Message From the President

Academy Takes Stand on Two Major Initiatives at AOA House of Delegates

Hello, everyone. My year is flying by. Before any more time passes, I want to update you on what is probably the most emotional topic the osteopathic medical profession has faced since the California merger in the early 1960s, namely the creation of a single accreditation system for graduate medical education (GME).

Under a memorandum of understanding (MoU) signed by the American Osteopathic Association (AOA), the American Association of Colleges of Osteopathic Medicine (AACOM) and the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME), AOA-approved GME programs would be merged with GME programs currently accredited by the ACGME, and both DO and MD graduates would be eligible to train in all residency programs.

In mid-July, the AOA House of Delegates voted to support the proposed single GME-accreditation system. In adopting a policy statement favoring the proposed system, the House recognized the concerns of many of the stakeholders in osteopathic GME by strengthening the statement. Titled “Unified Graduate Medical Education Accreditation System,” Resolution H800 (A/2014) calls for the AOA to provide annual progress reports to the House, and it emphasizes the need to maintain osteopathic licensing exams, osteopathic specialty and state associations, and the distinctiveness of osteopathic medicine. The policy also encourages the AOA to advocate for fair evaluation of currently AOA-accredited GME programs as they transition into the new accreditation system.

In adopting this policy, the profession has spoken, and we now need to wholeheartedly implement the single GME system.

Basis of Academy’s Support of New GME System

As you may be aware, 2013-14 AOA President Norman E. Vinn, DO; 2014-15 AOA President Robert S. Juhasz, DO; AOA Trustee Boyd R. Buser, DO; and AOA Executive Director and Chief Operating Officer Adrienne White-Faines, MPA, all attended the Academy’s Convocation in March. Dr. Vinn, Dr. Juhasz and Dr. Buser spoke with both the AAO Board of Trustees and the AAO Board of Governors at their business meetings. During those discussions, the Academy’s Board of Trustees felt that the AOA’s leaders had the best interest of the osteopathic medical profession in their hearts.

The process of negotiating with the ACGME has taken approximately two years so far. The ACGME had been planning...
Dr. Nicholas Awarded A.T. Still Medallion

The American Academy of Osteopathy awarded its highest honor this year to the longest-serving chairman of osteopathic manipulative medicine (OMM) currently teaching at a U.S. osteopathic medical college. Alexander S. Nicholas, DO, FAAO, of West Chester, Pennsylvania, accepted the 2014 Andrew Taylor Still Medallion of Honor on March 22 during the president’s banquet at the annual AAO Convocation in Colorado Springs, Colorado.

The Still Medallion is presented to Academy members who have exhibited exceptional understanding and application of osteopathic principles and concepts, among other accomplishments in scientific or professional affairs.

Since graduating from the Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine (PCOM) in 1975 and interning at PCOM’s former hospital, Dr. Nicholas has had a long and productive career. He initially went into general practice, but his value as a teacher was quickly recognized. He joined PCOM’s OMM department in 1977.

Dr. Nicholas rose through the ranks at PCOM to become a full professor and the chairman of OMM in 1987.

Dr. Nicholas has been the primary author on many articles published in U.S. and foreign osteopathic and allopathic medical journals, including “A Somatic Component to Myocardial Infarction,” which British medical journal *BMJ* published in July 1985. Along with his brother Evan A. Nicholas, DO, he wrote the well-respected and comprehensive *Atlas of Osteopathic Techniques*, which is now in its second edition and is used extensively in osteopathic schools around the world.

A son of 1977-78 AAO President Nicholas S. Nicholas, DO, FAAO, “Dr. Alex” has been active with the Academy, serving on the Board of Governors from 1982 to 1996, chairing the 1980 Convocation, and serving on six committees.

Dr. Nicholas has served the profession in other ways as well, being active with the National Board of Osteopathic Medical Examiners (NBOME) since 1990, the American Association of Colleges of

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Rick Vincent Receives Academy Award

The American Academy of Osteopathy bestowed its 2014 Academy Award on Richard A. Vincent, MBA, the president of the Osteopathic Heritage Foundations (OHF). The AAO’s 2013-14 president, David Coffey, DO, FFAAO, FCA, presented the award on March 20 during the annual business meeting at the AAO Convocation in Colorado Springs, Colorado.

The Academy Award is the AAO’s highest honor for non-DOs. It recognizes recipients for contributing significantly to advancing osteopathy and for displaying a vision that complements the Academy’s own.

Vincent was unable to attend the Convocation because the OHF’s board was holding a meeting in Columbus, Ohio, at the same time, so John C. Licciardone, DO, accepted the award on Vincent’s behalf. “Rick is both honored and humbled by the award,” noted Dr. Licciardone, who has conducted research at the Osteopathic Research Center in Fort Worth, Texas, using grants from the Osteopathic Heritage Foundations. The OHF is “very pleased as well … that he’s being recognized with this award.” Based in Columbus, Ohio, OHF consists of the Osteopathic Heritage Foundation and the Osteopathic Heritage Foundation of Nelsonville—both of which Vincent helped establish. These two foundations are now considered the nation’s pre-eminent foundations supporting osteopathic medical care, osteopathic medical education and research, Dr. Coffey told the Academy’s members.

Vincent began his association with osteopathic medicine in 1971, when he joined the Doctors Hospital system in Columbus. During his years as the chief executive officer of the system and its controlling foundations, Doctors Hospital North and Doctors Hospital West were national leaders in osteopathic graduate medical education, operating 13 programs with more than 160 interns and residents.

The two hospitals were founding members of the Centers for Osteopathic Research and Education (CORE), a pioneering osteopathic postdoctoral training institution that was affiliated with the Ohio University Heritage College of Osteopathic Medicine (OU-HCOM) in Athens.

“Vincent provided the vision and executive leadership in the hospital system’s 1998 asset sale and transition of corporate control from the Doctors Hospital Foundation to OhioHealth,” Dr. Coffey explained. “Remaining with the renamed Osteopathic Heritage Foundation, he led the foundation’s reorganization and development as the largest health supportive foundation in Ohio and the largest in the United States with a mission of supporting the principles of osteopathic medicine. He also directed establishing the Osteopathic Heritage Foundation of Nelsonville.”

The two Heritage foundations support local health and quality-of-life activities in 18 central and southeast Ohio counties, and they are national leaders in osteopathic medical education and osteopathic medical research. Since 1999, the foundations have approved grants totaling more than $220 million.

Dr. Licciardone emphasized Vincent’s contributions, saying, “I want to thank Rick and OHF. Without their unwavering support, there’s no doubt that we at the [Osteopathic Research Center] and probably most of osteopathic research would not be where we are today.”

Throughout his career, Vincent has been an advocate for health policy and medical education. Among his many honors are OU-HCOM’s Phillips Medallion of Public Service, Honorary Alumnus of OU-HCOM, the American Association of Colleges of Osteopathic Medicine’s William D. Miller Award, the American Osteopathic Association’s presidential citation, Columbus BusinessFirst’s Healthcare Lifetime Achievement, and the Ohio Association of Community Colleges’ Friend of Community Colleges Award.

Vincent is a veteran of the U.S. Air Force, having served in its Medical Service Corps during the Vietnam War. He completed his undergraduate education in business administration at Franklin University in Columbus, and he earned his master of business administration degree from the University of Dayton. He is married to Karen S. Vincent, DO, an emergency physician, and they have raised four sons.

A.T. Still Medallion, Continued From Page 2


Dr. Nicholas has been recognized as an outstanding teacher by PCOM, a national mentor by the American Osteopathic Association, and an exceptional OPP question writer by the NBOME.

“Dr. Nicholas loves to teach,” 2013-14 AAO President David Coffey, DO, FFAAO, FCA, noted in presenting Dr. Nicholas with the Still Medallion. “In addition to teaching students and residents at PCOM and educating practicing physicians at continuing medical education programs, Dr. Nicholas has helped to develop a rigorous protocol for OPP education for fully licensed physicians in Germany and Austria.”

“Dr. Nicholas has taught many thousands of students and physicians over the years,” said Dr. Coffey, himself a former student of Dr. Nicholas. “He does so with an appreciation of broad philosophical principles, great specificity in application, a genuine love of teaching, a sparkle in his eye, and a story for every occasion.”
## AAO Calendar of Events

Mark your calendar for these upcoming Academy meetings and educational courses.

### 2014

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### Make plans now to join us for the 2015 AAO Convocation.

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to discontinue accepting DOs with AOA-approved residency training into ACGME fellowships. This would have had the effect of severely reducing the number of DOs who could train in subspecialties.

The face of medicine is changing. The proposed single GME-accreditation system can be viewed as either an opportunity or a threat. To survive, the osteopathic medical profession needs to properly analyze this situation, make the right choices, and do the right things.

The Academy’s Board of Trustees and its Board of Governors view the proposal as an opportunity to bring osteopathic manipulative medicine to the rest of the medicine in the United States. We wrote a letter of support to the AOA and AACOM for moving forward with the process. We were among the first specialty or state associations to do so. Since then, The Osteopathic Cranial Academy and the Iowa Academy of Osteopathy have followed suit, as have dozens of other organizations in the osteopathic medical profession.

Of course, we still have many reservations and questions about the process, including concerns about whether AOA-board-certified DOs will qualify as program directors, about the potential for losing residency programs and about the costs of running ACGME programs. We will be able to answer these questions as we move forward with phasing in the new GME system during the next five years. And if anywhere along the way, the new system seems unconstructive, we can stop the process.

**Academy’s Resolution on OMT**

Not only did the Academy lend its support and votes to the AOA House’s policy statement on the proposed new GME system, but the Academy also championed a policy statement of its own. Titled “Patient Safety and the Use of Osteopathic Manipulative Treatment for Patients With Pain Conditions,” Resolution H400 (A/2014) emphasizes that osteopathic manipulative treatment (OMT) is a safe intervention and that it should be considered as a first-line treatment for patients with pain associated with somatic dysfunction and other appropriate conditions.

Since the AOA House adopted this policy statement, the Academy has been promoting it to the media. As of early August, the Academy has been able to add comments about the policy to related articles in such publications as The New York Times and The Wall Street Journal.

In their own ways, Resolution H800 and Resolution H400 have great potential to advance the osteopathic medical profession. I am happy to say that the American Academy of Osteopathy played a lead role in getting both through the AOA House of Delegates this year, and I foresee that the Academy will play an even more critical role in ensuring that both policy statements reach their full potential.

Kenneth J. Lossing, DO
2014-15 AAO President
For the last three years, WVSOM has been consistently recognized as a Great College to Work For by the Chronicle of Higher Education. The school’s campus is located in Lewisburg, West Virginia a picturesque community nestled in the Appalachian Mountains. In addition to being named America’s Coolest Small Town in 2011, Lewisburg has an array of eclectic restaurants, outdoor activities, antique shops, art galleries, a Carnegie Hall performing art center, and a live equity theater that is supported by varied local artists and benefactors. The community is also supported by a regional medical center and excellent educational opportunities for students of all ages. To get a glimpse of this charming community, please visit www.greenbrierwv.com

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Interest candidates should contact Leslie Bicksler, Associate Vice President of Human Resources at 304.647.6279; 800.356.7836; or lbicksler@osteo.wvsom.edu

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A.T. Still Inducted Into Hall of Famous Missourians

On April 16, Andrew Taylor Still, MD, DO, the founder of osteopathic medicine, was inducted into the Hall of Famous Missourians. Located between the House and Senate chambers of the Missouri State Capitol in Jefferson City, the Hall of Famous Missourians is a collection of bronze busts honoring prominent Missourians.

Dr. Still’s bust, which was sculpted by Brandon Drew Crandall, sits between those of Joyce C. Hall, the founder of Hallmark Cards Inc., and James Smith McDonnell, who incorporated the McDonnell Aircraft Corp.

Dr. Still’s induction coincided with National Osteopathic Medicine Week and Missouri Osteopathic Medicine Awareness Day.

In conjunction with Your Health Productions, the Missouri Association of Osteopathic Physicians and Surgeons created a 13-minute documentary to commemorate the occasion.

Dr. Still joins an impressive list of inductees, including Harry S. Truman, Mark Twain, Walt Disney, Laura Ingalls Wilder and Ginger Rogers.

Dr. Still is the first of the inductees to be selected by an online election open to voters worldwide. Most prior inductees were chosen by the speaker of the Missouri House of Representatives. Competing against several politicians, a few musicians and an athlete, Dr. Still won the election with roughly 38% of the votes. In another first, Dr. Still is the first physician chosen for the hall.

Ironically, as a Kansas free-soiler before the Civil War, Dr. Still would have been among those who opposed the hall’s fifth inductee, David Rice Atchison, in an election 159 years ago. Atchinson recruited and led the infamous “Border Ruffians,” who seized control of polling places at gunpoint to fraudulently elect a pro-slavery legislature in Kansas. Dr. Still was elected to the first Free State Legislature two years later. Atchison’s other claim to fame is that as president pro tempore of the U.S. Senate, he may have technically served as acting president of the United States for one day between when James Polk’s term ended and Zachary Taylor was sworn in.

AAO Offers Osteopathic Education Service at OMED

Each year at American Osteopathic Association’s Osteopathic Medical Conference and Exposition, the Academy offers its free osteopathic education service (OES) to convention goers, including guests and exhibitors. The OES sessions are provided for educational purposes only. Sessions will be held in the exhibit hall of the Washington State Convention Center in Seattle from Saturday, Oct. 25, through Monday, Oct. 27.

DOs from all specialties are invited to volunteer to provide care during the OES. Volunteers earn 0.5 credit of AOA Category 1-B continuing medical education for each person they see at the OES.

While the AAO prefers that volunteering DOs register for the OES in advance, the academy will accept on-site registration.

For more information about this event, contact AAO Associate Executive Director Sherri L. Quarles at squarles@academyofosteopathy.org in advance or at the OES on site. Volunteers must have their own professional liability coverage.

OES Hours at OMED

Saturday, Oct. 25 10 a.m.–4 p.m.
Sunday, Oct. 26 9 a.m.–4 p.m.
Monday, Oct. 27 9 a.m.–2 p.m.

Participate in Spinal Manipulation Survey

The University of Western Ontario in London, Ontario, 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 will 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/1hJyAuo.
AAO Program at OMED

The American Academy of Osteopathy will offer a didactic program at the American Osteopathic Association’s 119th annual Osteopathic Medical Conference and Exposition (OMED), which will be held Oct. 25-29 in Seattle.

When you register for OMED, remember to register as a member of the Academy. When you do so, a portion of your registration fee goes toward funding the AAO program at OMED. In addition, up to 22 of the continuing medical education credits you earn at OMED will count as neuromusculoskeletal medicine credits for NMM board certification and osteopathic continuous certification if you register for the Academy’s program.

Titled “Get Your Osteopathic Hands ON!” this year’s AAO program will be devoted to hands-on learning. With plenty of time, tables and table trainers to facilitate learning, each session will allow participants to both refresh their skills and learn new and exciting techniques. Some of the exciting topics that will be covered include osteopathic manipulative treatment for child athletes, yoga for patients with repetitive use injuries, and kinesiotaping (complete with tape for practice).

### Topics and Speakers

**Sunday, Oct. 26**

9:45 to 10 a.m.
Welcome by Heather P. Ferrill, DO, AAO program chair

10 to 11 a.m.
Workshop: “Five-Minute OMM for Headache” by Millicent King Channell, DO, FAAO

11 to 11:30 a.m.
Thomas L. Northup Memorial Lecture: “Are We Ready to Lead?” by Judith A. O’Connell, DO, MHA, FAAO

**Joint session with AAO and ACOFP**

1:30 to 5:30 p.m.
Workshop: “OMT for the Family Physician” by Gregory Ahern Thompson, DO, and Kevin D. Treffer, DO

**Monday, Oct. 27**

Joint Session with the American Osteopathic Academy of Sports Medicine

8 to 9:30 a.m.
“Yoga for the Repetitive Use Injury” by Stacey Pierce-Talsma, DO

10 to 11:30 a.m.
“Kinesiotaping” by Guy A. DeFeo, DO

**Joint session ends**

2 to 3:30 p.m.
Workshop: “Traditional Approaches to Diagnosing and Treating the Key Lesion” by Richard Gordon Schuster, DO

4 to 5:30 p.m.
Workshop: “An Osteopathic Approach to Neck and Upper Extremity Pain” by Laura E. Griffin, DO, FAAO

**Tuesday, Oct. 28**

Joint session with AAO and ACOP

8 to 9:30 a.m.
Workshop: “OMT for the Child Athlete” by Amelia Louise Bueche, DO

10 to 11:30 a.m.
Workshop: “OMT for Congestion and Sinusitis” by Doris B. Newman, DO, FAAO

**Joint session ends**

1:30 to 3:15 p.m.

3:30 to 5:15 p.m.
Workshop: “CCP in the Busy Office Practice” by David R. Boesler, DO

### Academy’s FORCE Co-sponsors OMED Empathy Seminar

The AAO’s foundation, the Foundation for Osteopathic Research and Continuous Education (FORCE), is orchestrating a one-day seminar on empathy in collaboration with the American Osteopathic Association and the Cleveland Clinic Foundation. Scheduled from 9:15 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 26, the session is titled “Osteopathic Patient-Centered Care in the 21st Century: Empathy, Mindfulness and Advanced Communications.”

Using empathy research published in the December 2013 issue of *The Journal of the American Osteopathic Association* as a starting point, this seminar will explore evidence that currently exists and future research options for comparing empathy scores of graduates of osteopathic medical schools against those of allopathic medical schools.

Among the seminar speakers will be four of the five authors of the *JAOA*: December 2013 empathy article: Leonard H. Calabrese, DO, of the Cleveland Clinic; Joseph A. Bianco, PhD, of the Ohio University Heritage College of Osteopathic Medicine in Athens; Mohammadreza Hojat, PhD, of the Sidney Kimmel Medical College at Thomas Jefferson University in Philadelphia; and David J. Massello, the vice president of FORCE.

The seminar is anticipated to offer up to 6.5 credits of AOA Category 1-A continuing medical education and up to 6.5 AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™.
Course Description
This is an advanced (Level 5) class that uses different paradigms by working extensively with the brain parenchyma, its gray and white substance. It trains health care professionals to address specific structures and physiology of the brain and spinal cord. These structures are often unaddressed primary or key somatic dysfunctions.

Participants will learn techniques for the whole ventricular fluid system and the brain parenchyma. They also will discuss the major components (nuclei) of the brain and learn different techniques to help release them, including corpus callosum, fornix, thalamus, putamen, globus pallidus, caudate nucleus, amygdaloid bodies, hippocampus, mamillary bodies, red nucleus, substantia nigra, pituitary, hypothalamus, cerebellum and associated nuclei.

Registrants are required to have previously completed a 40-hour “Introductory Course in Osteopathy in the Cranial Field” approved by The Osteopathic Cranial Academy.

Course Location
Midwestern University/Arizona College of Osteopathic Medicine
19555 North 59th Ave., Glendale, AZ 85308

Registration Form
Brain 1: Palpating and Treating the Brain, Brain Nuclei, White Matter and Spinal Cord
Jan. 16-18, 2015

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Program Chair
Bruno J. Chikly, MD, DO (UK) (Hon.), PhD, is a graduate of the medical school at Saint Antoine Hospital in France. Dr. Chikly also has the French equivalent of a master’s degree in psychology. He received an honorary DO degree from the European School of Osteopathy in the United Kingdom, and a PhD in osteopathy from the Royal University Libre of Brussels in Belgium. He is the author of the book Silent Waves: The Theory and Practice of Lymph Drainage Therapy, as well as the creator of the DVD Dissection of the Brain and Spinal Cord.

Course Times
Friday, Saturday and Sunday: 8 a.m.–5:30 p.m.
Breakfast and lunch provided. Please contact the AAO’s Sherrie Warner with special dietary needs at (317) 879-1881, ext. 220, or swarner@academyofosteopathy.org.

Continuing Medical Education
24 credits of AOA Category 1-A CME are anticipated.

Travel Arrangements
Contact Tina Callahan of Globally Yours Travel at (800) 274-5975 or globallyyourstravel@cox.net.
## Members in the News

Both the June and July issues of *The Journal of the American Osteopathic Association* featured several articles written or co-written by Academy members. The chart below summarizes those articles.

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<td>June 2014</td>
<td>A New Model for Educating Our Nation's Primary Care Physicians</td>
<td>In this “In My View” contribution, Dr. Buser describes the work of the Blue Ribbon Commission for the Advancement of Osteopathic Medical Education that the American Osteopathic Association and the American Association of Colleges of Osteopathic Medicine established to outline a new educational model built on a competency-based curriculum with seamless integration of undergraduate and graduate medical education.</td>
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<td>Effect of Osteopathic Manipulative Treatment on Middle Ear Effusion Following Acute Otitis Media in Young Children: A Pilot Study</td>
<td>The authors evaluate the efficacy of an osteopathic manipulative treatment (OMT) protocol on middle ear effusion (MEE) resolution following an episode of acute otitis media (AOM). The authors hypothesized that OMT provided adjunctively to standard care for young children with AOM would reduce the duration of MEE.</td>
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<td><strong>Karen M. Steele, DO, FAAO</strong>, of Lewisburg, West Virginia, and <strong>Jane E. Carreiro, DO</strong>, of Biddeford, Maine, along with <strong>Josephine A. Conte, DO</strong>, of Portland, Maine</td>
<td>June 2014</td>
<td>Assessing Palpation Thresholds of Osteopathic Medical Students Using Static Models of the Lumbar Spine</td>
<td>The authors assess the palpatory skills of osteopathic medical students in evaluating positional asymmetry in the transverse plane using static block transverse process and lumbar spine models.</td>
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<td><strong>Eric J. Snider, DO</strong>, of Kirksville, Missouri, and <strong>Brian F. Degenhardt, DO</strong>, of both Kirksville and Ridgway, Colorado</td>
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<td>Predictive Relationship of Osteopathic Manual Medicine Grades and COMLEX-USA Level 1 Total Scores and Osteopathic Principles and Practice Subscores</td>
<td>The authors examine the relationship of COMLEX-USA Level 1 total scores and osteopathic principles and practice (OPP) subscores with osteopathic manipulative medicine course to determine whether these grades are predictive of COMLEX-USA Level 1 OPP performance.</td>
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<td><strong>Norman Gevitz, PhD</strong>, of Kirksville, Missouri</td>
<td>June 2014</td>
<td>From “Doctor of Osteopathy” to “Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine”: A Title Change in the Push for Equality</td>
<td>The AAO’s 2006 Academy Award winner, Dr. Gevitz uses the fifth installment of his six-part series on the DO degree to address the divide between those who wish to continue using the doctor of osteopathy designation and those who wish to identify themselves as MDs.</td>
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<td><strong>Kurt P. Heinking, DO, FAAO</strong></td>
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<td>Mountaineering-Induced Bilateral Plantar Paresthesia</td>
<td>In this combined pilot study and case report, the authors investigate the efficacy of osteopathic manipulative treatment as a means of managing patients with mountaineering-induced bilateral plantar paresthesia.</td>
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Association Between Cervical and Thoracic Somatic Dysfunction Among Second-Year Osteopathic Medical Students

This retrospective analysis examines whether cervical somatic dysfunction and thoracic somatic dysfunction occur concomitantly, particularly somatic dysfunction of the occipitoatlantal and upper thoracic regions of the spine.

Kathleen M. Vazzana, OMS IV, of Staten Island, New York; Sheldon C. Yao, DO, of Forest Hills, New York; and Michael J. Terzella, DO, of Smithtown, New York

July 2014

Perception-Based Effects of Clinical Exposure to Osteopathic Manipulative Treatment on First- and Second-Year Osteopathic Medical Students

This survey-based study explores how the time at which students are exposed to osteopathic manipulative treatment may affect their perceptions of their future use of OMT in clinical practice.

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NMM PLUS 1 RESIDENCY PROGRAM IN NEW YORK

NMM Plus 1 Residency at Southampton Hospital in beautiful Southampton, Long Island. Applications are currently being accepted. If interested, please contact Program Director Denise K. Burns, DO, FAAO, at drdenise@optonline.net or Education Department Secretary Karen Roberts at (631) 726-0409.

OMM Video Available for AAO Members’ websites

To help educate patients about osteopathic manipulative medicine (OMM), Academy members can now add to their practice websites a hyperlink to an AAO-commissioned video.

Featuring AAO President Kenneth J. Lossing, DO, the video debuted as a two-minute segment of “American Health Front!” that ran on New York City’s WCBS-TV on Sunday, May 18, just before the Byron Nelson Championship golf tournament on Sunday, May 18.

At the end of the segment, viewers who would like to receive OMM are directed to a new Academy URL, www.FindOMM.org, which takes viewers to the Academy’s “Find a Physician” landing page.

Besides linking to the OMM segment, Academy members can take advantage of the segment’s script when being interviewed by the media or speaking at public events.

The Academy-commissioned “American Health Front!” segment on osteopathic manipulative medicine aired on WCBS-TV on Sunday, May 18. (Photo courtesy of Media Medical Group)
Amy L. Dean, DO, of Ann Arbor, Michigan, offers advice on how to “get your health in order” and manage seasonal allergies in an April 29 interview with Candace Rose Anderson. According to Dr. Dean, many people overlook their indoor and outdoor environments when seeking ways to control their allergies.

Husband-and-wife team Kenneth E. Nelson, DO, FAAO, FACOFP, and Nicette R. Sergueef, DO (France), of Chicago have written the book Osteopathy for the Over 50s. According to Handspring Publishing’s website, “This book is intended to provide a study of the biomechanics and physiology of somatic dysfunction as it relates to individuals over the age of 50.” Although this demographic has grown dramatically in recent years, little literature addresses these patients’ need for osteopathic care.

Chelsea Kaitlin Rick, OMS III, spent her year as Miss Mississippi emphasizing “Full Plates, Healthy States.” A student at the William Carey University College of Osteopathic Medicine in Hattiesburg, Mississippi, Rick was profiled on April 8 in the community newspaper Meridian (Mississippi) Star. Rick’s “Full Plates, Healthy States” campaign spread throughout the state during her reign, which lasted from July 13, 2013, to July 12, 2014. According to Rick, almost one in four children in Mississippi goes to bed hungry—in spite of the growing obesity problem. Rick emphasizes getting children the right foods—fresh fruits, fresh vegetables, lean meats and dairy products—to optimize their health and prepare them for learning and playing.

AAO Trustee Kendi Lee Hensel, DO, PhD, of Fort Worth, Texas, has been named an associate editor of The Journal of the American Osteopathic Association, becoming the first woman to serve the JAOA in that capacity. In an August editorial announcing Dr. Hensel’s appointment, AOA Editor in Chief Robert Orenstein, DO, also announced that AAO honorary associate member and 2012 Academy Award Winner Michael M. Patterson, PhD, is assuming the new role of JAOA associate editor for international affairs. The JAOA’s longest-serving associate editor, Dr. Patterson will now lead the JAOA’s efforts to attract scientific contributions on manual medicine from international researchers. As Dr. Hensel joins the JAOA and Dr. Patterson’s role changes, former AAO president Michael A. Seffinger, DO, continues to serve as a JAOA associate editor. As a result, three out of the JAOA’s four associate editors have strong connections to the Academy.

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Ultrasound-Guided Injections

Sept. 26-27, 2014 • University of North Texas Health Science Center—Texas College of Osteopathic Medicine in Forth Worth

Course Description
Designed for physicians who are novices at sonographic guidance for injections, this course will introduce participants to the basic principles of ultrasound. They will learn proper injection techniques with ultrasound guidance, and they will learn proper billing and coding for ultrasound injections. Cadavers will be available for practice, and table trainers will ensure a low faculty-to-participant ratio. The course will focus on the injections of the major joints: glenohumeral, sacroiliac, hip and knee.

Continuing Medical Education
16 credits of AOA Category 1-A CME are anticipated.

Course Location
University of North Texas Health Science Center—Texas College of Osteopathic Medicine
3500 Camp Bowie Blvd.
Forth Worth, TX 76101-2644

Registration Rates
$1,500 for members; $1,600 for nonmembers.

Program Chair
Sajid A. Surve, DO, is a 2005 graduate of what is now the Rowan University School of Osteopathic Medicine (RowanSOM) in Stratford, New Jersey. After completing a traditional rotating internship at Delaware County Memorial Hospital in Drexel Hill, Pennsylvania, he became an inaugural resident and the first chief resident of the physical medicine and rehabilitation residency at Long Beach (New York) Medical Center. He joined the faculty of RowanSOM in 2009 and completed a neuromusculoskeletal medicine and osteopathic manipulative medicine residency in 2010.

Course Times
Friday and Saturday: 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.
Breakfast and lunch provided. Please contact the AAO’s Sherrie Warner with special dietary needs at (317) 879-1881, ext. 220, or swarner@academyofosteopathy.org.

Click here to register.
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Maud Nerman, DO, of Corte Madera, California, was featured on New Dimensions Radio, which is carried by more than 300 public radio stations nationwide. In the March 28 interview, Dr. Nerman discussed the benefits of osteopathy, as well as her widely praised new book, *Healing Pain and Injury*. Visit New Dimensions’ website to download Dr. Nerman’s interview.

Jeremy M. Berger, OMS II, of the A.T. Still University–School of Osteopathic Medicine in Arizona in Mesa, learned about the benefits of patient advocates 10 years ago as he cared for his ailing grandfather. Now, Berger’s work at Unity Health Care’s East of the River Health Center in Washington, D.C., has opened his eyes even more. Read Jeremy Berger’s story online in The DO.

Tyler C. Cymet, DO, of Chevy Chase, Maryland, was interviewed for a June 2 article in The Washington Post. The story explores the possible causes and treatments for hiccups, a condition that remains a mystery to modern medicine.

Lisa A. DeStefano, DO, of East Lansing, Michigan, is featured in *Vogue*’s May print edition, discussing how slight imbalances in the body’s alignment, like leg-length discrepancies, can cause back pain.

Emily Casterline, OMS III, of the University of North Texas Health Science Center–Texas College of Osteopathic Medicine in Fort Worth, has an intimate understanding of what patients go through when loved ones are diagnosed with testicular cancer. During Casterline’s second year as an osteopathic medical student, her husband, Micah, was diagnosed with the disease. Casterline found that even though testicular cancer has a 95% cure rate when caught early, “it turns your life upside down.” Within a month of Micah’s diagnosis, Casterline discovered she was pregnant. She calls her son their “miracle baby.” Read Emily Casterline’s story on the University of North Texas Health Science Center’s website.

Spread the Word

Many of your colleagues do not belong to the Academy, but they might join if you shared with them the reasons why you belong. The Academy relies on its members to spread the word, so tell your colleagues how the Academy has benefited you and invite them to attend the 2015 Convocation in Louisville, Kentucky. The Academy’s membership liaison, Susan Lightle, is happy to answer any questions. Just contact her at (317) 879-1881, ext. 217, or at slightle@academyofosteopathy.org.

Sutherland Cranial Teaching Foundation
Upcoming Courses

SCTF Continuing Studies Course: Traumatic Brain Injury
October 17–19, 2014
UNE in Biddeford, Maine
Course Directors: Hugh Ettlinger, DO, FAAO and Michael Burruano, DO
16 hrs 1A CME anticipated

SCTF Continuing Studies Course: Treating Compressions in the Cranium and Body
February 6–8, 2015
Oklahoma State-COS in Tulsa, Oklahoma
16 hrs 1A CME anticipated
Visit www.sctf.com for future details

Visit our website for enrollment forms and course details: www.sctf.com
Contact: Joy Cunningham 509-758-8090
Email: jcunningham4715@yahoo.com

Emily Casterline, OMS III, of Fort Worth, Texas, experienced the patient’s point of view when her husband was diagnosed with testicular cancer right before she found out she was pregnant with their first child. (Photo by Jeena Stephen, courtesy of the University of North Texas Health Science Center.)
In Memoriam

Former Academy President Lon A. Hoover, DO, Dies

The American Academy of Osteopathy’s 1973-74 president, Lon A. Hoover, DO, died May 8 at the age of 83 following a battle with Parkinson’s disease. A devoted osteopathic physician, Dr. Hoover was known for taking his treatment table everywhere until Parkinson’s disease limited his activities.

Along with his twin brother, Larry Hoover, DO, Dr. Lon Hoover earned his doctor of osteopathy degree in 1956 from what is now the Midwestern University/Chicago College of Osteopathic Medicine. He returned home to Tacoma, Washington, to take over a family medicine and obstetrics practice from his father, Harold V. Hoover, DO.

In 1977, Dr. Lon Hoover became an associate professor of family medicine at the Michigan State University College of Osteopathic Medicine (MSUCOM) in East Lansing. He also served as an osteopathic medicine consultant to the MSU Division of Athletic Medicine. Dr. Hoover received many awards from MSUCOM graduates between 1978 and 1993: In addition to receiving the college’s Hooding Award, Dr. Hoover received the Outstanding Professor Award a half-dozen times and the Osteopathic Excellence Award three times. He retired from MSUCOM in 1996.

David A. Patriquin, DO, FAAO, fondly remembers Dr. Hoover as an avid writer and a “quiet peaceful sort of person.” As a faculty member at the Ohio osteopathic medical school and as a fellow Academy president, Dr. Patriquin worked closely with Dr. Hoover, witnessing Dr. Hoover’s qualities as a “team player.” Although he was a “tall, slender sort of guy … he was sort of in the shadow of Phil Greenman and Myron Beal,” who were on the faculty at MSUCOM at the same time. But Dr. Hoover contributed as much to osteopathic medicine and

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Membership Announcements

In early June, hard copies of Academy dues notices for the 2014-15 fiscal year were mailed to all Academy members, and an email was sent to instruct members on how to take advantage of the option to pay dues online. The Academy is sending confirmation emails to members’ preferred email addresses as soon as dues payments are processed. The dues rates for 2014-15 are the same as for 2013-14. Members who run into problems with the instructions for the hard-copy or digital dues notices can contact AAO Membership Liaison Susan Lightle at (317) 879-1881, ext. 217, or slightle@academyofosteopathy.org.

Are you listed in the Academy’s “Find a Physician” Web page? This service allows patients to find specialists near where they live. If you are not listed, log in to your profile at www.academyofosteopathy.org, uncheck the “Do Not Publish Online” box, and provide the street address of your practice so that patients can find you. Only practicing physicians who belong to the Academy are included in “Find a Physician.” Direct questions to AAO Membership Liaison Susan Lightle at (317) 879-1881, ext. 217, or slightle@academyofosteopathy.org.

Don’t make a move without notifying the AAO. We don’t want to lose track of any of our members when they relocate. Please remember to inform the Academy’s membership liaison, Susan Lightle, of any changes in your business or home contact information. You can reach Lightle at (317) 879-1881, ext. 217, or slightle@academyofosteopathy.org.

Make sure emails from the AAO are not going into your junk folder. Adjust your spam filter to allow emails from @academyofosteopathy.org and aaorg@multibriefs.com so that you can receive The AAO Journal, AAO Member News, OsteoBlast and other Academy content.

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.
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MSUCOM as Dr. Greenman and Dr. Beal did, Dr. Patriquin recalls.

Beyond the AAO, Dr. Hoover was active with the Washington Osteopathic Medical Association, which he served as president, secretary and trustee. He also lectured widely at universities, hospitals and private seminars throughout the United States.

Aside from his career as an osteopathic physician, Dr. Hoover was a keen outdoorsman. In his mid-70s, he completed the Courage Classic, a three-day, three-summit bike race to support Tacoma’s children’s hospital.

Another former AAO president, Robert E. Kappler, DO, FAAODist, FCA, remembers attending Convocations at The Broadmoor in Colorado Springs, Colorado, with Dr. Hoover back when there weren’t more than 50 people in attendance. An avid mountain climber, Dr. Hoover spent a lot of time exploring The Broadmoor’s surroundings, Dr. Kappler recalls.

Right: China’s peaks frame Lon A. Hoover, DO. A longtime hiker and mountaineer, Dr. Hoover conquered Mount Rainier six times, led more than 100 climbs and participated in 50 others, including the treacherous Mount Anyegaqen in China at age 50. (Photo courtesy of MSUCOM.)

The third recipient of the AAO’s Academy Award, W. Douglas Ward, PhD, of Glen Ellyn, Illinois, died July 3 at the age of 80.

Dr. Ward served the American Osteopathic Association (AOA) as its director of education from 1977 to 1993, during which he oversaw the department’s expansion to include all accreditation and approval activities for osteopathic medical education. From 1993 to 1996, Dr. Ward served as the AOA’s associate executive director for educational affairs. Throughout his 19 years at the AOA, he served as the secretary to what was then the AOA Bureau of Professional Education.

Dr. Ward’s leadership in the realm of international osteopathic education and collaboration contributed to the founding of the AOA’s Bureau of International Osteopathic Medicine, which in turn spearheaded the creation of the Osteopathic International Alliance.

In 1997, Dr. Ward delivered the 52nd Andrew Taylor Still Memorial Address at the AOA House of Delegates’ annual meeting in Chicago. The AOA’s 2002-03 president, Anthony A. Minissale, DO, bestowed a presidential citation on Dr. Ward in 2003—the same year he received his Academy Award.

“My father [1997-98 AOA President Howard M. Levine, DO] relied heavily on Doug’s expertise and guidance for multiple projects, including the [Foundations for Osteopathic Medicine] textbook. They would meet before, during and after other AOA meetings,” writes the AOA’s 2011-12 president, Martin S. Levine, DO, MPH.

Dr. Ward’s brother, Robert C. Ward, DO, is an honorary life member of the Academy, and he was the executive editor of the first two editions of the AOA’s Foundations for Osteopathic Medicine. The brothers were charter inductees into the AOA’s Great Pioneers in Osteopathic Medicine. Their father, Campbell A. Ward, DO, was the AOA’s 1964-65 president.

A lifelong learner who was especially interested in science, history and genealogy, Dr. Ward was a high school biology teacher for 20 years before he went to work for the AOA, and he served a term as the president of the Michigan Education Association. He was involved with the Glen Ellyn Historical Society and The Morton Arboretum in Lisle, Illinois, where he was a docent.

Besides his brother, Dr. Ward’s survivors include his wife, Ruthann; two daughters; eight grandchildren; five great-grandsons; and one sister. His nieces and nephews include Jayne Heather Ward, DO, an associate professor of neurology and ophthalmology at the Michigan State University College of Osteopathic Medicine in East Lansing. One of Dr. Ward’s daughters, Catherine Medecke, preceded him in death.
Component Societies and Affiliated Organizations
Calendar of Upcoming Events

Aug. 22-24, 2014
American FDM Association
Module 2 Seminar
Course director: Todd Capistrant, DO
Pacific Northwest University of Health Sciences College of Osteopathic Medicine, Yakima, Washington
(207) 941-1940 • www.afdma.com
Register online now.

Sept. 19-21, 2014
The Osteopathic Cranial Academy
Cranial Base Course
Course director: James W. Binkerd, DO
Associate director: Paul E. Dart, MD, FCA
Renaissance Suites O’Hare, Chicago
(317) 581-0411 • Fax: (317) 580-9299
info@cranialacademy.org • www.cranialacademy.org

Sept. 19-21, 2014
American FDM Association
Module 2 Seminar
Course director: Todd Capistrant, DO
Tanana Valley Clinic, Fairbanks, Alaska
(207) 941-1940 • www.afdma.com
Click here to register.

Oct. 4, 2014
American FDM Association
Introduction to the FDM
Hotel Contessa, San Antonio
CME: 8 AOA Category 1-A credits anticipated
www.orthopathy.com/worldcongress.html

Oct. 5-6, 2014
American FDM Association
Sixth FDM World Congress
Hotel Contessa, San Antonio
CME: 16 AOA Category 1-A credits anticipated
www.orthopathy.com/worldcongress.html

Oct. 31-Nov. 2, 2014
Michigan Osteopathic Association
10th Annual Autumn Convention
Devos Place, Grand Rapids, Michigan
(800) 657-1556
Register online now.

Nov. 7-9, 2014
The Osteopathic Cranial Academy
Midline Course
Course director: Eliott S. Blackman, DO, FCA
Doubletree San Francisco Airport, Burlingame, California
CME: 40 AOA Category 1-A credits anticipated
(317) 581-0411 • Fax: (317) 580-9299
info@cranialacademy.org • www.cranialacademy.org

Dec. 5-7, 2014
Indiana Osteopathic Association
33rd Annual Winter Update
Hyatt Regency, Indianapolis
(317) 926-3009 • www.inosteo.org

Feb. 14-18, 2015
The Osteopathic Cranial Academy
Midwinter Introductory Course in Osteopathy in the Cranial Field
Course director: Zina Pelkey, DO
West Coast location to be determined
CME: 40 Category 1-A AOA credits anticipated
(317) 581-0411 • Fax: (317) 580-9299
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Feb. 20–22, 2015
The Osteopathic Cranial Academy
Midline Course 2
Course director: Eliott S. Blackman, DO, FCA
Associate director: Daniel Albert Shadoan, DO
West Coast location to be determined
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