

## From President Lightfoot ACOI Education Council Serves All of Us



Here We Go! January and the beginning of February have been very enlightening for me. I've been able to participate in several ACOI committee meetings which

included very engaging discussions. Each agenda leads to pertinent action for our College and its members. I appreciate our members' time, ability to focus, contributions and efforts, all of which are provided on a volunteer basis. My participation helps me to learn and listen to our members, and to re-energize and adjust our focus as the ACOI. Thank you all who serve.

Graduate medical education has gotten each and every one of us where we are today. There is ongoing discussion about what to do, how to support it financially and how to cut costs. I, for one, never thought that we in this land of the free and plenty would sacrifice the training required to ensure that we

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## ACGME Appoints Three to Internal Medicine Review Committee



Frederick Schaller, DO



Samuel Snyder, DO



Jill Patton, DO

The Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME) announced on February 11 the three osteopathic appointments to the Internal Medicine Review Committee (RC-IM). **Frederick A. Schaller, DO**, **Jill Paton, DO** and **Samuel K. Snyder, DO**, will represent osteopathic internal medicine on the RC-IM.

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### Special Award Nominations Also Sought

## Fellows Nominations Due April 13

The deadline for submitting nominations for the honorary Degree of Fellow is April 13, 2015. The minimum eligibility requirements for consideration are two consecutive years of Active ACOI membership and certification by either the American Osteopathic Board of Internal Medicine or the American Board of Internal Medicine. Nomination packets have been mailed to all current Fellows, as well as those who are eligible through AOBIM certification. Interested members who are certified by the ABIM are asked to contact the ACOI office for an application as the College does not maintain a complete list of ABIM-certified physicians.

Nominations also are sought for the Internist, Researcher and Teacher of the Year Awards, Master Fellow and Resident Humanism and Teaching Award (see criteria below). The deadline for nominations for these awards is May 15.

### ACOI Special Awards

The three special awards made to members of the ACOI are Teacher of the Year, Researcher of the Year and Internist of the Year. The awards are given annually when qualified candidates are identified and include a \$1,000 stipend to defray the cost of traveling to the annual convention. The criteria for each award are as follows:

#### Teacher of the Year

One who has made major contributions to osteopathic medical education, which

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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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## Letter from the President

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have enough qualified and talented physicians to take care of our young and aging populations. It's predicted by AAMC (American Association of Medical Colleges) and others that by 2025 we will face a significant shortage of 100,000 physicians if we don't expand GME availability. I am concerned about whether effective health care can be delivered to rural America and underserved populations who will potentially have to drive hundreds of miles for basic medical care. I also worry about the impact this may have on physicians' offices facing the increased burden of trying to fit in patients when there is no room, or to see them before and after official office hours. Many of us are already experiencing this. Contrary to what some believe, we cannot afford to hire more staff, midlevels and physicians to fill these voids at today's low reimbursement rates, especially if you rely on government reimbursement and third party payers who follow their lead.

So, you may be wondering where am I'm going with this. This past week I had the privilege to sit in on the meetings of our Council on Education and Evaluation. This Council has the responsibility to ensure that our internal medicine residents and fellows matriculate through top quality programs which our College and the public can be proud of. I, for one, did not know the magnitude and depth of consideration that is given to each program review and the assistance provided to programs which may need support and guidance. The members appointed to this Council have been given the essential task of leading our College's efforts to maintain a level of post graduate training that is second to none.

This group of talented individuals is dedicated and passionate about what they do to ensure quality education. As I mentioned above, these are not paid positions. The Council members step away from their day-to-day activities as clinicians, program directors and academicians. There is also resident and fellow representation. Their contributions are vital to the success of the College as we restructure and reinvent ourselves in the face of unified GME accreditation. It is also important to remember that our residents are our future and will care for all of us one day.

So, I want to personally acknowledge this group of individuals:

- John B. Bulger, DO, MBA Chairman (and ACOI President-elect)
- Robert A. Cain, DO Vice Chairman
- Jill Patton, DO
- Fredrick A. Schaller, DO
- Joanne Kaiser-Smith, DO
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- Mandar R. Jagtap, DO, fellow representative
- Sara Ancello, DO, resident representative

I urge all of our members to gain an understanding of what this Council does through ACOI to enhance osteopathic GME. GME Matters... ACOI Matters ... Our future matters as we move the ACOI forward.



# government RELATIONS

Timothy McNichol, JD

## House Votes to Repeal ACA

The House recently voted to repeal the Affordable Care Act by a vote of 239-186. The vote was mostly along party lines with three Republicans voting against the bill. This marks the 56th time that the House has voted to repeal or modify the ACA since it was enacted. While the legislation was approved overwhelmingly by the House, the Administration has indicated that it will veto the bill should it be presented for signature. According to the White House, repeal of the ACA would result in millions of Americans losing access to affordable health insurance coverage and would increase Medicare spending. The mostly-symbolic vote did differ from previous attempts to repeal the ACA in that the legislation directs House committees of jurisdiction to put forth legislative proposals to replace the ACA with legislation that meets specific goals. It appears unlikely that this legislation will be approved by the Senate. The Supreme Court is expected to hear oral arguments on a case examining the ACA in March with a ruling to follow this summer. Depending on the ruling of the Court, additional action on the ACA could follow.

## CMS Announces Coverage for Lung Cancer Screening

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) issued a national coverage determination (NCD) for Medicare coverage of screening for lung cancer with low dose computer tomography (LDCT) if certain eligibility requirements are met, effective February 5. The Decision Memo (CAG-00439N) lists the specific eligibility criteria for beneficiaries, reading radiologists and radiology imaging facilities. Generally, a Medicare beneficiary is eligible for the preventive service benefit if they meet the following criteria: 55-77 years of age; asymptomatic; tobacco smoking habit of at least 30 pack years; current smoker or one who has quit smoking in the last 15 years; and receives a written order for LDCT lung cancer screening that meets the criteria outlined in the memo. Additional information is available at [www.cms.gov](http://www.cms.gov).

## 2015 NHSC Loan Repayment Program Application Cycle Open

The 2015 National Health Service Corps (NHSC) Loan Repayment Program application cycle is now open and will close on March 30, 2015 at 7:30 PM Eastern Time.

This program provides loan repayment assistance to licensed primary care medical, dental, and mental and behavioral health providers who serve in communities with limited access to health care. Eligible providers can receive up to \$50,000 to repay their health professional student loans in exchange for a two-year commitment to work at an approved NHSC site in a high-need, underserved area. The payment is free from Federal income tax and is made at the beginning of service so loans can be more quickly paid down. There are both full-time and half-time service options.

The 2015 application cycle is expected to be competitive. On average, it can take up to three weeks to complete an application so applicants are encouraged to apply early. The process may improve this year for applicants now that some loan information can be automatically populated by the National Student Loan Data System. Additional information is available at <http://nhsc.hrsa.gov/loanrepayment/index.html>.

## House Committee Considers Medicare Physician Payment Reform

The House Energy and Commerce Health subcommittee recently conducted a hearing to examine efforts to reform the Medicare Sustainable Growth Rate (SGR) formula. Without congressional action, physicians face a nearly 21 percent reduction in Medicare reimbursements on April 1. The two-day hearing included testimony that looked at potential reforms, costs of the reforms and the need to end the annual threat of reductions in Medicare reimbursement. ACOI member Geraldine O'Shea, DO, provided testimony on the need for permanent reform and the importance of expanding coordinated care in the restructuring of the current payment model. Previously approved legislation was reviewed and identified as a solid foundation for future negotiations. While there was general agreement on the need to repeal and replace the SGR and address the annual threat of reductions in Medicare physician reimbursement, there was no agreement on how to pay for the approximate \$140 billion cost. The same concerns derailed legislative progress in 2014.

## CMS Announces Plan to Reform Medicare Payment Model

CMS has announced plans to shift traditional fee-for-service Medicare to one that pays for value and care coordination. According to a document released by CMS, the focus will be on the following three areas: improving the way providers are paid; improving and innovating in care delivery; and sharing information more broadly to providers, consumers and others to support better decisions while maintaining privacy. According to CMS, it intends to tie 30 percent of payments to quality and effectiveness by the end of 2016

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# coding CORNER

Jill M. Young, CPC, CEDC, CIMC

The ACOI Coding Corner is a column written by Jill M. Young, CPC, CEDC, CIMC. Ms. Young is the Principal of Young Medical Consulting, LLC. She has over 30 years of experience in all areas of medical practice, including coding and billing. Additional information on these and other topics are available at [www.acoi.org](http://www.acoi.org) and by contacting Ms. Young at [YoungMedConsult@aol.com](mailto:YoungMedConsult@aol.com).

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.

## Are you Prepared for the Transition to ICD-10?

The ICD-10 compliance date of October 1, 2015 is quickly approaching. To assist in the transition to ICD-10 code sets, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) released Road to 10. The online resource is a no-cost tool to help you get an overview of ICD-10, explore specialty references including internal medicine-specific information, and build an action plan to help in the successful transition to the ICD-10 code sets. ICD-10 will affect diagnosis and inpatient procedure coding for everyone covered by the Health Insurance Portability Accountability Act (HIPAA), not just those who submit Medicare and Medicaid claims. You can learn more at [www.roadto10.org](http://www.roadto10.org).

## A Gift of Stock Can Help ACOI's Generational Advancement Fund (GAF) and You



ACOI President Judith Lightfoot, DO, Visiting Professor at WVSOM in November, 2014.

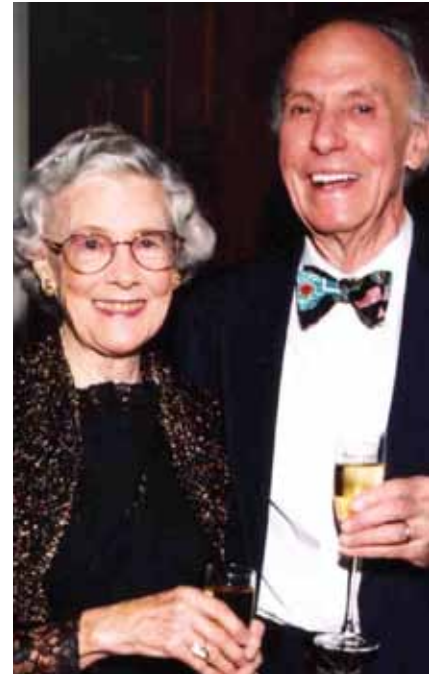
With the stock market continuing to do well, ACOI members might consider supporting the Generational Advancement Fund with a gift of appreciated publicly-traded stocks. A gift of stocks or bonds held more than a year that has grown in value, not only qualifies for a charitable-contribution deduction (based on the fair market value), but also avoids capital gains tax on the appreciated portion of the gift.

### ***Support for the Generational Advancement Fund helps the College:***

- Encourage medical students to pursue careers in internal medicine through our Visiting Professor Program
- Fund college student internal medicine clubs to attend the annual convention
- Provide textbook vouchers for students and residents who attend the annual convention
- Offer mentoring opportunities between students and practicing physicians.

For detailed information on how to make such a gift, contact Brian Donadio toll-free at 800-327-5183 or via email to [bjd@acoi.org](mailto:bjd@acoi.org).

## In Memoriam



Word has been received of the death of **Sheila M. Rogers, DO, MACOI**, of Grosse Ile, Michigan. Dr. Rogers, who was a pioneer of osteopathic internal medicine, was 96 at the time of her death. Born in 1918 in Glasgow, Scotland, Dr. Rogers attended the Kirksville College of Osteopathy, where she met her husband of more than 70 years, Joseph T. Rogers, DO, MACOI. She practiced internal medicine and cardiology. She was inducted into the ACOI Gillum Society of Master Fellows in 2000.

In addition to her husband, Dr. Rogers is survived by four children, Joseph C. Rogers, DO, Felix J. Rogers, DO, Sheila DeMare, MS and Lisa Rogers, DO. She is also survived by eight grandchildren and six great grandchildren. Contributions in Dr. Rogers' honor may be made to St. James Episcopal Church in Grosse Ile, or the Detroit Salvation Army.

# PROFESSIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

## 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/](http://www.rowan.edu/som/njisa/) or contact Susan Huff at (856) 566-6124 or email [huffsm@rowan.edu](mailto:huffsm@rowan.edu). Interested, email Dr. Bonnie Portier at [BPor486@aol.com](mailto:BPor486@aol.com).

**PROGRAM DIRECTOR/INTERNAL MEDICINE RESIDENCY PROGRAM - Bowling Green, Kentucky.** Seeking qualified physician to serve as Program Director for The Medical Center at Bowling Green's new Internal Medicine Residency Program which opens July 1, 2015. The program is accredited through the American Osteopathic Association (AOA) and affiliated with the Appalachian Osteopathic Postgraduate Training Institute Consortium (A-OPTIC). The program will accept six (6) residents to each incoming class. Physician must be certified in internal medicine or an internal medicine subspecialty by the AOA through the American Osteopathic Board of Internal Medicine. Physician must have practiced in internal medicine or an internal medicine subspecialty for a minimum of three (3) years and be an active member of the ACOI. Physician will replace the Interim Program Director and prepare the program for July 2015 implementation. Physician will report to the hospital's Director of Medical Education (DME).

Contact Trisha K. Lackey, Physician Recruiter, The Medical Center, 250 Park Street, PO Box 90010, Bowling Green, KY 42102. ([lackta@chc.net](mailto:lackta@chc.net))

**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 Outpatient 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](mailto:drpedano@aol.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](mailto:robert.jackson@psnmo.net).

## Hospital Medicine Exam Date Announced

The American Osteopathic Board of Internal Medicine (AOBIM) has announced that it will administer the Focused Practice in Hospital Medicine Recertification (OCC) Examination on August 22, 2015 in Lombard, Illinois. Recertification in internal medicine with a focus in hospital medicine is available as part of a five-year pilot program approved by the AOA two years ago. The examination will be a pencil and paper examination this year.

The program is for clinicians who concentrate their clinical practice in the diagnosis and management of hospitalized patients. It is available only to those who hold an active certification or recertification certificate in internal medicine. Those who successfully complete the requirements will be issued an OCC certificate in Focused Practice in Hospital Medicine. There has been some confusion regarding whether holders of this credential remain certified in internal medicine. The new credential is an internal medicine recertification; however, it replaces the original time-limited general internal medicine certification or recertification held by the candidate. If a candidate's practice reverts to general internal medicine in the future he or she may complete the OCC requirements for general internal medicine in order to maintain their certification.

Additional information and application materials for the examination are available at the AOBIM website, [www.aobim.org](http://www.aobim.org).

## OUTPATIENT IM OPPORTUNITY IN SMALL RURAL COMMUNITY!

Located just a short drive from the city, enjoy the best of both worlds!

We are recruiting for an internist to join our dedicated provider team at the Toppenish Medical Dental Clinic. Toppenish Medical Dental Clinic is an outpatient multi-specialty clinic. Pharmacy, Dental, Lab, X-ray, and Mental Health services are also available on site.

If you are looking for a position that provides you with an opportunity to give back to your community, then consider joining a community and migrant health center. We offer a good salary, beautiful, state-of-the-art facilities, and a well-balanced home life. We are looking for physicians that have a passion for providing high-quality healthcare in a multi-cultural environment.

This position is located in the beautiful Yakima Valley where we enjoy over 300 days of sun per year. We are located just a short drive from the beautiful Cascade Mountain range and in close proximity to countless outdoor activities. During the summer months we enjoy an extensive variety of locally grown fruit and vegetables from local farmers.

### A few of our benefits include:

- A competitive productivity-based compensation program
  - A comprehensive benefits package
    - A great work/life balance
  - Hiring bonus and relocation package
    - Loan repayment options
      - Visa sponsorship
- Monthly stipend for 3rd year residents

### About YVFWC

Yakima Valley Farm Workers Clinic serves over 120,000 people across 27 clinics and programs in two states. We have expanded medical care to include dental, orthodontia, nutritional counseling, autism screening, and behavioral health. We also offer community programs that offer assistance with employment and training, afterschool education, rental and shelter assistance, energy assistance, weatherization, HIV and AIDS counseling and testing, home visits, tobacco cessation, and three mobile medical/dental clinics.

### Working at YVFWC

Working at Farm Workers Clinic means being the passionate champion for those who have no voice. It means having the opportunity to work with underserved populations and with peers committed to the same work.

At Farm Workers Clinic:

- We will consistently TRUST one another to work for the common good.
- We will foster INTEGRITY by demonstrating ethical behavior and insisting on doing what we say we will do.
- We will demonstrate TRANSPARENCY by being candid and truthful no matter the risk.
- We will create PARTNERSHIPS to strengthen ourselves and our community.
- We will fight for JUST TREATMENT for all individuals.
- We will let JOY in.
- We have the COURAGE to be an agent of change and refuse anything short of excellence.

### The Pacific Northwest

Working at Farm Workers Clinic means living in the beautiful Pacific Northwest. You will have the opportunity enjoy spectacular wilderness areas, scenic ocean beaches and crystal-clear lakes and rivers. Because of the Cascade mountain range, the Northwest has two distinct climates: The west side is lush and green. Eastern Washington and Oregon, shielded from the rain-filled clouds by the high mountains, tend to be sunny and arid.

The two climates enable farms and orchards to produce a bounty of different fruits, berries and vegetables. And with 22 appellations, Washington and Oregon are also celebrated for their world-class wines.

No matter where you live in the Pacific Northwest, you will be within an easy drive to a thriving metropolitan area, offering fine shopping, theatres, museums and galleries. The area also boasts progressive public and private schools and world-class universities.

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# 2015 ACOI INTERNAL MEDICINE REVIEW COURSE

## AGENDA

### Wednesday, March 18

6:30–7:00 am	<b>Registration &amp; Continental Breakfast</b>
<b>Rheumatology</b>	
7:00–7:30 am	Rheumatoid Arthritis - <i>Robert L. DiGiovanni, DO, FACOI</i>
7:30–8:00 am	Vasculitides 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	<b>Break</b>
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>
<b>Infectious Diseases</b>	
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	<b>Lunch Break</b>
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>
<b>Allergy/Immunology</b>	
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	<b>Reception</b>

### Thursday, March 19

6:30–7:00 am	Continental Breakfast
<b>Cardiology</b>	
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>Vikrath Gongidi, DO, FACOI</i>
8:15–8:30 am	Diagnosis of Peripheral Arterial Diseases - <i>Vikrath Gongidi, 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 Gongidi</i>
9:15–9:30 am	<b>Coffee Break</b>
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>Martin C. Burke, DO, FACOI</i>
10:30–11:00 am	Acute Coronary Syndromes - <i>Vikrath Gongidi, DO, FACOI</i>
11:00–11:30 am	Management of Cardiac Arrhythmias and Conduction Disorders <i>Martin C. Burke, DO, FACOI</i>
11:30–11:45 am	Cardiology Board Questions - <i>Dr. Burchett, Burke and Gongidi</i>
11:45 am–1:00 pm	<b>Lunch Break</b>
<b>Endocrinology</b>	
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	<b>Coffee Break</b>
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
<b>General Medicine</b>	
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>Robert T. Hasty, DO, FACOI</i>
8:00–8:30 am	Amyotrophies, Motor Disorders, Headaches - <i>Scott L. Spradlin, DO, FACOI</i>
8:30–9:00 am	Nutritional Disorders and Their Management <i>Robert T. Hasty, DO, FACOI</i>
9:00–9:15 am	General Medicine Board Review Questions - <i>Drs. Spradlin and Bulger</i>
9:15–9:30 am	<b>Coffee Break</b>
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 am –1:00 pm	<b>Luncheon Symposium/Adult Immunizations</b> <i>(This session is supported by an independent educational grant from Merck and Co., Inc. Lunch will be provided by ACOI)</i>

### Gastroenterology

1:00–1:30 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	<b>Coffee Break</b>
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	<b>Continental Breakfast</b>
<b>Pulmonary Diseases</b>	
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	<b>Coffee Break</b>
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	<b>Lunch Lecture (Medicine for the Boards)</b> - <i>Scott L. Spradlin, DO, FACOI</i>
<b>Nephrology</b>	
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	<b>Coffee Break</b>
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	<b>Continental Breakfast</b>
<b>Hematology</b>	
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	<b>Coffee Break</b>
<b>Oncology</b>	
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	<b>Continental Breakfast</b>
8:00 – 8:15 am	<b>Welcome</b> - <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	<b>BREAK</b>
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	<b>LUNCH</b>
1:15 – 2:00 pm	Opportunistic Infections You Will Still See - <i>Peter G. Gulick, DO, FACOI</i>
2:00 – 2:15 pm	<b>BREAK</b>
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	<b>Continental Breakfast</b>
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	<b>BREAK</b>
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	<b>LUNCH</b>
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	<b>BREAK</b>
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	<b>Continental Breakfast</b>
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	<b>BREAK</b>
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	<b>LUNCH</b>
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>
2:00 – 5:00 pm	ACLS (Additional fee required) <i>Jonathan S. Simmons, DO, MS, FCCP</i>
2:30 – 3:15 pm	Acute Colitis - <i>Gary Cornette, DO, FACOI</i>
3:15 – 3:30 pm	<b>BREAK</b>
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	<b>Continental Breakfast</b>
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>

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## Nominations

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may include, but are not limited to:

- Recognition through the receipt of teaching awards for excellence in teaching in undergraduate or graduate medical education;
- Leadership as a program director, course director or director of medical education in which valuable contributions to the profession and a positive impact on a significant number of trainees have been made;
- Development of a model program that has led to innovation in osteopathic medical education;
- Receipt of Federal or foundation grants;
- Publication of articles on medical education in medical education journals.

### Researcher of the Year

One who has made major contributions to clinical or basic research related to osteopathic internal medicine as demonstrated by:

- A substantial record of extramural funding from Federal or foundation sources, such as the National Institutes of Health, American Osteopathic Association, the American Heart Association, etc.;
- Publications of original research in referred journals;
- Discovery of new technology, therapeutic interventions, or a new approach to clinical care that has had a significant impact on clinical care.

### Internist of the Year

One who has made major contributions to osteopathic internal medicine as demonstrated by:

- The opinion of osteopathic internal medicine leaders relative to clinical excellence;
- Receipt of awards recognizing clinical excellence from hospitals, state healthcare organizations and the community;
- Development of a model clinical program that has made an impact on osteopathic internal medicine;
- Leadership role in clinical direction as a chief of medicine, medical director, etc.;
- Recognition of bedside teaching excellence;
- Excellence as a mentor and role model for osteopathic residents and students.

### Master Fellowship

Nominations are sought for candidates for the Grover Gillum Society of Master Fellows, which honors osteopathic internists who have achieved superiority in clinical practice, teaching or research. Individuals accepted for membership will have demonstrated that their participation has raised the level of excellence of the organizations in which they participate. To be considered, a candidate must be a Fellow who is nominated by letter specifically outlining the candidate's qualifications.

### Resident Teaching, Humanism Award

The Board of Directors is seeking nominations for an award recognizing residents and fellows for excellence in teaching and humanistic qualities. The award honors compassion in the delivery of care, respect for patients, their families and healthcare colleagues, as well as demonstrated excellence in clinical teaching. The Board has approved funding for four awards this year, which will be made at the Convention in the Fall. Each awardee will receive a \$500 prize, plus up to \$1000 in expenses to attend the Convention.

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## ACGME Appointments

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The appointments occurred as part of the transition process to a single accreditation system for graduate medical education (GME). The RC-IM is responsible for the ACGME internal medicine training requirements, and also will determine whether osteopathic residency and fellowship programs meet the ACGME requirements for accreditation. The AOA has determined that it will cease accrediting GME in 2020.

The three appointees were selected from six nominations recommended by the ACOI and made by the AOA. Dr. Schaller is a cardiologist and past president of the College. A member and past chairman of the Council on Education and Evaluation, he is program director of the internal medicine residency at Valley Hospital in Las Vegas, Nevada. Dr. Patton is a general internist and member of the Council on Education and Evaluation and program director of the internal medicine residency at Advocate Lutheran General Hospital in Park Ridge, Illinois. Dr. Snyder is a nephrologist who serves on the ACOI Board of Directors and is program director of the internal medicine residency at Mount Sinai Medical Center in Miami Beach, Florida.

The three new osteopathic members of the RC-IM will soon join the 20 other members of that committee, including two residents and a public member.

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# CME CALENDAR

## ***Future ACOI Education Meeting Dates & Locations***

### **NATIONAL MEETINGS**

- 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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## **2015 Certifying Examination Dates & Deadlines**

### **Internal Medicine Certifying Examination**

Computerized Examination 200 Sites Nationwide  
September 10, 2015 - *Application Deadline: February 1, 2015*  
*Late Registration Deadline: April 1, 2015*

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Hematology • Infectious Disease • Nephrology • Oncology • Pulmonary Diseases • Rheumatology

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## **Government Relations**

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and 50 percent by 2018. At present, about 20 percent of Medicare payments are paid through programs that expose providers to financial risk for their performance or at least require them to collect and report quality measures. With the Federal government paying \$362 billion to Medicare providers in 2014, it is clear that it will continue to look for ways to increase efficiency in the dollars that are spent. With private providers often following the Government's lead, the ACOI will continue to carefully monitor CMS' efforts to implement these proposed changes.

### **Washington Tidbits: How Many Members of the House are There?**

It is often said that Congress consists of 435 Representatives and 100 Senators. This stated fact is a little misleading. In fact, there are more members of the House than are traditionally acknowledged when discussing the size of Congress. The House also contains Delegates from Washington, DC, Guam, American Samoa, the U.S. Virgin Islands, and the Northern Mariana Islands. They are elected every two years like other members of the House. There is also a Resident Commissioner from Puerto Rico who is elected every four years. The delegates and commissioner possess the same powers as other members of the House in that they serve on committees, speak on the House floor and introduce legislation. They may not, however, vote on final passage of a bill. They also perform the same constituent services as a Representative. Article I of the Constitution provides only for Representatives and Senators. The position of Delegate and Resident Commissioner are established under federal law through Title 48 of the U.S. Code and governed by the rules of the House.