 – 3:45 pm	Oncologic Emergencies - <i>Kevin P. Hubbard, DO, FACOI</i>
3:45 – 4:30 pm	Syncope: Cost Effective Evaluation - <i>Frederick A. Schaller, DO, FACOI</i>
4:30 – 5:15 pm	DVT/PE Diagnosis and Therapy - <i>Paul Stewart, MD</i>

SATURDAY, MARCH 21

7:30 – 8:00 am	Continental Breakfast
8:00 – 8:45 am	COPD Update - <i>Sandra K. Willsie, DO, FACOI</i>
8:45 – 9:30 am	Anaphylaxis – What You Need to Know - <i>Sandra K. Willsie, DO, FACOI</i>
9:30 – 10:15 am	Diabetes Medications: Understanding the Names and Mechanisms of Action in New Diabetes Treatments <i>Louis C. Haenel, IV, DO, FACOI</i>
10:15 – 10:30 am	BREAK
10:30 – 11:15 am	Proper Use of Insulin Therapy in the Hospitalized Patient - <i>Louis C. Haenel, IV, DO, FACOI</i>
11:15 am – Noon	Pre Operative Risk Assessment - Improving the Process - <i>Bruce Feldman, DO, FACOI</i>
Noon – 1:15 pm	LUNCH
1:15 – 1:45 pm	ACS: Initial Management of UA/NSTEMI - <i>Bruce Feldman, DO, FACOI</i>
1:45 – 2:30 pm	GI Potpourri for the Hospitalist: When to Call Your GI Consultant - <i>Gary Cornette, DO, FACOI</i>
2:30 – 3:15pm	Acute Colitis - <i>Gary Cornette, DO, FACOI</i>
3:15 – 3:30 pm	BREAK
3:30 – 4:15 pm	Neurologic Emergencies - <i>Paul Janda, DO</i>
4:15 – 5:00 pm	CODE WHITE: Optimal Stroke Management - <i>Paul Janda, DO</i>

SUNDAY, MARCH 22

7:30 – 8:00 am	Continental Breakfast
8:00 – 8:45 am	Hospital-Based Ethics - <i>Rick A. Greco, DO, FACOI</i>
8:45 – 9:00 am	Medical Malpractice for the Hospitalist - <i>Weldon D. Havins, MD, JD</i>
9:00 – 9:45 am	Improving Communication at the Bedside - <i>Robert Hasty, DO, FACOI</i>
9:45 – 10:30 am	Hospital Patient Hand-Off Strategies - <i>Robert Hasty, DO, FACOI</i>
10:30 – 11:30 am	Post Test - <i>Frederick A. Schaller, DO, FACOI</i> (Required for Focused Hospital Medicine OCC examination eligibility)

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- 2015 Internal Medicine Board Review Course
March 18-22 The Cosmopolitan Hotel, Las Vegas, NV
- 2015 Challenges in Inpatient Care
March 19-22 The Cosmopolitan Hotel, Las Vegas, NV
- 2015 Congress on Medical Education for Resident Trainers
May 1-3 Kierland Resort, Phoenix, AZ
- 2015 Annual Convention & Scientific Sessions
Sept 30-Oct 4 Marriott Waterside Hotel, Tampa, FL
- 2016 Annual Convention & Scientific Sessions
Oct 12-16 San Francisco Marriott Marquis, San Francisco, CA
- 2017 Annual Convention & Scientific Sessions
Oct 15-19 Gaylord National Resort and Convention Center, Washington, DC
- 2018 Annual Convention & Scientific Sessions
Oct 17-21 Orlando World Center Marriott, Orlando, FL
- 2019 Annual Convention & Scientific Sessions
Oct 30- Nov 3 JW Marriott Desert Ridge Resort & Spa, Phoenix, AZ

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Dr. Opipari Receives Lifetime Achievement Award



Michael I. Opipari, DO, MACOI, of Detroit, MI, received the American Osteopathic Foundation's (AOF) Lifetime Achievement Award in October. Considered by many as the father of Osteopathic Postdoctoral Training Insti-

tutions (OPTI), Dr. Opipari has spent more than four decades pioneering systems and standards for osteopathic medical residents that will influence generations of osteopathic physicians for years to come.

Dr. Opipari served for 20 years as the chair of the AOA Council on Osteopathic Postdoctoral Training for the American Osteopathic Association (AOA) and continues to influence the future of the profession as a member of the AOA/ACGME Joint Education Committee.

Dr. Opipari introduced the OPTI concept to the AOA Board of Trustees in the late 1980s, but it wasn't until the late '90s that osteopathic residency programs were required to be incorporated into an OPTI. Dr. Opipari felt strongly that hospitals and colleges could work together and strengthen the profession by offering high quality, cost-efficient training.

In addition to his contributions to postdoctoral training, Dr. Opipari has held numerous leadership positions, including President of the ACOI in 1996-97 and Chairman of the ACOI Council on Education and Evaluation for many years. He also chaired the governing board of the statewide campus system of the Michigan State University College of Osteopathic Medicine (MSUCOM). Board certified in internal medicine and medical oncology, Dr. Opipari practiced medical oncology for 26 years and is a Master Fellow of the ACOI.