

From President Greco

June is a Time to Reflect and Celebrate



Graduation season is upon us; over 5800 Osteopathic medical students and 600 Osteopathic internal medicine residents and fellows have

achieved major milestones in their lives. Truly, it is good to pause to celebrate success.

I have enjoyed many opportunities this year to visit with students and residents, listening to their stories and ambitions. I enjoy hearing their stories about how they decided to begin this journey. I have heard about their satisfaction with choosing Osteopathic medicine and their confidence in achieving their career goals.

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October 15-19, 2014

Convention Location Central to Historic Sites

The 2014 ACOI Convention and Scientific Sessions will take place October 14-19 in the historic port city of Baltimore, Maryland. In addition to an informative education program, the Convention will provide several opportunities

for American history buffs to explore and learn inside and outside the city.

Off-site tours are planned to the Gettysburg battlefield, Annapolis – the 375-year-old state capital of Maryland, Fort McHenry – the inspiration for the Star-Spangled Banner, and the national Mall in Washington, DC. All are within a one-hour drive of Baltimore’s Inner Harbor.

This issue of the newsletter includes the preliminary program agenda and off-site tour information on pages 8-10. Check the ACOI website or the ACOI app for complete convention information. Registration materials will be available by the end of June.



Last Call For Board of Directors Nominations

Active members of the ACOI who are interested in serving on the Board of Directors are invited to contact the College’s office and request a nominating packet. The members of the ACOI will elect three individuals to three-year terms on the Board at the Annual Meeting of Members, October 19 in Baltimore, MD.

As part of an ongoing self-assessment process, the Board has developed a position description for Board members and a list of competencies that should be possessed by the Board as a whole. Potential candidates must complete an application form that allows them to describe how their experience and expertise match up with the desired competencies.

In order to be considered by the Nominating Committee, the completed nomination packet must be returned to the ACOI office no later than June 30, 2014. The slate of candidates will be announced in the July issue of the newsletter.

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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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I am impressed by how many are first generation physicians. This is a reflection on the opportunity our profession has provided our communities. The most satisfied and passionate invariably have stories they wish to share about the much-appreciated positive influences of the physician mentors they have encountered along the way.

My thanks go out to those many Osteopathic internists who participate in teaching these young physicians: those who strive to maintain high standards of patient care, and provide these young learners with the positive examples that will help form them. You are helping shape the future of our profession, and the future of our country's health care system.

I hope you all will take a moment to share in their celebration, our celebration.

As always, please feel free to contact me about any issues that are of concern.

coding CORNER

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 and by contacting Ms. Young at 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.

Billing For A Newly-Hired Physician

It is the time of year when many practices add new physicians, such as recent graduates or others seeking a change. Credentialing is a process that can take more time than you think. As such, it is important to prepare accordingly. Some old habits, such as the practice of billing before the "new doc" is credentialed, are inappropriate and can expose the practice to financial risk.

Each insurance carrier has its own credentialing process with guidelines and applications. The most important item is the effective date with the insurance carrier for the new physician. Some date variances can include retroactive duty and date of receipt of the application. It is important to note that many HMOs do not consider credentialing completed until their governing bodies approve a signed contract. Tracking all the dates is important as you look to schedule work for the new member of the practice. The newly-hired physician can see patients before an effective date for an insurance, but cannot bill the patient or the insurance for the service. "Incident to" billing is an option for established patients if all of the requirements are met, including having a prior plan of care and a supervising physician in the office.



government RELATIONS

Timothy McNichol, JD

Implementation of the “Two-Midnight” Rule Delayed

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) recently updated its guidance on inpatient hospital reviews to delay enforcement of the controversial “two-midnight” rule through March 31, 2015.

CMS officials indicated during a recent congressional hearing that efforts are underway to explore hospital reimbursement mechanisms for short inpatient stays. The review is a result of confusion created by the “two-midnight” rule established in 2013 with implementation originally scheduled for 2014. Under the rule, if a patient stays in a hospital for a minimum of “two-midnights” the stay is deemed “generally reasonable and necessary” as an inpatient stay. Anything less is a short-stay and not assumed to be reasonable and necessary. CMS officials stated that the rule was created in response to a high number of denied payments by Recovery Audit Contractors (RACs) for short-stays and the resulting increased use of observation status by hospitals. CMS is concerned with the increased reliance by hospitals on the use of observational status and the uncertainty and confusion that has resulted. Patients who are placed on observational status who later require post-acute care in a nursing facility are also placed in financial peril if they are not able to meet the three-day consecutive stay rule for Medicare coverage purposes. To this end, CMS is considering payment alternatives that will effectively compensate hospitals for the care they provide under a clear and concise rule that can be understood and applied by all affected providers.

Is important to note that Medicare Administrative Contractors (MACs) are still able to select a small number of inpatient claims per hospital to conduct “probe and educate” activities. However, RACs will not be permitted to conduct reviews on claims with dates of October 1, 2013 through March 31, 2015. The ACOI will continue to monitor this issue as regulatory and legislative resolutions are sought to address the confusion and uncertainty created by the two-midnight rule.

Secretary of HHS Sworn in

Sylvia Mathews Burwell was sworn in as Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) on June 9. She replaces outgoing Secretary Kathleen Sebelius who held the position since 2009. Secretary Burwell’s confirmation met little opposition in the Senate where she was confirmed by a strong bipartisan vote of 78 to 17 on June 5. Prior to her confirmation as Secretary, Burwell served as the Director of the Office of Management and Budget.

Medicare to Cover Hepatitis C Virus Screening

CMS has determined that Medicare Parts A and B will cover screening for the Hepatitis C Virus. CMS will cover the screening when ordered by a beneficiary’s primary care physician in the context of a primary care setting and performed by an eligible Medicare provider. The screening will be covered if the beneficiary is at “high risk” for Hepatitis C Virus infection because of a current or past history of illicit injection drug use, or the person has a history of receiving a blood transfusion prior to 1992. In addition, a single screening test is covered for individuals who are not “high risk,” but who were born from 1945 through 1965.

Additional information is available at www.cms.gov.

OIG Report Says 20 Percent of E/M Services Payments Not Appropriate

According to a report released by the HHS Office of Inspector General (OIG), Medicare inappropriately paid \$6.7 billion for evaluation and management (E/M) services in 2010. This accounts for approximately 20 percent of all E/M service payments made that year. The OIG report identified the following errors: 55 percent of E/M claims were incorrectly coded or lacked documentation; 26 percent were upcoded; 15 percent were downcoded; and 12 percent were insufficiently documented. The report went on to find that high-coding physicians were more likely to code inappropriately and provide insufficient documentation. As a result of its findings, the OIG has recommended to CMS the following: educate physicians on coding and documentation requirements for E/M services; continue to encourage contractors to review E/M services billed for high-coding physicians; and follow-up on claims for E/M services that were paid in error.

CMS Proposes Rule to Ease Participation in 2014 Meaningful Use Program

CMS has issued a proposed rule to allow the use of 2011 Edition certified electronic health records (EHRs) in the 2014 Meaningful Use Program for providers who are not able to upgrade in time. Under the current rule, providers are required to adopt EHRs certified under the 2014 Edition certificate criteria to be eligible for 2014 incentive payments and to avoid Medicare penalties in 2015. The proposed rule is an effort to respond to numerous complaints that providers have been unable to upgrade through no fault of their own. In addition, the proposed rule

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member MILESTONES



Anthony N. Ottaviani, DO, MPH, MACOI, of Largo, FL, was elected to a one-year term as President of the American Osteopathic Foundation (AOF) in January. He is a past President of the ACOI and is clinical professor of medicine, regional dean and Board of Governors member at Nova Southeastern University. Dr. Ottaviani completed medical school at the Kansas City College of Osteopathic Medicine. He served his internship and a one-year residency in anesthesiology at Riverside Hospital in Trenton, MI, followed by a residency in internal medicine at Detroit Osteopathic Hospital. He then served a Pulmonary and Critical Care Fellowship at the Wayne County General Hospital - University of Michigan, Ann Arbor and the University of South Florida, College of Medicine Tampa, FL. Dr. Ottaviani completed his Masters in Public Health through Nova Southeastern University.

At present, Dr. Ottaviani is the Chief Academic Officer for Largo Medical Center overseeing 130 residents and fellows in 13 programs with 60 medical students on campus. He was recognized as Internist of the Year by the ACOI in Montreal in 2005 and was nominated for the AOA's Distinguished Service Certificate, which was awarded to him by the AOA Board of Trustees in 2013.



David Pizzimenti, DO, FACOI, of Corinth, Mississippi, was awarded the 2014 Preceptor of the Year award from Lincoln Memorial University-DeBusk College of Osteopathic Medicine (LMU-DCOM). The award was announced at LMU-DCOM's annual awards ceremony on May 9.

The Preceptor of the Year Award is presented annually to an individual who consistently provides outstanding clinical instruction to LMU-DCOM third- and fourth-year students. The award recognizes a preceptor who displays a passion for teaching, a commitment to service and a dedication to the highest ethical standards.

"My personal mission coincides with that of LMU-DCOM," Dr. Pizzimenti said, "that being to: 'embrace compassionate, patient-centered care that values diversity, public service and leadership as an enduring commitment to professionalism and the highest ethical standards.' Providing this care in rural underserved areas is extremely important to me, and the students of LMU-DCOM have been instrumental in helping me carry out this mission."

Dr. Pizzimenti serves as director of medical education and internal medicine program director for Magnolia Regional Health Center in Corinth. He received his undergraduate degree from the University of Florida and his doctor of osteopathic medicine degree from Nova Southeastern University/College of Osteopathic Medicine.



Try ACOI's New App For the Latest Information



The ACOI has introduced a new way for members to learn about its education programs, news of note and other important information: the ACOI app for smart phones and tablets. The app includes much of the information that is available on the ACOI website. It has links to certification information, GME standards and reports, member services information, Board, committee and staff contacts and more. In addition, agenda and registration materials and syllabuses for all continuing education meetings can be accessed via the ACOI app.

There is no charge for the ACOI app and it is available in all major formats. Learn how to download it via this link: <http://eprodirect.com/ema-sites/acoi/>.

professional OPPORTUNITIES

DEPARTMENT CHAIR, INTERNAL MEDICINE - Harrogate, TN. Lincoln Memorial University invites applications for the position of Department Chair, Internal Medicine at the DeBusk College of Osteopathic Medicine. The Chair of Internal Medicine is overall responsible for the operation and maintenance of the clinical department providing premier quality instruction for medical students and postgraduate learners. This will include serving as Rotation Director for 3rd year internal medicine core rotations and assuring that sufficient internal medicine rotations are available. The Chair will provide and supervise internal medicine clinical care and will assist in the promotion and development of scholarly activity and postgraduate training activities. The Chair will assist and participate in program development, faculty recruitment and development and evaluation of internal medicine curriculum at all levels. The Chair will function as the leader of the department of Internal Medicine and seek to advance the mission of the COM through teaching, scholarship, service and clinical care activities. Qualifications; Required: Graduate of an AOA accredited College of Osteopathic Medicine; completion of AOA approved residency in internal medicine; certification in internal medicine by the AOA via The American Osteopathic Board of Internal Medicine; an unrestricted license to practice medicine (or able to be licensed) in Tennessee; at least 3-5 years experience in the practice of internal medicine or an internal medicine subspecialty; at least 2 years experience teaching at or for a medical school; meet qualifications to direct an AOA internal medicine residency program; be (or become) an active member of the American College of Osteopathic Internists; possess a fundamental understanding of the continuum of osteopathic medical education.

Review of applications will begin immediately. Applicants should submit an LMU application for employment, a cover letter addressing qualifications for the position, curriculum vitae, official transcripts and contact information for three references to Lincoln Memorial University, 6965 Cumberland Gap Parkway, Harrogate, TN 37752, Attention: Pamela Lester. Electronic submissions are encouraged to pamela.lester@lmunet.edu. LMU's hiring policies are in accordance with EEO regulations and policies. LMU is committed to diversity and is an equal opportunity employer. Women and minorities are strongly encouraged to apply.

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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.

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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- Bayview Behavioral Hospital
- Northshore Emergency Center
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Hospital Quality/Core Measures:

- Acute Myocardial Infarction = 100%
- Heart Failure = 99.22%
- Pneumonia = 100%
- SCIP = 99.06%

Awards/Accreditations:

- Joint Commission Accreditation
- Joint Commission Primary Stroke Center
- Joint Commission *Top Performing Hospital/Quality Measures**
- American Heart Association/Stroke Association's
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- Thomson Reuter's Top 100 Hospital® Award (2011)
- Thomson Reuter's Top 50 Cardiovascular Hospital® Award (2012)
- State of Texas Ten Step Facility
- Mother-friendly Worksite

Postgraduate Medical Education Cardiology Fellowship Training Program

HCA affiliate, Corpus Christi Medical Center provides postgraduate educational training in the highest level of patient care. Our program is accredited by the American Osteopathic Association (AOA) as a three year general cardiology fellowship program and is designed to provide Cardiologists with high quality instruction and experience in Cardiology techniques plus education. Cardiologists who train in the program will acquire the medical knowledge and experience in all facets of general cardiology with multiple faculty members.

Our Cardiology Fellowship Training Program provides clinical learning opportunities on two hospital campuses. The Bay Area and Doctors Regional Campuses are Accredited Chest Pain Center by the Society of Cardiovascular Patient Care and is certified by the Joint Commission as a Primary Stroke Centers. In addition, both hospitals are recognized nationally by the Joint Commission as a Top Performing Hospital™ in Key Quality Measures.

Cardiology Fellowship Training Program Application

The Cardiology Fellowship Position begins on July 1, 2014. Interested applicants must be a graduate of an accredited AOA or ACGME Internal Medicine Residency Program and be board certified or board eligible to sit for the American College of Osteopathic Internal Medicine boards. The application deadline is May 15, 2014. To apply, please submit the following information:

- A current photograph
- Current Curriculum Vitae—Current ERAS submission preferable
- Copy of all training contracts to date
- A typed personal statement
- Original medical school transcript sent directly from the sending institution
- Copy of your medical school diploma
- Copies of any/all applicable licensure/permits
- Copy of current ACLS and BCLS
- COMLEX score reports (official/not computer)
- Three (3) letters of recommendation current within 90 days sent directly to our program from the sender—One letter of recommendation must be from your Internal Medicine Residency Program Director
- Medical school deans' letter
- Other documentation as desired

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WEDNESDAY October 15, 2014

11:00 AM-NOON	New Member and First-Time Attendee Orientation Q&A with ACOI Board of Directors <i>Rick A. Greco, DO, FACOI, President, Moderator</i>
1:00-2:00 PM	Keynote Address Innovation and Health System Transformation <i>Patrick H. Conway, MD, MSc</i>
2:00-2:30 PM	Maintenance of Licensure 2014 Update <i>Humayun J. Chaudhry, DO, MS, FACOI</i>
2:30-2:45 PM	BREAK
2:45-4:45 PM	PLENARY SESSION - Cardiology <i>Martin C. Burke, DO, FACOI, Moderator</i>
2:45-2:50 PM	Clinical Case Presentation- Acute Coronary Syndrome <i>Martin C. Burke, DO, FACOI</i>
2:50-3:15 PM	Mission Lifeline: Improving Door-to-Balloon-Time Using Field ECG Transmission <i>Sandeep Nathan, MD</i>
3:15-3:40 PM	Breaking Old Habits: Use of the New Oral Anticoagulants in Clinical Practice <i>Sandeep Nathan, MD</i>
3:40-3:45 PM	Case Update <i>Martin C. Burke, DO, FACOI</i>
3:45-4:05 PM	Innovative Heart Rhythm Monitors for Patient Comfort- Ziopatch to iRhythm <i>Eric D. Good, DO, FACOI</i>
4:05-4:30 PM	Managing Ventricular Arrhythmias Post MI-Ablation and Devices <i>Eric D. Good, DO</i>
4:30-4:45 PM	Panel Discussion and Clinical Case Wrap-Up
4:45-5:45 PM	Tests I Wish You'd Never Ordered <i>Gerald W. Blackburn, DO, MACOI, Moderator</i> <i>Scott L. Girard, DO, FACOI</i> <i>Kevin P. Hubbard, DO, FACOI</i> <i>Jack E. Prior, DO, FACOI</i>
6:00-7:30 PM	Welcome Reception

THURSDAY October 16, 2014

7:00-8:00 AM	SUNRISE SESSIONS 1) AIDS/HIV Update <i>David V. Condoluci, DO, FACOI</i> 2) Practical Tips to use Daily to Ensure Concise and Compliant Documentation <i>Jill M. Young, CPC, CEDC, CIMC</i> 3) Care of the Veteran <i>Jennifer Hoppe, DO</i> 4) Improving Health Through the Patient-Physician Relationship: Yes, There is an App for That! <i>Anthony J. Wehbe, DO, FACOI</i>
8:00-8:15 AM	WELCOME/OPENING REMARKS <i>Rick A. Greco, DO, FACOI, President</i> <i>Judith A. Lightfoot, DO, FACOI, Program Chair</i>
8:15-9:00 AM	KEYNOTE ADDRESS Bridging the Gap Between Evidence-Based Medicine and Patient-Centered Care: The Doctor-Patient Relationship <i>Debra L. Roter, DrPH</i>
9:00 AM-12:00 PM	PLENARY SESSION - Infectious Diseases <i>Mia A. Taormina, DO, FACOI - Moderator</i>
9:00-9:30 AM	Travel Medicine for the Non-Travel Expert <i>Michael J. Barnish, DO, FACOI</i>
9:30-10:00 AM	Innovations in TB Therapy <i>Mia A. Taormina, DO, FACOI</i>
10:00-10:15 AM	BREAK
10:15-11:15 AM	Innovation and Treatment of HCV <i>Peter G. Gulick, DO, FACOI</i>

11:15-11:45 AM	Future of Antimicrobial Resistance in the Face of No New Antimicrobial Therapy <i>MarkAlain Déry, DO, MPH</i>
11:45 AM-NOON	Q&A Panel Discussion
NOON-1:00 PM	LUNCHEON SYMPOSIUM <i>Topic/Speaker - TBD</i>
1:00-2:15 PM	PLENARY SESSION - Ethics <i>Mitchell D. Forman, DO, FACOI, Moderator</i> Ethics in Clinical Practice - Doing What's Right When No One is Looking Case Studies - Audience Participation <i>Mitchell D. Forman, DO, FACOI</i> <i>Weldon Havins, JD</i>
2:15-2:30 PM	BREAK
2:30-4:30 PM	PLENARY SESSION - Critical Care Medicine <i>David Lindner, DO, FACOI, Moderator</i>
2:30-3:30 PM	New Sepsis Guidelines <i>Patrick C. Cullinan, DO, FACOI</i>
3:30-4:15 PM	Innovations and Techniques from a Team Approach <i>Speaker TBD</i>
4:15-4:30 PM	Q&A Panel Discussion
4:30-5:30 PM	PLENARY SESSION - Rheumatology (concurrent session) <i>Mitchell D. Forman, DO, FACOI, Moderator</i>
4:30-5:10 PM	Biological therapy for RA: Where are we after 15 years?" <i>Meagan E. Eshbaugh, DO</i>
5:10-5:40 PM	RA Therapy: Can it Ever Be Stopped? <i>Robert L. DiGiovanni, DO, FACOI</i>
5:40-5:45 PM	Q&A Panel Discussion
4:15-5:00 PM	(Concurrent Session) Resident Research Presentations <i>Samuel K. Snyder, DO, FACOI, Moderator</i>
5:00-6:00 PM	Women Physicians Discussion Group <i>Joanne Kaiser-Smith, DO, FACOI, Moderator</i>
5:00-7:00 PM	Resident/Fellow/Student Session (Reception)
6:00 PM-7:30 PM	Alumni Receptions

FRIDAY October 17, 2014

7:00-8:00 AM	SUNRISE SESSIONS 1) Understanding Osteopathic Continuous Certification <i>Gary L. Slick, DO, MACOI</i> 2) Falls - Mechanical or Circulatory <i>Theresa M. Matzura, DO, FACOI</i> 3) Palliative Care Symptom Management for the Internist <i>Annette T. Carron, DO, FACOI</i>
8:00-8:45 AM	KEYNOTE ADDRESS The Evolution of Patient-Centered Medical Practice: Osteopathic Medicine as the Forerunner <i>Kevin P. Hubbard, DO, FACOI</i>
8:45-9:00 AM	Q&A DISCUSSION
9:00 AM-NOON	PLENARY SESSION - Pulmonary/Sleep Medicine <i>Daniel L. Maxwell, DO, FACOI, Moderator</i>
9:00-9:45 AM	Bronchial Thermoplasty in the Treatment of Asthma <i>Michael J. Simoff, MD</i>
9:45-10:30 AM	Nonpharmacologic Treatment for Insomnia <i>Brian H. Foresman, DO, FACOI</i>
10:00-11:00 AM	Concurrent Session ACOI Healthcare Leadership and Management Program Introduction <i>Michael J. Deegan, MD, DM</i> <i>John F. McCracken, PhD</i>

10:30-10:45 AM	BREAK
10:45-11:45 AM	New Therapies for COPD <i>Daniel L. Maxwell, DO, FACOI</i>
11:45 AM-NOON	Q&A Panel Discussion
NOON-1:00 PM	LUNCHEON SYMPOSIUM – Product Theater Advancing Paradigm Changes in Type 2 Diabetes Management <i>Steven Vacalis, DO</i>
1:00-2:30 PM	PLENARY SESSION - Allergy/Immunology <i>Lary L. Ciesemier, DO, FACOI, Moderator</i>
1:00-1:45 PM	Innovations in Sublingual Immunotherapy <i>Jason E. Casselman, DO & Panel</i>
1:45-2:30 PM	Asthma Mimicking Diseases <i>Robert Hostoffer, DO</i>
2:30-3:00 PM	Choosing Wisely <i>John B. Bulger, DO, FACOI Moderator</i>
3:00-3:15 PM	BREAK
3:00-5:00 PM	Resident/Fellow/Student Session
3:15-5:00 PM	PLENARY SESSION - Geriatric Medicine/Hospice and Palliative Medicine <i>Annette T. Carron, DO, FACOI</i> <i>Danielle M. Hansen, DO, FACOI, Co-Moderators</i>
3:15-4:20 PM	Advanced Wound Care/Prevention of Ulcers <i>James Lin, DO</i>
4:20-5:00 PM	Hyperbaric Medicine <i>Anthony J. Ferretti, DO</i>
6:00-8:00 PM	Convocation of Fellows and Reception

SATURDAY October 18, 2014

7:00-8:00 AM	Subspecialty Section Business Meetings (30 min lecture/30 min business meeting) Allergy – <i>Lary L. Ciesemier, DO, FACOI</i> Lecture – 2014 Allergy/Immunology Updates <i>Jonathan Horbal, DO</i> Cardiology – <i>Martin C. Burke, DO, FACOI</i> Endocrine – <i>John R. Sutton, DO, FACOI</i> Gastroenterology – <i>Monte E. Troutman, DO, FACOI</i> Geriatric Medicine – <i>Danielle M. Hansen, DO, FACOI</i> Hematology/Oncology – <i>Jason R. Beckrow, DO, FACOI</i> Infectious Disease – <i>Mia A. Taormina, DO, FACOI</i> Lecture - Late Breakers - Infectious Disease <i>Mia A. Taormina, DO, FACOI</i> Nephrology – <i>Samuel K. Snyder, DO, FACOI, Moderator</i> Lecture – Top Nephrology Stories of 2014 <i>Jack Waterman, DO, FACOI</i> Nuclear Medicine – <i>James C. Clouse, DO, FACOI</i> Palliative Medicine – <i>Annette T. Carron, DO, FACOI</i> Lecture – TBD (End of Life Credit) Pulmonary/Sleep/CCM – <i>Daniel L. Maxwell, DO, FACOI</i> Pulm ; <i>David H. Lindner, DO, FACOI</i> CCM ; <i>Daniel L. Maxwell, DO, FACOI</i> Sleep Medicine ; Lecture - Interventional Pulmonology <i>Michael J. Simoff, MD</i> Rheumatology – <i>Mitchell D. Forman, DO, FACOI</i> Lecture - Rheumatology 2014 – Late Breakers
7:00-8:00 AM	SUNRISE SESSIONS 1) Hospitalist Interest Group <i>John B. Bulger, DO, MBA, FACOI</i> 2) Minorities in Research: Where Did Everyone Go? <i>Timothy J. Barreiro, DO, FACOI</i> 3) Washington Update <i>Timothy W. McNichol, JD</i>

8:00 AM-NOON and 1:00-4:00 PM	Concurrent Session Fundamental Critical Care Support Course (Separate Registration Required) Topic TBD Speaker TBD
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8:00-8:45 AM	PLENARY SESSION – Nuclear Medicine Choosing Wisely in Nuclear Medicine and Molecular Imaging <i>Erin E. Grady, MD</i>
8:45-10:45 AM	PLENARY SESSION - Nephrology <i>Samuel K. Snyder, DO, FACOI, Moderator</i>
8:45-9:15 AM	Interventional Nephrology <i>Jeffery Packer, DO, FACOI</i>
9:00 AM-NOON	Concurrent Session ACOI Healthcare Leadership and Management Program 2014 Capstone Session <i>Michael J. Deegan, MD, DM</i> <i>John F. McCracken, PhD</i>
9:15-9:45 AM	CKD in the Geriatric Patient <i>Parham Eftakari, MD</i>
9:45-10:15 AM	Salt and Water <i>Larry E. Krevolin, DO</i>
10:15-10:30 AM	BREAK
10:30 AM-NOON	PLENARY SESSION – Gastroenterology <i>John C. Chiesa, DO, FACOI, Moderator</i>
10:30 AM-11:15 AM	Irritable Bowel Syndrome <i>J. Steven Blake, DO</i>
11:15 AM-NOON	Quality Colonoscopies <i>John Santoro, DO, FACOI</i>
NOON-1:00 PM	LUNCHEON SYMPOSIUM Alleviating Chronic Pain While Maintaining Patient Safety <i>Thomas F. Jan, DO</i>
1:00-3:00 PM	PLENARY SESSION – Oncology <i>Jason R. Beckrow, DO, FACOI, Moderator</i>
1:00-1:50 PM	Breast Cancer Update <i>Christopher S. Szyarto, DO</i>
1:50-2:45 PM	Stereotactic Ablative Radiotherapy for Stage 1 Lung Cancer: A Potentially Curative Alternative to Surgery <i>Drew Moghanaki, MD</i>
2:45-3:00 PM	Q&A with Panel
3:00-3:15 PM	BREAK
3:15-5:15 PM	PLENARY SESSION – Endocrinology <i>John R. Sutton, DO, FACOI, Moderator</i>
3:15-4:00 PM	Aggressive Diabetes Care: Is It Still Warranted? <i>Jack L. Snitzer, DO, FACOI</i>
4:00-4:45 PM	Thyroid Nodules and Cancer: What Next? <i>John R. Sutton, DO, FACOI</i>
4:45-5:00 PM	Q&A with Panel
SUNDAY October 19, 2014	
7:30-9:30 AM	PLENARY SESSION – Hospice and Palliative Medicine <i>Annette T. Carron, DO, FACOI</i> <i>Jason R. Beckrow, DO, FACOI, Co-Moderators</i>
7:30-7:35 AM	Introductions
7:35-8:10 AM	Benefits of Palliative Radiotherapy and Solutions to Barriers that Limit Its Access <i>Drew Moghanaki, MD</i>
8:10-9:10 AM	It's Not Just About Code Status: Update in Palliative Care <i>Thomas J. Smith, MD</i>
9:10-9:25 AM	The Osteopathic Opportunity: Leading Healthcare Forward with Osteopathic Principles and Practice <i>Jason R. Beckrow, DO, FACOI</i>
9:30-10:00 AM	Annual Meeting of Members
10:00 AM	Convention Concludes



OFF-SITE TOURS

The following off-site events will be available to registrants of the 2014 Annual Convention and Scientific Sessions in Baltimore. You may order tickets for these events when registering for the Convention by marking the appropriate box(es) on the registration form. Make the most of your visit to Charm City by signing up for one or more tours. Ticket prices include motorcoach transportation to and from destination and a qualified staff person in attendance. If you have any questions concerning these excursions, please call the ACOI office at 1 800 327-5183.

Thursday, Oct 16 • Colonial Annapolis Foodie Tour with Lunch • 9:00 am - 4:00 pm • \$88/person

Annapolis, the capital of Maryland and a beautiful port town, is located on the Severn River with buildings spanning four centuries. Explore the culinary side of Annapolis from colonial time to present day on this guided gastronomic adventure with a walking tour through the Historic District and the Maryland State House (16 and older must have a valid photo ID). Visit a colonial kitchen in a home that boasts "the most beautiful doorway in America," savor the flavors at a Colonia High Tea in an historic tavern, hear about famous political figures that dined in Annapolis, then spend some free time at the City Dock to explore the shops along the waterfront.

Thursday, Oct 16 • Star Spangled Tour - Pirates and Patriots • 11:00 am - 3:00 pm • \$55/person

This tour is the "inside scoop" on Baltimore during the war of 1812 as well as today! Come celebrate Baltimore's patriotic and maritime past while touring charming waterfront neighborhoods. Experience heroes, history and hotspots in this tasty, informative and entertaining trip through "Charm City." Tour features highlights of key sites from War of 1812, Fort McHenry and Federal Hill, the Flag House where Mary Pickersgill sewed the flag that inspired our National Anthem, film and exhibits at the New Fort McHenry Visitor Center, and the charming waterfront neighborhoods of Fells Point and Canton.

Friday, Oct 17 • Historic Gettysburg with Lunch • 8:00 am - 3:00 pm • \$92/person

In your visit to Gettysburg, explore the significance of this battle in the new Visitor Center, on the battlefield and throughout the town. The Visitor Center has over 22,000 feet of exhibit space as well as the film "A New Birth of Freedom," and the restored Cyclorama depicting Pickett's Charge. You'll also tour the Battlefield with a licensed guide. Then enjoy a delicious lunch at a tavern that was part of the underground railroad, the historic Dobbin House.

Friday, Oct 17 • Ports, Sports, Neighborhoods • Noon - 4:00 pm • \$55/person

Enjoy a behind the scenes look at Baltimore's sports, sports legends, the port and a multitude of dynamic neighborhoods! A true look at what makes Baltimore sizzle. Excursion includes a behind-the-scenes tour of Camden Yards, home of the Baltimore Orioles, a visit to some of Baltimore's most popular neighborhoods - Mt. Vernon's Cultural District and the west side featuring the University of Maryland Professional Schools, Shock Trauma, the B&O Railroad Museum, Babe Ruth's birthplace and Edgar Allan Poe's gravesite. Visit Sports Legends ~ A Sport's Museum inside the train station that Abraham Lincoln passed through on four separate occasions and enjoy a brief driving tour of the "economic engine" of the state- the Port of Baltimore.

Saturday, Oct 18 • Washington DC Tour with Lunch at the Newseum • 8:00 am - 4:00 pm • \$88/person

Washington, D.C. is a thrilling city to visit. It is the political heart of our nation and an inspiring setting with magnificent monuments and memorials to some of our country's greatest heroes. It is a beautiful planned city of government buildings complemented by elegant gardens, stately homes, whimsical sculpture and quiet reflecting pools. Enjoy a driving tour of the major monuments and memorials in the downtown area, a self guided tour of the Newseum, with a delicious lunch in the Wolfgang Puck Food Section Café. See the Lincoln, Vietnam, Korean & WWII Memorials and visit the FDR Memorial and the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial, located near the scenic Tidal Basin.

Saturday, Oct 18 • Wine and Winding Roads of Baltimore's Countryside • 11:00 am - 3:30 pm • \$62/person

This excursion includes a trip through hunt country to Ladew Topiary Gardens (named one of the Top 5 Gardens of North America in 2012) and the home of Harvey Ladew. Take a guided tour of Mr. Ladew's Manor House where his passion for fox hunting and antiques are in evidence both through the topiary and his home. Time will be provided to roam the gardens on your own and to enjoy refreshments in the Stables. Then, travel a short distance by coach to Boordy Vineyards for a wine tasting. Each tour member will receive a souvenir wine glass, then have time in the wine shop to purchase your favorite libations.

*Limited space available on all tours. Please order tickets early!

TOUR TICKET RESALE ON-SITE: It is our policy that no refunds or exchanges of tour tickets can be made on-site. If you wish to sell a ticket for an event you cannot attend, however, please see the ACOI Convention staff. You will be asked to fill out a ticket resale form and leave your ticket with the desk for **possible** resale. There is no guarantee unwanted tickets will be resold. You must check back with the staff to learn if your ticket has been sold and to receive a refund. Any funds from resold tickets not collected by 8:00 am Sunday, October 19, 2014 become the property of the College.

NOTE: The ACOI uses a destination management company and does not make a profit on off-site tours. Guests may be able to arrange similar excursions on their own at lesser prices. Check with the Hotel Concierge if you wish to arrange your own off-site activities.

CME CALENDAR

Future ACOI Education Meeting Dates & Locations

NATIONAL MEETINGS

- 2014 Annual Convention & Scientific Sessions
Oct 15-19 Baltimore Marriott Waterfront Hotel, Baltimore, MD
- 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 Annual Convention & Scientific Sessions
Oct 28-Nov 1 Location TBD
- 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

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: Expired*
Late Registration Deadline: Expired

Subspecialty & Certification of Added Qualifications:

Aug. 23, 2014 • Lombard, IL - *Application Deadline: Expired*
Late Registration Deadline: Expired
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: Expired*
Late Registration Deadline: Expired

Focused Hospital Medicine Recertification

Computerized Examination 200 Sites Nationwide
May 8, 2014 - *Application Deadline: Expired*

Subspecialty and Added Qualifications Recertifying Examinations:

Aug. 23, 2014 • Lombard, IL - *Application Deadline: Expired*
Cardiology • Clinical Cardiac Electrophysiology • Critical Care Medicine • Endocrinology • Gastroenterology • Geriatrics • Hematology
• Infectious Disease • Interventional Cardiology • Nephrology • Oncology • Pulmonary Diseases • Rheumatology
Late Registration Deadline: Expired

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.

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would also put into regulation CMS' promise to postpone the start of Stage 3 of the Meaningful Use Program until 2017.

It is important to note that the proposed rule does not allow the use of 2011 Edition EHRs beyond 2014. In addition, 2014 is the last year eligible professionals can start participation in the Medicare EHR Incentive Program in order to receive incentive payments. Those who begin participation in the Medicare EHR Incentive Program after 2014 will not be able to earn incentive payments for that year or any subsequent years. If 2014 is the year you choose to participate for the first time in the Medicare EHR Incentive Program, you should begin your 90-day reporting period no later than July 1 and submit attestation by October 1 in order to avoid a penalty in 2015. Additional information on participation is available at www.cms.gov.

Washington Tidbits:

150 Years...A President, A Military Leader and a Little Known Link Part 1

Overlooking the Potomac River across from the Washington Mall is the hallowed ground of Arlington National Cemetery. It is the final resting place of over 400,000 active duty service members, veterans and their families. There are 27 to 30 burials conducted each weekday with over 7,000 burials still taking place each year. The Cemetery covers 624 acres and is expanding. Home to the Tomb of the Unknowns, memorials representing wars fought by brave Americans and monuments memorializing national tragedies such as the Challenger disaster, Arlington National Cemetery had the most auspicious beginning. Established in June 1864 by Brigadier General Montgomery C. Meigs, Arlington National Cemetery was land intended for something vastly different.

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