

From President Greco

ACOI's 2014 Education Efforts Have Much to Offer



As we enter 2014, we welcome a new season of ACOI continuing medical education conferences, as well as the much-anticipated

implementation of Osteopathic Continuous Certification (OCC). This issue of our newsletter introduces our new website devoted to OCC for internists. The OCC Education Center for Internal Medicine (ECIM) will serve as the centerpiece of what I spoke to in my inaugural address about the ACOI's mission of embracing and organizing lifelong learning efforts for membership.

Like it or not, one-time certification is a thing of the past. Osteopathic Continuous Certification is here to stay. To meet our members' needs in complying with the requirements of OCC, the ACOI Board, staff and numerous content experts have dedicated significant time and resources over the past five years to create this website. In fact, the cost of preparing the site and producing the education modules it includes is by far the most expensive financial undertaking the College has ever

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OCC Education Center for Internal Medicine Web Resource Now Available

The ACOI and the American Osteopathic Board of Internal Medicine (AOBIM) have collaborated to create a Web resource for internists who are participating in the Osteopathic Continuous Certification (OCC) process. The OCC Education Center for Internal Medicine (OCC-ECIM) is the source for certified internists to register with the AOBIM for OCC, track their progress in meeting the OCC requirements, purchase and complete ACOI's OCC medical knowledge self-assessment modules and submit OCC activities for approval by the AOBIM.

Osteopathic Continuous Certification is the American Osteopathic Association's program for specialty board recertification that was implemented in 2013. It is based on the concept that rather than being a single event, certification should be a continuous, lifelong process. The intent is to ensure that board-certified DOs maintain currency and demonstrate competency in their specialty area. A description of the AOBIM's OCC program is available at www.aobim.org, or through the OCC-ECIM website. In addition to previous recertification requirements, it requires physicians to complete ongoing educational activities in medical knowledge self-assessment and practice performance improvement.

The ACOI has created a continuing education program in medical knowledge self-assessment that meets the AOBIM requirements for OCC in internal medicine and most of the subspecialties. The ACOI Medical Knowledge Self-Assessment modules test your acumen in a case-centric format on the 30 most common acute, chronic and other presentations seen by the practicing internist. The modules use the latest in brain science and game theory to help you acquire information quickly, remember it long-term and accurately recall it in the clinical practice setting.

For general internists, completion of all 15 ACOI modules over the 10-year recertification period provides more than enough OCC points required in medical knowledge self-assessment. Completing several of the modules during each three-year cycle meets the OCC requirement for continuous self-assessment of medical knowledge. Certain of the modules provide needed points for subspecialists and internists recertifying with a hospitalist focus. Each module is set-up so that you may complete it in one sitting; or you can pause at any point and complete it as your schedule permits. The modules are available through the OCC-ECIM website, which may be accessed at www.acoi.org.

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March 27-30, 2014

Hospital Update Meets AOBIM Board Review Requirement

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**Registration now open for ACOI IM Board Review Course and
Inpatient Clinical Challenges - Savannah, GA**



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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attempted. We have also partnered with the AOBIM to provide a convenient single location where you can meet all of your OCC needs.

I encourage you to visit the site, which can be accessed at our home page, www.acoi.org. On it you may register with the AOBIM for OCC, track your progress in meeting the requirements, and explore the case-centric state-of-the-art modules that we have prepared for you. We are confident that Washington insiders would be jealous of our smooth website launch.

Also in this newsletter, I invite you to explore the details of our upcoming educational events in March: the ever popular Internal Medicine Board Review Course and Challenges in Inpatient Care, both of which will take place in Savannah, GA. The AOBIM has designated the hospital medicine conference to be a program of choice for those who wish to achieve the new recertification credential in hospital medicine. As always, I welcome your comments and thank you for your support of the ACOI.

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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.

Verification of Patient Insurance Coverage

With the New Year comes new insurance coverage for many patients. It is estimated that over one million people will have a new insurance plan as a result of the health insurance exchanges created under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (ACA). Due to the numerous problems experienced with the enrollment process, patients may present at your office without insurance cards.

You can verify their coverage if the marketplace in your state is run by the Federal government by calling their plan's customer service line. A fact sheet and a list of all plans and their customer service numbers can be found at <http://marketplace.cms.gov/getofficialresources/publications-and-articles/contact-health-plan.pdf>. If you cannot find the number, call the Marketplace Call Center at 1-800-318-2596. If your state runs its own health insurance exchange, contact your state exchange. To find the website and contact information for your state exchange, visit <https://www.healthcare.gov/marketplace/individual/#state=alabama> and choose your state. It is important to note that if the patient is uninsured, they have until March 31st to sign up for non-employer based coverage. Additional general information for you and your patients is available at <http://marketplace.cms.gov/getofficialresources/publications-and-articles/publications-and-articles.html>.



government RELATIONS

Timothy McNichol, JD

Legislation Temporarily Preventing Medicare Physician Payment Cuts Signed into Law

President Obama signed into law the “Continuing Appropriations Resolution for 2014” (H.J. Res. 59, Pub. L. 113-67) on December 26. Enactment of H.J. Res. 59 prevented a nearly 24 percent reduction in Medicare physician reimbursement from taking effect on January 1. The law replaces the scheduled reduction with a .5 percent positive update through March and extends the Geographic Practice Cost Index (GPCI) floor through the same time period, among other things. Enactment of H.J. Res 59 is simply another short-term patch to the ongoing threat of physician payment reductions under the Medicare program. As a result, Congress must still act to advance a long-term solution. The ACOI will continue to closely monitor this matter and advocate for appropriate physician reimbursement under the Medicare program.

Legislation Reauthorizing Poison Control Programs Advances

The House approved the “Poison Center Network Act” (H.R. 3527) by a vote of 388-18 on January 8. The legislation authorizes \$700,000 over five years to fund the national poison control hotline. In addition, the bill provides \$800,000 to fund a national media campaign. Finally, H.R. 3527 authorizes \$29 million annually from fiscal year 2015 through 2019 for a poison control grant program that would benefit the activities of poison control centers across the country. Authorization and funding for the national poison control programs was last reauthorized in 2008 and expires at the end of fiscal year 2014. The bill now awaits Senate consideration.

HHS Inspector General Cites Need to Increase EHR Fraud Prevention Efforts

The Department of Health and Human Services’ (HHS) Office of Inspector General (OIG) has released a report identifying the practice of copying and pasting in electronic health records (EHR) as an activity that can promote both inadvertent and intentional excess billing in Medicare. As a result, the OIG believes that the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) and its contractors need to adjust their techniques for identifying improper payments and investigating fraud. To this end, the report recommends CMS provide guidance to its contractors on detecting fraud associated with EHRs. In addition, the report recommends that CMS should direct its contractors to use providers’ audit logs to better track changes within an EHR. You can view the full report at <http://oig.hhs.gov/oei/reports/oei-01-11-00571.asp>.

HHS Secretary Calls on OIG to Investigate Development of Healthcare Website

HHS Secretary Kathleen Sebelius sent a letter to the HHS Inspector General Daniel R. Levinson requesting a review of the implementation and launch of the Healthcare.gov website. Specifically, Secretary Sebelius requested the following areas be reviewed: the acquisition process for the contractors responsible for Healthcare.gov; the administration of contractors, as well as the project management of the Healthcare.gov website; how the contractors performed their duties, how they were supervised and how they were paid; and, whether the contractors met the terms of their original contracts. The OIG has not responded to date to Secretary Sebelius’ request.

Health Spending Growth Continues to Slow

According to a report released by CMS, healthcare spending rose by just 3.7 percent in 2012. This marks the fourth consecutive year of slow growth for US healthcare spending. According to the report, healthcare spending in 2012 was \$2.8 trillion. This equates to \$8,915 per person. In addition, the share of the gross domestic product (GDP) associated with healthcare spending dropped from 17.3 percent to 17.2 percent. According to CMS, growth in healthcare spending has remained stable since 2009, rising between 3.6 percent and 3.8 percent annually. The full report can be viewed at <http://www.cms.gov/Research-Statistics-Data-and-Systems/Statistics-Trends-and-Reports/NationalHealthExpendData/NationalHealthAccountsHistorical.html>.

Washington Tidbits: Put a Lid on it...

Perhaps one of the most recognizable structures in the world is the U.S. Capitol building adorned with a magnificent dome and the Statue of Freedom. Amazingly, it is actually the second and largest dome to top the building under which our nation’s laws are made.

On March 3, 1855 President Franklin Pierce signed into law the legislation that approved and funded the construction of a larger dome to replace the original and match the size of the expanding Capitol building. Construction of the new dome designed by Philadelphia architect Thomas U. Walter took place from 1855 to 1866 at a cost of \$1,047,291. The dome consists of 8,909,200 pounds of iron work that has succumbed to time and the elements. The Architect of the Capitol has identified over 1,000 cracks and deficiencies that must be repaired. The last full restoration of the dome took place in 1959-1960. It is expected that the current work will take approximately two years. You can learn more about the dome and the restoration work by visiting www.loc.gov/dome.

ACOI 2014 Clinical Challenges in Inpatient Care REGISTRATION FORM

The Westin Savannah Harbor Hotel, Savannah, GA • March 27-30, 2014
Registration available online at www.acoi.org/CMEHospitalMedicineUpdate14.html.

Full Name				
AOA Number				
Mailing Address				
City		State	Zip	
Work Phone		Fax Number		
Home Phone		Cell		
Email Address				
Preferred Name on Badge				
Emergency Contact		Telephone		
Fees	<small>Registration on/before 3/05/14</small>		<small>Registration after 3/05/14</small>	
	<input type="checkbox"/> ACOI Member.....	\$620	<input type="checkbox"/> ACOI Member.....	\$670
	<input type="checkbox"/> Non Member.....	\$750	<input type="checkbox"/> Non Member.....	\$800
	<input type="checkbox"/> Non Physician Provider	\$620	<input type="checkbox"/> Non Physician Provider	\$670
	<input type="checkbox"/> Residents/Fellows	\$520	<input type="checkbox"/> Residents/Fellows	\$570
Payment Method	<input type="checkbox"/> Check to ACOI <input type="checkbox"/> MasterCard <input type="checkbox"/> Visa			
Name on Card				
<input type="checkbox"/> Check here if billing address is same as mailing address listed above. If not, please provide below				
Billing Street				
Billing City		State	Zip	
Credit Card Number		Security Code		
Credit Card Exp. Date				
Signature				

Send this form and payment to: ACOI Office, 11400 Rockville Pike, Suite 801, Rockville, MD 20852 or Fax to 301 231-6099 or register online at www.acoi.org

NOTE: All registrations must be accompanied by a check for payment in full or appropriate credit card information. A processing fee of \$50 will be charged for cancellations received at any time. In order to obtain a refund, written cancellations must be received by March 5, 2014. No refunds will be made after that date, but registration fees (less \$50 cancellation fee) may be applied to a future ACOI meeting registration.

PLEASE NOTE: Check here if you plan to stay at the The Westin Savannah Harbor Hotel. Separate hotel registration is required. This does not register or guarantee a room at the hotel.

SPECIAL NEEDS: In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, every effort has been made to make this conference and activities accessible to people of all capabilities. Please list specific special assistance needed or any dietary restrictions or contact Susan Stacy at susan@acoi.org or by phone, 301 231-8877.

List special requirements here: _____

Hospital Update

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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. In addition, the program will provide up to 24 AOA 1A CME credits in internal medicine in a beautiful Lowcountry setting. Due to space limitations at the hotel, registration for this meeting is strictly limited to the first 165 registrants.

Frederick A. Schaller, DO and Scott L. Girard, DO are co-chairing the program. They have included sessions on sepsis guidelines, emerging infections, medical management in acute MI, oncologic emergencies, transitioning care, perioperative management and more.

The first examination for Osteopathic Continuous Certification (recertification) for Focused Practice in Hospital Medicine will be offered on May 8, 2014. The examination will be administered by PearsonVUE at 200 sites nationwide and will be 3.5 hours in length. Eligibility requirements and application packets are available by emailing admin@aobim.org. All applicants must be certified in internal medicine by the AOBIM and meet specific requirements of a hospital-based practice. The application deadline is March 1, 2014.

The Westin Savannah Harbor Resort is located in the Savannah River District, in the South Carolina Lowcountry—home to beautiful marshlands, wild coasts, and many bird species. It has been newly renovated and a special rate of \$179 per night has been arranged for course participants.

For further information regarding the Clinical Challenges program, including meeting and hotel registration materials, visit www.acoi.org.

Review Course Provides Essential Exam Prep

Registration is open for the 2014 ACOI Internal Medicine Board Review Course, which will take place March 26-30 at the Westin Savannah Harbor Golf Resort and Spa, Savannah, GA. 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 Westin Resort for \$179 a night, plus taxes. Registration materials are available on www.acoi.org, or by calling 1-800-327-5183.

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Details at AspirusProviderOpps.org. Contact Karen Lindstrum at Karen.Lindstrum@aspirus.org or 800.792.8728.

Photos are actual Wausau Area events

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PROFESSIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

GASTROENTEROLOGY POSITION– Michigan. Seeking a BC/BE Gastroenterologist to join a successful gastroenterology practice in Oakland County, Michigan. Affiliated with fellowship GI program at a major osteopathic teaching facility and an established surgical center. Please contact Steven Klein, DO at 248-471-8982 or skleindo@gmail.com.

INTERNAL MEDICINE PHYSICIAN– Delaware. We are searching for an Internal Medicine physician to fill a position in a busy internal medicine office in Dover Delaware. Job duties include but are not limited to:

- Morning hospital rounds Monday through Friday from approximately 7:15 AM to 8:30 AM.
- Office hours are as follows: Monday- Friday(except Wed) 8:45 AM to 11 AM, 12:45 PM to 4 PM
- (Wednesdays the last patient is at 12:30 PM)
- Follow-up office visits are 15 minutes, new patients are 45 minutes, preop clearance 30 minutes
- Intermittent scheduled days off monthly

On average each provider sees approximately 20-25 patients per day. There is coverage for call from 7 pm to 7 am. Three paid vacation and one week CME. After the first year, provider will be offered profit sharing and 401(k) contribution. \$1500 CME stipend per year, licensing, hospital dues, malpractice coverage, and individual health-insurance included. Starting salary will vary depending on experience. Contact Dr. Marisa Conti cell 302-535-9040 or email drmeese@aol.com.

Member Milestones

Gary L. Hoff, DO is featured in a *The D.O.* magazine article this month that recounts his efforts to support the medical humanities. Dr. Hoff, who practices cardiology in Des Moines, Iowa, teaches a medical school course called *The Healers' Art*, which emphasizes professionalism, compassionate care and self-care. He is also an accomplished portrait painter. The article is part of a series, *The Hero Next Door*, on osteopathic physicians who quietly are transforming health care in their communities and beyond.

You may read the full story here: <http://thedo.osteopathic.org/?p=163851>.

INTERNISTS - Yakima & Toppenish Medical Dental Clinics.

We are recruiting for two internists to join our dedicated provider teams at the Yakima and Toppenish Medical Dental Clinics. These are outpatient Internal Medicine positions in multi-specialty clinics. All inpatient work is taken care of by hospitalists and there is only light phone call.

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.

Both positions are 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 Us

The Yakima Valley Farm Workers Clinic (YVFWC) is the largest community health center in the Pacific Northwest. We are dedicated to providing our patients with the highest quality care and offering them affordable healthcare options. YVFWC provide comprehensive medical, dental, and social services in over 17 Pacific Northwest communities. Our medical and dental services are complemented by behavioral health services, nutrition services, drug and alcohol treatment, an HIV/AIDS clinic, community health services, the Northwest Community Action Center (which provides employment, training, mentoring, and other case management and referral services), and a mobile medical and dental unit.

The Pacific Northwest

You will have the added benefit of living in the Pacific Northwest, where you can enjoy spectacular wilderness areas, scenic ocean beaches, and crystal-clear lakes and rivers. You can enjoy fresh seafood, fine Northwest wines, and a spectacular selection of fruits and vegetables.

You will also be within an easy drive to a thriving metropolitan area, offering fine dining and shopping, theatres, museums, and world-class universities.

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New Members Welcomed

The ACOI Board of Directors and staff welcome the following physicians whose membership applications have been approved by the Credentials Committee and Board of Directors.

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MEDS/PEDS PHYSICIAN NEEDED - Yakima & Toppenish Medical Dental Clinics.

Are you ready for a change? Do you want a position that allows you to give back to your community? Join a community and migrant health center without giving up a good salary, beautiful, state-of-the-art facilities, and a well-balanced home life. We are currently looking for a Med-Peds physician to join our dedicated team of mission-driven providers. If you have a passion for providing high-quality healthcare in a multi-cultural environment, we would like you to consider becoming a member of our team!

A few of our benefits include:

- A competitive productivity-based compensation program with potential of \$170k+
- A comprehensive benefits package
- A great work/life balance
- Hiring bonus and relocation package
- \$50k guaranteed loan repayment and State and Federal Loan repayment options
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- Monthly stipend for 3rd year residents

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Future ACOI Education Meeting Dates & Locations

NATIONAL MEETINGS

- 2014 Internal Medicine Board Review Course
March 26-30 Westin Savannah Harbor Resort & Spa, Savannah, GA
- 2014 Challenges in Inpatient Care
March 27-30 Westin Savannah Harbor Resort & Spa, Savannah, GA
- 2014 Congress on Medical Education for Residency Trainers
May 2-4 Orlando World Center Marriott, Orlando, FL
- 2014 Annual Convention & Scientific Sessions
Oct 15-19 Baltimore Marriott Waterfront, Baltimore, MD
- 2015 Annual Convention & Scientific Sessions
Oct 28-Nov 1 Marco Island Marriott Resort Golf Club and Spa, Marco Island, FL
- 2016 Annual Convention & Scientific Sessions
Oct 12-16 San Francisco Marriott Marquis, San Francisco, CA
- 2017 Annual Convention & Scientific Sessions
Oct 4-8 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

Please note: It is an ACOI membership requirement that Active Members attend the Annual Convention or an ACOI-sponsored continuing education program at least once every three years.

Information on any meeting listed here may be obtained from ACOI Headquarters at 800 327-5183 or from our website at www.acoi.org.

2014 Certifying Examination Dates & Deadlines

Internal Medicine Certifying Examination

Computerized Examination 200 Sites Nationwide
September 11, 2014 - Application Deadline: February 1, 2014
Late Registration Deadline: April 1, 2014

Subspecialty & Certification of Added Qualifications:

Aug. 23, 2014 • Lombard, IL - Application Deadline: April 1, 2014

Late Registration Deadline: May 1, 2014

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

Internal Medicine Recertifying Examination

Computerized Examination 200 Sites Nationwide
September 12, 2014 - Application Deadline: April 1, 2014
Late Registration Deadline: May 1, 2014

Focused Hospital Medicine Recertification

Computerized Examination 200 Sites Nationwide
May 8, 2014 - Application Deadline: March 1, 2014

Subspecialty and Added Qualifications Recertifying Examinations:

Aug. 23, 2014 • Lombard, IL - Application Deadline: April 1, 2014

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

Late Registration Deadline: May 1, 2014

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

New ACOI Webinar Provides 1-A Credit



The ACOI has been approved to participate in an American Osteopathic Association pilot program to offer 1A CME credit for an Internet con-

tinuing education program. Unlike most such programs, live participation is not required. The webinar features a presentation by **Michael B. Clearfield, DO, FACOI**, on the new National Institutes of Health Guidelines on Atherosclerosis. Participants will complete brief pre- and post-test questions in order to receive credit. Dr. Clearfield will be available to respond to questions electronically within 48 hours of submission.

The presentation is approved for one 1A credit. The webinar is available on the ACOI website, www.acoi.org, at a cost of \$25 for ACOI members or \$50 for nonmembers. Access to the program will be available through February.



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