From President Good

# Urgent Need for Internal Medicine Physicians



An osteopathic medical school needs internal medicine faculty. A large multi-specialty clinic cannot fill multiple internal medicine positions. A rural

hospital has an urgent need for general internal medicine physicians. An urban medical center is attempting to develop the primary system, but cannot find primary care internists to fill their patient needs. These are all requests that I have received this last month.

The list goes on for the severe shortage of internal medicine physicians all across this country. As the need is high, so is the compensation mechanisms to meet the need within health care systems.

Our country has developed a health care reform law that is progressively being instituted that will require additional primary care physicians. The current primary care physician workforce is aging (how well I know), which will further exacerbate the future deficiency for primary care physicians.

We can create opportunities to make an osteopathic impact. Health care access starts in our educational processes. It is time to better appreciate and manage up the primary care specialties in our osteopathic medical schools and residency programs.

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#### Special Award Nominations Also Sought

# **Fellows Nominations Due April 9**

The deadline for submitting nominations for the honorary Degree of Fellow is April 9, 2013. 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 is as follows.

#### Teacher of the Year

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

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# **ACOI Introduces New Weekly Newsletter**

The ACOI has begun publishing a new, electronic weekly newsletter--*ACOI Insights*--that seeks to inform you about the latest news related to clinical matters, practice management, ACOI organizational news and more. Please add the address acoi@multibriefs.com to your approved address list to assure that you receive your copy each week. Your feedback on this new member benefit is welcome. Send comments to ACOI Executive Director Brian Donadio at bjd@acoi.org.





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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

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#### **Letter from the President**

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Health care system employers will continue to improve quality-of-life aspects of primary care as these physicians develop leadership roles for patient care as part of the Patient Centered Medicine Home. We believe the need for the Phoenix Physician is extremely strong, but we must integrate these skills into the educational system.

Compensation plans for the future appear to be much stronger for primary care physicians. Federal mandates to increase access to care are dependent upon improved funding. As the number of specialty physicians increase per the current trend, demand will decrease compensation and competition will increase.

The alternative to our need to change is a system driven by allied health care providers and nurse practice, with primary medical physician care delivered by physician specialists who may need to deal with health care issues outside their specialty areas. This is not optimal care for the people we serve.

So all of us have a responsibility for the future of health care. Many of us will become part of the baby boomer patient load. Who do you want your primary health care provider to be ?

We have a choice and now is the time to take action to create our future health care system.

Please feel free to contact me at President@ACOI.org.



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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.

### **Sequestration and Medicare Billing**

According to a release by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), Medicare Fee-for-Service (FFS) claims with dates-of-service or dates-of-discharge on or after April 1, 2013, will incur a two percent reduction in Medicare payment. Claims for durable medical equipment (DME), prosthetics, orthotics, and supplies, including claims under the DME Competitive Bidding Program, will be reduced by two percent based upon whether the date-of-service, or the start date for rental equipment or multi-day supplies, is on or after April 1, 2013.

The claims payment adjustment shall be applied to all claims after determining coinsurance, any applicable deductible, and any applicable Medicare Secondary Payment adjustments.

Though beneficiary payments for deductibles and coinsurance are not subject to the two percent payment reduction, Medicare's payment to beneficiaries for unassigned claims is subject to the two percent reduction. CMS encourages Medicare physicians, practitioners, and suppliers who bill claims on an unassigned basis to discuss with beneficiaries the impact of sequestration on Medicare's reimbursement.

Questions about reimbursement should be directed to your Medicare claims administration contractor.



# government RELATIONS

Timothy McNichol, JD

#### Sequestration Cuts Set to Affect Physicians April 1

President Obama signed an order triggering the \$85 billion across-the-board cuts to federal spending, referred to as sequestration, on the evening of Friday, March 1. The order was legally required to be signed by midnight. Following issuance of the order, the Office of Management and Budget released a memo stating that sequestration will require a 7.8 percent cut to discretionary defense spending, a five percent cut to discretionary domestic spending, a 5.1 percent cut to domestic mandatory spending and a two percent cut to Medicare spending. The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) announced that the two percent reduction to Medicare will take effect on April 1. Medicare reductions will equate to an approximate \$11 billion loss in revenue for Medicare providers.

In addition to the general reductions outlined above, the National Institutes of Health will see a cut of approximately \$1.5 billion, CMS will lose \$289 million and the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) will lose about \$209 million through the remainder of the 2013 fiscal year ending September 30. Additional reductions will occur without congressional action. The ACOI continues to closely monitor budget negotiations impacting the healthcare delivery system.

#### Efforts to Address Medicare Physician Reform Underway

The chairmen of the House Ways and Means Committee and the Energy and Commerce Committee released a draft outline of a plan to reform the current Medicare physician reimbursement system. They hope to convert the outline into legislative language later this year.

The outline provides for a three-phase process that would consist of the following: a period of physician reimbursement updates; adoption of a payment model based on quality; and, adoption of reforms that will promote efficiency of care. Efforts to advance meaningful reform of the Medicare physician reimbursement system were given a boost by the non-partisan Congressional Budget Office's (CBO) recent release of reduced cost estimates for revising the current reimbursement system from \$245 billion to \$138 billion over 10 years.

#### **ACOI Joins With Others in Call to Preserve GME Funding**

The ACOI has joined with 44 organizations calling on Congress to preserve funding for graduate medical education. With a projected shortage of 90,000 physicians by 2020, it is more important than ever to preserve the federal funding that supports medical training at teaching hospitals across the country. The ACOI continues to work in collaboration with other organizations to support funding for graduate medical education.

#### **Essential Health Benefits Final Rule Released**

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) issued the final rule establishing the essential health benefits (EHBs) that must be offered by individual and small group insurers beginning in 2014. The rule implements a provision of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (ACA, Pub. Law 111-152).

Under the rule, EHBs must include, at a minimum, items and services within the following areas: ambulatory patient services; emergency services; hospitalization; maternity and newborn care; mental health and substance use disorder services, including behavioral health treatment; prescription drugs; rehabilitative and habilitative services and devices; laboratory services; preventive and wellness services and chronic disease management; and pediatric services, including oral and vision care. Beginning in 2014, plans that cover EHB's must cover a certain percentage of costs based on their designation as a bronze, silver, gold or platinum plan. The designations are intended to allow consumers the opportunity to compare plan options. You can learn more about EHBs by visiting http://www.healthcare.gov/news/factsheets/2011/12/essential-health-benefits12162011a.html.

#### CMS Acting Administrator Renominated

President Obama renominated Marilyn Tavenner to be Administrator of the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services on February 7. She was first nominated in November 2011 following the departure of CMS Administrator Donald Berwick, MD. She also served as Acting Administrator prior to Dr. Berwick's recess appointment in July, 2010. Prior to her time at CMS, Ms. Tavenner served as the Commonwealth of Virginia's Secretary of Health and Human Resources. She holds a Bachelor of Science degree in nursing and a Masters in Health Administration. A confirmation hearing date has not been set. Senate Finance Committee Chairman Max Baucus announced his intention to hold a confirmation hearing shortly. There has not been a Senate-confirmed CMS administrator since 2006.

# **CMS Reports Decline in Hospital Readmissions**

In testimony before the Senate Finance Committee, a representative of CMS stated that the hospital readmission rate dropped from an average of about 19 percent to 17.8 percent during the final quarter of 2012. The ACA established the Hospital Readmission Program under which Medicare payments are reduced to hospitals with high rates of readmissions. The program currently monitors readmissions for heart attacks, heart failure and pneumonia. Additional measures will be added in 2015. A physician value-based payment modifier will be applied to all physicians and groups by 2017.

Medical Disaster Legislation Advances The Senate and House approved the "Pandemic and All-Hazards Preparedness Reauthorization Act of 2013 (H.R. 307) by unanimous consent with amendment and by a vote of 370-28, respectively. The bill now goes to the President where it is expected to be signed into law.

H.R. 307 strengthens national preparedness and response for public health emergencies and optimizes state and local hazard preparedness and response activities. In addition, the legislation enhances medical countermeasure efforts by the FDA and accelerates medical countermeasures research and development, among other things. The legislation reauthorizes the programs originally established under the Project BioShield Act (Pub. Law 108-276).

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# 2013 ACOI COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

The ACOI Board of Directors approved the committee and task force rosters for the this year during a January conference call. More than 175 members applied to fill approximately 35 openings. President Robert G. Good, DO, and the Board express gratitude to all who volunteered. Members who were not selected will be considered for openings that occur next vear.

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#### **Nominations**

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#### 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

Finally, 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 organization in which they participate. To be considered, a candidate must be a Fellow who is nominated by letter specifically outling the candidate's qualifications.

#### Resident Teaching, Humanism Award

The Board of Directors is seeking nomations for the award recognizing residents and fellows for excellence in teaching and humanistic qualities. The award honors outstanding 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 October. Each awardee will receive a \$500 prize, plus up to \$1000 in expenses to attend the Convention.

For additional information, visit www. acoi.org or contact Susan Stacy of the ACOI, susan@acoi.org, or call 1 800 327-5183.



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For additional information, contact:
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Interest in teaching medical students at all levels is essential; osteopathic residency training preferred, but not required. In addition to patient care, an interest in clinical trials will be helpful.

To apply, go to https://jobs.kcumb.edu. Specific questions may be directed to Kevin P. Hubbard, D.O., FACOI, Chair of Internal Medicine, 1-800-234-4847 ext. 7392 or 816-654-7392 or email at khubbard@kcumb.edu.

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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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For more information, contact: Pat Hampton, Office Manager, phone - 248-338-5516. Fax - 248-338-5547. Email: pat. hampton@pohmedical.org.

#### INTERNAL MEDICINE PHYSI-

**CIANS**– **Pennsylvania**. Traditional IM group of nine physicians with four

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offices, one hospital and a number of LTC facilities. Each physician works out of one office along with a varying number of specific nursing facilities dependent on geographical area and need. The average office volume per physician is 18-22 patients/day. The group has four nurse practitioners. Call requirements are an average of seven days every five weeks, divided into three and four day blocks (Friday-Sunday and Monday-Thursday). Two physicians cover the hospital rounds (average census 30-50), office and nursing home calls. Our need is immediate: we are open to full or part-time, physicians who prefer only office-based practice, and will even consider a physician who does not want nursing home work. Base salary \$170-\$220K. Live anywhere you want in the greater Pittsburgh area.

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**Arizona.** Would you like to be part of an Internal Medicine group located in the picturesque Cottonwood/Sedona Arizona? We are seeking an Internal Medicine Physician to join our team (MD or DO).

- Practice demographic is retirement age
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- Must be willing to participate in a group call schedule
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#### **P/T Hospitalist Position**

Part-time Daytime position with Full time Benefits. Daytime hours typically 10AM – 3PM Monday through Friday with No Call and some weekend coverage. Position available for a Board Certified/Board Eligible Internist/Family Practitioner to assist with medical rounds at an acute rehabilitation hospital. The position offers exceptional benefits including Medical Insurance and 401K, as well as a competitive salary and with productivity bonuses. To apply or inquire for further information about this opportunity please contact Timothy Hermansen. E-mail: timothy. hermansen@yahoo.com Phone: 973-653-9898.

### First Pain Medicine Certification Examination Announced

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The first American Osteopathic Association examination for certification of added qualifications in pain medicine will be offered on June 1 in Chicago. The new specialty area is overseen by a conjoint certifying board, including the specialties of internal medicine, family medicine, neuromusculoskeletal medicine, neurology, psychiatry, physical medicine and rehabilitation. Application materials and information on eligibility are available at <a href="https://www.aoepm.org">www.aoepm.org</a>.

#### **Government Relations**

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#### Washington Tidbits: A Ride into History...

It started with the refusal of a seamstress to surrender a seat and ended with a ride into history. On December 1, 1955 Rosa Parks was arrested and charged with disorderly conduct and violation of a local ordinance. She was tried and convicted a few days later. A symbol of the Civil Rights movement, Ms. Parks received the honor of having a bronze and granite statue placed in the National Statuary Hall in the United States Capitol on February 27, 2013. Her statue, nearly nine feet in height, is the first full-length statue of an African American in the Capitol. It is also the first statue commissioned by Congress since 1873. Weighing in at nearly 2,700 pounds, the tribute to Rosa Parks symbolizes both her seat on the bus in Montgomery, Alabama and her ride into the annals of American history.

#### Future ACOI Education Meeting Dates & Locations NATIONAL MEETINGS

- · 2013 Congress on Medical Education for Resident Trainers May 3-5 Laguna Cliffs Marriott Resort, Dana Point, CA
- 2013 Annual Convention & Scientific Sessions Oct 9-13 Renaissance Esmeralda Resort and Spa, Indian Wells, CA
- 2014 Internal Medicine Board Review Course March 26-30 Westin Savannah Harbor Resort & Spa, Savannah, GA
- 2014 Challenges in Inpatient Care March 26-30 Westin Savannah Harbor Resort & Spa, Savannah, GA
- · 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.

#### 2013 Certifying Examination Dates & Deadlines

#### **Internal Medicine Certifying Examination**

Computerized Examination 200 Sites Nationwide

September 9, 2013 - Application Deadline: February 1, 2013

Late Registration Deadline: April 1, 2013

#### Subspecialty & Certification of Added Qualifications:

Aug. 24, 2013 • Lombard, IL - Application Deadline: April 1, 2013

Late Registration Deadline: May 1, 2013

Cardiology • Clinical Cardiac Electrophysiology • Endocrinology • Gastroenterology • Geriatric Medicine • Hematology • Infectious Disease • Nephrology • Oncology • Pulmonary Diseases • Rheumatology • Sleep Medicine

#### **Internal Medicine Recertifying Examination**

Computerized Examination 200 Sites Nationwide

September 10, 2013 - Application Deadline: April 1, 2013

Late Registration Deadline: May 1, 2013

#### Subspecialties and Added Qualifications Recertifying Examination:

Aug. 24, 2013 • Lombard, IL - Application Deadline: April 1, 2013

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

Late Registration Deadline: May 1, 2013

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.

#### Dr. Hasty Recognized by Apple



Apple recently chose Robert Hasty, DO, FACOI, to be an Apple Distinguished Educator Class of 2013. Dr. Hasty is vice chair & associate professor of internal medicine Nova Southeastern University's College of Osteopathic Medicine, and a member of the ACOI Council on Education and Evaluation.

The Apple Distinguished Educator (ADE) Program began in 1994, when Apple recognized K-12 and higher education pioneers who are using a variety of Apple products to transform teaching and learning in powerful ways. Today it has grown into a worldwide community of over 2,000 visionary educators and innovative leaders who are doing amazing things with technology in and out of the classroom.



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