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Attention 2014 graduates. Now that you have completed osteopathic medical school, consider rejoining the Academy as a member of the Postgraduate American Academy of Osteopathy (PAAO). The membership in the Academy you enjoyed as members of the Student American Academy of Osteopathy does not automatically roll over into PAAO membership. PAAO membership is open to interns, residents and postdoctoral fellows in all specialties, not just those training in neuromusculoskeletal medicine. To learn more about staying connected to the AAO and continuing to receive its membership benefits, visit the PAAO website.

In Memoriam

Charles B. Schuetz, DO,
Pioneered OMM Residency


After practicing in Washington state for six years, Dr. Schuetz returned to Kirksville in 1983 to begin a residency in osteopathic manipulative medicine. He is reported to be the first to complete the program. Following his residency, Dr. Schuetz returned to the Northwest to practice in the Seattle and then the Edmonds area.

A 30-year member of the AAO, Dr. Schuetz is survived by his wife, Christine; one daughter, Elizabeth; one brother, Hugh A. Schuetz, DO, of St. James, Missouri; and three nieces. (Source: The Seattle Times, Jan. 5, 2014)

Gerald Joseph Cooper Sr., DO,
Was Beloved DMU Faculty Member

Gerald Joseph Cooper Sr., DO, FAAO, FCA, 87, died July 11. Dr. Cooper attended what is now the Des Moines (Iowa) University College of Osteopathic Medicine (DMU-COM), graduating near the top of his class in 1956.

After graduation, Dr. Cooper relocated to Davenport, Iowa, where he established a general practice with an emphasis on osteopathic manipulative treatment. He devoted his professional life to promoting the profession both nationally and internationally. During his 26 years as a general practitioner, he was a resident physician and then chief of staff at Davenport Osteopathic Hospital.

Dr. Cooper joined the faculty of DMU-COM in 1985, serving as a full-time faculty member in the OMM department for the next two years. He was a guest lecturer at DMU-COM from 1997 to 2005. Each year, Dr. Cooper voluntarily taught a 40-hour course in osteopathic cranial manipulative medicine to first- and second-year students. In addition, he was actively involved in the interview process for DMU-COM students.

In 1986, Dr. Cooper founded a DMU Medical Explorer Post of the Boy Scouts of America, which taught boys and girls ages 14 to 20 clinical practices and showed them the rewards of joining a medical field. After retiring in 1989, Dr. Cooper continued to advise the program for the next 10 years. The DMU Medical Explorer Post established the Dr. Gerald Cooper Award, which is given to any post member with perfect attendance in an academic year.

When serving as DMU’s president, Iowa Gov. Terry Branstad named Dr. Cooper an emeritus professor of osteopathic manual medicine in 2006. Like a rock star, Dr. Cooper was stopped by former students, patients and peers everywhere he went.

Dr. Cooper became a fellow of the American Academy of Osteopathy in 1976 and of The Osteopathic Cranial Academy (OCA) in 1995. He served the OCA as treasurer and president.

A member of the American Osteopathic Association and the American College of Osteopathic Family Physicians, Dr. Cooper had written articles for The Journal of the American Osteopathic Association and Osteopathic Annals.

Dr. Cooper is survived by his wife, Mary Ellen; one son, Gerald Joseph Cooper Jr.; one daughter, Mary Catherine Schlemmer; one brother, Louis F. Cooper; four grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren. (Source: The Des Moines Register, July 14, 2014)

Participate in Spinal Manipulation Survey

The University of Western Ontario in London, Canada, invites Academy members to participate in an online survey that is part of a research program studying the mechanisms that explain the benefits from spinal manipulation. The survey should take 20 to 30 minutes to complete, and all registrants will be entered to win an Amazon gift card. To participate in the survey, go to http://svy.mk/1hJyAu0.