

## From President Lightfoot The Value of Our Certification Is Affirmed



Yes! Just what many of us hoped and waited for was affirmed on February 26, 2015. The Internal Medicine Review Committee (RC-IM) of the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education announced that AOBIM certification will be accepted as a credential for osteopathic program directors under the single accreditation system. While this never should have been in doubt, the RC-IM became the first ACGME specialty to provide comprehensive acceptance of AOBIM certification. The Memorandum of Understanding governing the transition to the single system provided only for case-by-case consideration by the various specialty review committees. This action is a tribute to the

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## ACGME Review Committee Recognizes AOBIM Certification

The ACGME Review Committee for Internal Medicine (RC-IM) announced late in February that osteopathic internal medicine and subspecialty programs seeking ACGME accreditation will be allowed to have program directors certified by the American Osteopathic Board of Internal Medicine. This is a major step forward in the transition to a single GME accreditation system under the ACGME.

The announcement applies to programs that are approved by the AOA and have matriculated residents on July 1, 2015, which is the first date that programs can apply for ACGME pre accreditation. Those programs will not need to name a co-program director certified by the allopathic American Board of Medicine Specialties. The decision to accept AOA certification was left to the individual specialty review committees under the terms negotiated by the AOA, ACGME and the American Association of Colleges of Osteopathic Medicine (AACOM).

### Scottsdale, AZ

## Congress on Medical Education for Residency Trainers Set for May 1-3



The 2015 ACOI Congress on Medical Education for Residency Trainers will take place May 1-3 at the Westin Kierland Resort and Spa in Scottsdale, AZ. The

program will focus on the latest developments in the transition to a single accreditation system for graduate medical education. It will include presentations from representatives of the ACGME and its Review Committee for Internal Medicine on what to expect as programs apply for and seek ACGME accreditation.

Other sessions will provide information on the requirements for seeking approval for an osteopathic focus and ACGME requirements such as the Clinical Learning Environment Review (CLER), entrustable professional activities (EPAs) and more.

Registration materials are available at [www.acoi.org](http://www.acoi.org). Approximately 10.75 category one AOA internal medicine CME credits are anticipated.

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## American College of Osteopathic Internists

*In Service to All Members; All Members in Service*

### MISSION

*The mission of the ACOI is to advance the practice of osteopathic internal medicine. Through excellence in education, advocacy, research and the opportunity for service, the ACOI strives to enhance the professional and personal development of the family of osteopathic internists.*

### VISION

*The ACOI seeks to be the organization that osteopathic internists think of first for education, information, representation and service to the profession.*

### VALUES

*To accomplish its vision and mission, the ACOI will base its decisions and actions on the following core values:*

- LEADERSHIP for the advancement of osteopathic medicine*
- EXCELLENCE in programs and services*
- INTEGRITY in decision-making and actions*
- PROFESSIONALISM in all interactions*
- SERVICE to meet member needs*

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## Letter from the President

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excellent work performed on an ongoing basis by the members of the AOBIM, who are all volunteers and practicing physicians. The ACOI also deserves some credit for asking the RC-IM to place this item on its agenda nearly one year ago.

The decision sets aside a lot of fears and anxiety as we move forward with GME transition. Remember, this is just one of many steps required for our programs in the months ahead. We will continue to stay on top of other issues that will be encountered in an effort to protect our internal medicine and subspecialty training and certification processes beyond 2020.

We as a College must remain vigilant in demonstrating that the AOBIM and ABIM certification processes and outcomes are equivalent. Work remains to be done on our part as we advocate for our programs and graduates in this rapidly changing environment. I want to personally thank all who were involved in this process. From my participation in meetings of the AOA and ACOI, I have come to realize the amount of time our volunteers spend away from their practices, academic duties, training programs and families. I am very confident that the new osteopathic appointees to the RC-IM, who are talented and stellar leaders-- **Frederick Schaller DO, Samuel Snyder DO and Jill Patton DO**-- will advocate strongly on our behalf.



I've recently returned from the AOA Board of Trustees Midyear Meeting, which I attended with **John Bulger DO, MBA, FACOI, President-Elect** and **Mr. Brian Donadio, FACOI, Executive Director**. We heard various reports about AOA activities, reviewed and commented on several policy resolutions, and met with the leaders of various other specialty groups, including family medicine and surgery. It was also wonderful that the meeting was led by our own ACOI member, **AOA President Robert S. Juhasz, DO**.



As we are in a world of changing technology, I'm curious to know about your experiences with electronic health records in your day-to-day practices. How has your practice progressed since its implementation? Have you seen benefits? What are your patients' perspectives on EMR? Are there any best practices you would like to share? Do you have tips for how to code for the amount of time it takes for documentation separate from the patient visit? Please feel free to comment. Drop me an email. I would love to hear from you.



# government RELATIONS

Timothy McNichol, JD

## Supreme Court Hears ACA Oral Arguments

The Supreme Court heard oral arguments in the case of *King v. Burwell* on March 4. At issue is whether the ACA allows for the issuance of tax subsidies for plans purchased through federally-sponsored exchanges. The ACA includes a sentence that provides that an individual's tax credit is determined based on the cost of insurance purchased on an "Exchange established by the state." At question is whether the language means exactly what it says or whether subsidies can also be paid to those who purchase coverage through federal exchanges. The Court's interpretation and application of these words could result in the repeal of a key provision of the Act and effectively block tax subsidies from being paid in approximately 34 states where the federal government runs the exchanges.

The nine member Court is certain to be divided with one or two justices likely tipping the balance. Concern has been raised that if the Court determines that subsidies can be paid only to those purchasing coverage through their state, up to an estimated 9.3 million Americans will become unable to afford healthcare coverage. The Administration has indicated that there is no administrative action it could take to address an adverse ruling by the Court. Republicans in the House and Senate have stated that they will work to develop legislation to allow for a transition for those no longer be eligible for the subsidy and subsequently unable to afford coverage. Senate Republican leaders have indicated that they will work to advance legislation to end the federal mandate and allow for great consumer choice. House Republicans announced they will pursue legislation to allow for the sale of health insurance products across state lines, enact medical liability reform, and maintain some of the more popular provisions of the ACA, among other things. The pending decision by the Court is certain to promote continued debate of the ACA and its provisions. The ACOI will continue to monitor this matter.

## CMS Extends Meaningful Use Attestation Deadline

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services announced that it is extending the deadline for eligible professionals to attest to meaningful use under the Medicare Electronic Health Record (EHR) Incentive program to 11:59 Eastern Time on March 20, 2015. The original deadline was February 28. The Medicare deadline does not affect deadlines for the Medicaid EHR incentive program. Those who fail to attest to meaningful use in 2014 will see a reduction in reimbursement beginning January 1, 2016. The extension also applies to some of the EHR reporting option for the Physician Quality Reporting System.

## New Report Shows Concern for Continued Physician Shortage

According to a report recently released by the Association of American Medical Colleges (AAMC), demand for physicians continues to grow faster than supply. With an aging and growing population and an increase in people receiving coverage under the ACA, it is estimated that there will be a shortfall of approximately 46,000 to 90,000 physicians by 2025. Specifically, the AAMC report finds that there will be a shortage of 12,500 to 31,100 primary care physicians and 28,200 to 63,700 non-primary care physicians. The report calls for a multi-pronged approach to address the physician shortage that includes innovation in delivery; greater use of technology; improved, efficient use of all health professionals on the care team; and an increase in federal support for residency training. The report's findings are certain to be discussed by policy makers in Washington.

## House Committee Approves Medicare Legislation

The House Committee on Ways and Means approved four bills addressing the Medicare program. One bill would require the removal of Social Security numbers from Medicare cards and require valid prescriber National Provider Identifiers on pharmacy claims. Another bill would require bid surety bonds and state licensure for entities submitting bids under the Medicare durable medical equipment, prosthetics, orthotics, and supplies competitive acquisition program. The third bill addresses certified EHRs in ambulatory surgical centers. Finally, the Committee approved legislation requiring hospitals to provide certain notifications to individuals who are classified as under observation status and not admitted as patients. It is not clear when the full House will act on these legislative packages.

## Washington Tidbits:

### Waning Days of the Civil War – Part 1

With the Civil War in its waning days, President Abraham Lincoln delivered his second inaugural address 150 years ago on March 4, 1865. Its tone and length shaped by years of war, was vastly different from his first inaugural address delivered just four years prior, when the Nation was on the brink of war. Barely 700 words in length, recognizing that public declarations have been made at "every point of the contest," and that "little that is new could be presented," President Lincoln called for the Nation to begin to heal its wounds. He concluded his final speech, "With malice toward none, with charity for all, with firmness in the right as God gives us to see the right, let us strive on to finish the work we are in, to bind up the nation's wounds, to care for him who shall have borne the battle and for his widow and his orphan, to do all which may achieve and cherish a just and lasting peace among ourselves and with all nations." Within just a few weeks, history would again be written....



# coding CORNER

Jill M. Young, CPC, CEDC, CIMC

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

The information provided here applies to Medicare coding. Be sure to check with local insurance carriers to determine if private insurers follow Medicare's lead in all coding matters.

## Transitional Care Management

Transitional Care Management (TCM) is a care concept initiated by Medicare in 2014. The two Current Procedural Terminology (CPT) codes for these services are 99495 and 99496 for the 30 days of care provided by a physician or other qualified healthcare provider. CPT codes 99495 and 99496 are used when billing for care services for patients transitioning from an inpatient hospital setting, skilled nursing / nursing facility, partial hospitalization or observation setting into the community (home, domiciliary, rest home, assisted living). The TCM codes encompass providing or overseeing the management and coordination of services, as needed, for all the patient's medical conditions, psychosocial needs and work with activities of daily living support systems.

There are specific face-to-face and non-face-to-face duties for the licensed clinical staff and physician. These include contact with the patient within two days of discharge, medication reconciliation and a face-to-face visit with either moderate or complex medical decision making. The latter, along with the timing of the visit, determines which of the two codes are submitted. In the transition for the patient, a review of the discharge information to initiate or re-instate care with other providers and review and order testing as appropriate occurs. The provider is responsible for 30 days of TCM from the date of discharge. Only one face-to-face visit is required and bundled into the TCM codes. Additional medically-necessary visits are billable as separate services. Payment for this care management is made to only one provider. However, since CPT codes 99495 and 99496 are valued at about 4.8 and 6.8 relative value units (RVUs), respectively, their use can well be worth the work for this select set of patients. Additional information is available through the Medicare Learning Network's (MLN) publication, "Transition Care Management Services" (ICN 908628), available at [www.cms.gov](http://www.cms.gov).

## Member Milestones



Joseph M.P. Zawisza, DO



Pamela S.N. Goldman, DO

The Pennsylvania Osteopathic Medical Association (POMA) recently announced that two internists were re-elected to the POMA Board of Trustees. **Pamela S.N. Goldman, DO, FACOI, of Yardley,** and **Joseph M.P. Zawisza, DO, of Orwigsburg,** were recently re-elected to serve on the board.

Board certified in internal medicine and pediatrics, Dr. Zawisza practices in Schuylkill Haven,

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# How ACOI's Generational Advancement Fund Makes a Difference for Students

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



Meet **Onyinyechukwu Okorji** – WVSOM Internal Medicine Club President

Onyi, a second year medical student at West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine, serves as the IM Club President. Born in Nigeria, she and her family came to the United States in 2003. Her long-time dream, even when she lived in Nigeria, was to become a doctor. Learn from Onyi how she and other medical students are benefiting from ACOI's Generational Advancement Fund (GAF) support.

**Ms. Cicone:** I understand you attended ACOI's Annual Convention in Bal-

timore last fall. What was especially helpful to you by attending the convention?

**Ms. Okorji:** Yes, this was the first convention I attended and I found it life-changing. It was an amazing experience to meet other medical students, especially at the Thursday evening student events. Receiving support from ACOI to attend the convention enabled me to meet and share ideas with other IM Club Presidents. It also provided opportunities for me to meet ACOI members from across the country whose experience and knowledge can assist me in my future residency planning. In addition, the voucher I received to purchase the pocket manual for general medicine is very useful.

**Ms. Cicone:** As the IM Club President, have you had a Visiting Professor session?

**Ms. Okorji:** Yes, we were indeed fortunate to have ACOI's new President, Dr. Judith Lightfoot, visit our club. We all thought she was wonderful. In fact, a number of students came up to me at a social event after her visit to tell me that they were inspired by her speech and presentation. I appreciate the assistance of the ACOI staff, especially Susan Stacy, in helping our club function.

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

**Ms. Okorji:** I found my first year of medical school all consuming. Now as a second year, second semester student, I need to focus on time management to allow me to study for classes and to study for boards. WVSOM focuses on the whole student – giving us opportunities to volunteer in the community as

well as times together to relax and unwind a bit. We are in good hands at WVSOM.

**Ms. Cicone:** You have personally benefited from the support of ACOI's Generational Advancement Fund through attending the 2014 convention and receiving your voucher. As a GAF donor yourself, what would you say to encourage more ACOI members to join you in contributing to the Fund?

**Ms. Okorji:** I felt it was important for me to make a gift when registering for the convention given the support I received to attend. The book vouchers are particularly helpful to the medical students at the convention.

As for ACOI members, I ask them to see making a gift to the GAF as a way of giving back to support students by increasing awareness of the practice area and encouraging students to pursue this specialty area so that osteopathic internal medicine will continue to grow.

## Hear from Another Student Leader:

“The ACOI is passionate about its students. Each year, the ACOI sponsors (up to \$1,000) internal medicine clubs from across the nation to attend their conference. In 2014, Helena Pang, the secretary of the PNWU Internal Medicine Club, and I attended the conference in Baltimore, MD. It was an amazing experience geared toward students with special events regarding how to study Harrison's and how to excel at residency interviews.”

**Emily Stratton, OMS II**  
SOIMA Chapter President  
Pacific Northwest University of Health Sciences College of Osteopathic Medicine

# PROFESSIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

## **ASSOCIATE CHIEF OF MEDICINE - OREGON STATE HOSPITAL - Junction City, Oregon**

Coordinate the provision of medical services at a brand new, state of the art, in-patient Psychiatric Hospital 15 miles north of beautiful Eugene, OR. Competitive salary, state benefits and retirement plan available.

Eugene is a great and diverse city for the arts and outdoors, and is consistently ranked one of the best places to live in the U.S. It is only a one hour drive from the coast, and one hour from ski resorts.

The full job posting can be viewed at <http://www.oregon.gov/jobs/pages/index.aspx>.

If interested, contact Brian Little, DO – Chief of Medicine. (503) 947-9954 [Brian.Little@state.or.us](mailto:Brian.Little@state.or.us)

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

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

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

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

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

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

## **Member Milestones**

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New Philadelphia and Orwigsburg. A delegate to the POMA and the American Osteopathic Association House of Delegates, he is a member of the American College of Osteopathic Internists, the American College of Osteopathic Pediatricians and the American College of Physicians. Dr. Zawisza is a graduate of Mansfield (Pa.) University and the Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine. He completed an internship and combined internal medicine and pediatrics residency at the Geisinger Medical Center in Danville, PA.

Board certified in internal medicine, Dr. Goldman is an academic hospitalist with Einstein Medical Center in Philadelphia. A fellow of the American College of Osteopathic Internists and a delegate to the POMA and the American Osteopathic Association House of Delegates, Dr. Goldman is a graduate of Juniata College in Huntingdon, PA, and the Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine. She completed an internship and internal medicine residency at Aria Health System in Philadelphia.

## **Check Out Our New Website**

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

Take a look at the new design at [www.acoi.org](http://www.acoi.org) and let us know what you think.

## OUTPATIENT IM OPPORTUNITY IN SMALL RURAL COMMUNITY!

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

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

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

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

### A few of our benefits include:

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

### About YVFWC

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

### Working at YVFWC

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

At Farm Workers Clinic:

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

### The Pacific Northwest

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

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# 2015 ACOI INTERNAL MEDICINE REVIEW COURSE

## AGENDA

### Wednesday, March 18

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

### Thursday, March 19

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

### Friday, March 20

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

7:30–8:00 am	The Role of Genetic Testing and Counseling for the General Internist <i>Robert T. Hasty, DO, FACOI</i>
8:00–8:30 am	Amyotrophies, Motor Disorders, Headaches - <i>Scott L. Spradlin, DO, FACOI</i>
8:30–9:00 am	Nutritional Disorders and Their Management <i>Robert T. Hasty, DO, FACOI</i>
9:00–9:15 am	General Medicine Board Review Questions - <i>Drs. Spradlin and Bulger</i>
9:15–9:30 am	<b>Coffee Break</b>
9:30–10:00 am	Cutaneous Manifestations of Systemic Disease - Part 1 <i>F. Richard Darrow, DO, MACOI</i>
10:00–10:30 am	Cutaneous Manifestations of Systemic Disease-Part 2 <i>F. Richard Darrow, DO, MACOI</i>
10:30–11:00 am	Diagnosis of Stroke, Multiple Sclerosis & Acute and Chronic Neuropathies <i>Scott L. Spradlin, DO, FACOI</i>
11:00–11:30 am	Drug Caused Side-Effects and Disorders - <i>F. Richard Darrow, DO, MACOI</i>
11:30–11:45 am	General Medicine Board Review Questions - <i>Drs. Darrow and Spradlin</i>
11:45 am –1:00 pm	<b>Luncheon Symposium/Adult Immunizations</b> <i>(This session is supported by an independent educational grant from Merck and Co., Inc. Lunch will be provided by ACOI)</i>

### Gastroenterology

1:00–1:30 pm	Disease of the Esophagus - <i>Catherine Kerschen, DO, FACOI</i>
1:30–2:00 pm	Disease of the Stomach - <i>Jack D. Bragg, DO, FACOI</i>
2:00–2:30 pm	Disease of the Small Intestine - <i>Catherine Kerschen, DO, FACOI</i>
2:30–3:00 pm	Disease of the Colon - <i>Jack D. Bragg, DO, FACOI</i>
3:00–3:15 pm	GI Board Review Questions - <i>Drs. Bragg and Kerschen</i>
3:15–3:30 pm	<b>Coffee Break</b>
3:30–4:00 pm	Disease of the Pancreas - <i>Jack D. Bragg, DO, FACOI</i>
4:00–4:30 pm	Liver Diseases - <i>Catherine Kerschen, DO, FACOI</i>
4:30–5:00 pm	GI Surgery Review: Indications and Complications – What to Look For <i>Catherine Kerschen, DO, FACOI</i>
5:00–5:30 pm	Cancer of the GI Tract, Liver and Pancreas - <i>Jack D. Bragg, DO, FACOI</i>
5:30–5:45 pm	GI Board Review Questions - <i>Drs. Bragg and Kerschen</i>

### Saturday, March 21

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

### Sunday, March 22

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



# 2015 ACOI INTERNAL MEDICINE REVIEW COURSE REGISTRATION FORM

**The Cosmopolitan Hotel, Las Vegas, NV • March 18-22, 2015**  
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# ACOI 2015 Clinical Challenges in Inpatient Care AGENDA

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

## THURSDAY, MARCH 19

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

## FRIDAY, MARCH 20

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

## SATURDAY, MARCH 21

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

## SUNDAY, MARCH 22

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

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# Program for Chief Residents, Future Leaders Announced

The ACOI will hold its Chief Residents and Future Leaders education program May 1-3, 2015 in Scottsdale, AZ. Designed by the Council on Education and Evaluation, the program will be held in conjunction with the Annual Congress on Medical Education for Residency Trainers, which is attended by most internal medicine and subspecialty program directors.

The program is intended for residents who will be chiefs in 2015-16 and other residents and fellows interested in acquiring skills essential to leading health care teams. The residents will meet in conjunction with the program directors on sessions related to the transition to a single graduate medical education accreditation system. Residents will also participate in breakout sessions, including a Myers-Briggs Personality Type evaluation that will identify their individual leadership styles and provide advice on leadership and management.

This program offers residents an opportunity to meet and interact with experienced program trainers and policymakers. It also meets the requirement for attendance at an ACOI education program that each resident must meet once during his or her training program. Registration information is available at [www.acoi.org](http://www.acoi.org).

## The American College of Osteopathic Internists 2015 Chief Resident & Emerging Leaders Symposium May 1-3, 2015 Registration Form Westin Kierland Resort & Spa Scottsdale, AZ

### TUITION FEES

*(Includes continental breakfast each day, coffee breaks and welcome reception)*

**ACOI Chief Resident/Emerging Leader..... \$450**  
(\$500 after April 10)\*

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*\* Please add \$50 for registrations postmarked after April 10, 2015.*

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# CME CALENDAR

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

### **NATIONAL MEETINGS**

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

*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](http://www.acoi.org).*

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

### **Internal Medicine Certifying Examination**

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

### **Subspecialty & Certification of Added Qualifications:**

Aug. 22, 2015 • Lombard, IL - *Application Deadline: April 1, 2015*  
*Late Registration Deadline: May 1, 2015*

Cardiology • Clinical Cardiac Electrophysiology • Endocrinology • Gastroenterology • Geriatric Medicine  
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### **Internal Medicine Recertifying Examination**

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### **Focused Hospital Medicine Recertification**

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## **New Members Welcomed**

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