2020: Changes, Successes, and Lessons Learned

The Academy is grateful to have had the opportunity to provide our attendees with valuable continuing medical education during last month’s 2020 Convocation. We also understand and regret that some of our registrants were unable to attend due to various reasons, including limiting their risk of exposure to the novel coronavirus. In accordance with our cancellation policy, those individuals and organizations will be able to apply 50 percent of their fees to the AAO’s 2021 Convocation. We also arranged for access to live-streams of both the physician and student lectures in an effort to help compensate for their unplanned absences.

The health and safety of our members and guests has been and will always be our primary concern, and so the AAO leadership looked to information from the CDC and administration officials when determining the potential threat of exposure to coronavirus for our Convocation attendees. Additionally, in the weeks and days prior to Convocation and upon site arrival, the AAO staff had discussions with the safety and risk management team at The Broadmoor hotel, our event site, to assess the coronavirus risk and plan for necessary precautions based on the level of community transmission and directives in Colorado.

- In a Feb. 26 press conference, two weeks prior to Convocation, the White House shared that the CDC confirmed local transmission of the virus had occurred in the US, but that the coronavirus risk to Americans remained low.
- On March 3, days prior to 2020 Convocation, the CDC updated the American public that the immediate health risk from COVID-19 still remained low at that time.
- Once on-site at The Broadmoor, the AAO and hotel staff took every precaution based on the CDC’s updates and directives at the time.
  - Staff and participants were supplied with hand sanitizer, tissues, trash baskets, disposable facemasks, gloves, cleaners and disinfectants.
  - There was increased frequency of cleaning and disinfection of public areas, meeting rooms, and frequently touched surfaces; and applying additional protections in food serving and preparation.
  - The Evening with the Stars and The Evening with the Stars and Stripes events were cancelled.
  - On March 11th, when it was realized that a number of registrants would not be able to attend Convocation, the AAO quickly worked with The Broadmoor to establish a live stream for viewing the physician and student lectures in an effort to help compensate for their unplanned absences, and in appreciation of their continued support of the AAO.
  - Access to the live-stream events was sent to over 286 registrants that stated they would not be able to attend. The AAO also learned that members that had to depart early also took advantage of the live streaming on Saturday and Sunday.
  - Later in the week, The Broadmoor lecture hall was reorganized to accommodate the new recommendations to maintain a distance of 6 feet between individuals. The workshop spaces were also doubled in size and included another location to accommodate the participants.
  - Finally, due to new recommendations at the end of the week, the AAO also limited sessions and gatherings to no more than 250 attendees.

This has become a difficult time for our country and the world, and yet, despite the uncertainty that lies ahead, the AAO is ready to stand with our physician, resident, student and
organizational members in treating and preventing the spread of COVID-19. We are incredibly inspired by the efforts of DOs, osteopathic medical students and all other healthcare workers everywhere to provide care to all patients affected by the novel coronavirus, as well as those being treated for other ailments, in this unprecedented and worrying time in our nation’s history.

The Academy is working to provide osteopathic physicians with resources to assist in the treatment of COVID-19 or suspected COVID-19 patients. Our first resource, offered in partnership with the American Osteopathic Association (AOA), is a new CME online learning module to help you review applicable OMM techniques for COVID-19 or suspected COVID-19 patients. This CME activity is free for members and non-members. Learn more and enroll today at academyofosteopathy.org/omm-covid-19. Look for future updates from the AAO as we continue to develop relevant resources in response to the pandemic.

Message from President Paul R. Rennie, DO, FAAO

As we continue to watch the COVID-19 nightmare unfold, one key theme that has emerged is the lack of resources. Some say there are about ten administrators for every doctor. If this is true, why were we not ready for this crisis? In addition, as the ratio of administrators gets larger, the ratio of physician time with the patient has decreased due to increased time with electronic health records and ever decreasing insurance reimbursement rates.

Recapping from my inaugural speech,* for the period between 2006 and 2017, the average yearly increase in the Medicare Physician Fee Schedule (MPFS) was 0.24%. Though on the surface this seems to reflect a positive trend, when compared to the rate of inflation, the cumulative effect resulted in a greater than 20% decrease in the MPFS during these eleven years. This impacts not only the physician, as the name of this fee implies, but the ENTIRE healthcare team that gets reimbursed by this fee (building, staff, supplies, etc.).

However, our readiness is further reduced when commercial insurance plans either follow Medicare rates or even pay less than Medicare rates. Due to the economic effects of “asymmetric information” and a lack of uniform regulation on reimbursement...
coverage, independent negotiations by each regional healthcare payor does not ensure a truly adequate reimbursement for services. One practice in one town might do well while another is paid suboptimal rates that can occur when, for example, a large insurance company may outweigh a small medical provider.

This strategy matters with regard to the provision of osteopathic manipulative treatment (OMT). Incremental reductions with insurance coverage over many years, as noted above, is negatively impacting the number of available providers for this service. This trend has led to an increase in the number of physicians who transfer to a cash basis practice to be able to provide the type of care they cannot deliver within the insurance paradigm. Those physicians who continue to work with insurance plans may, instead, perform OMT with less frequency.

The trickle-down effect also decreases the available pool of physicians to assist with osteopathic recognition, the new Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME) program that augments osteopathic manipulative applications in the residency setting. This is due to requirements that program directors and other faculty must participate with Medicare and commercial insurance. And so, inadequate insurance reimbursement will continue to negatively affect the future of osteopathic manipulative training unless reimbursement declines are reversed.

More and more (by using a variety of mechanisms that also include denial of claims, increased documentation requirements, denial of modifier 25, and other variables), insurance companies determine what will be paid to the healthcare team on behalf of the patient. Cost containment strategies, including mechanisms that aim to reduce the costs of medical insurance and negatively impact the physician-patient relationship, do not improve the readiness of the nation or the quality of care.

How do practices, big and small, counter the economics of “asymmetric information” in provider agreements?

What mechanisms should be in place to improve and protect the health of our practices, including physician burnout, in order to meet the healthcare needs of our patients?

Richard G. Schuster, DO, Named President-elect

Richard G. Schuster, DO, of Indianapolis, was chosen to be the 2020-21 president-elect of the American Academy of Osteopathy on March 12 during the AAO’s annual Convocation in Colorado Springs, Colorado. After spending a year as president-elect, Dr. Schuster will become the 2021-22 president of the AAO, the nation’s largest medical society devoted to fostering neuromusculoskeletal medicine and osteopathic manipulative medicine (NMM/OMM).

Richard G. Schuster, DO, is in solo private practice in Indianapolis, doing direct primary care and osteopathic manual medicine.

He graduated from the Ohio University Heritage College of Osteopathic Medicine in 1994 after completing an undergraduate fellowship in osteopathic principles and practice. He completed a family medicine residency at the Firelands Regional Medical Center in Sandusky, Ohio, and a post-doctoral fellowship in sports medicine at Toledo Hospital in Ohio.

The chair of the AAO’s 2015 Convocation, Dr. Schuster is a member of the AAO’s Board of Trustees and the vice chair of the AAO’s Education Committee.

Dr. Schuster has a strong interest in medical education, and his academic interests include musculoskeletal medicine, biomechanics and functional anatomy, with an emphasis on how the body transmits and organizes information to coordinate movement.
COVID-19 Resources for Osteopathic Physicians and Students

**Important websites to follow for Coronavirus information**

- [Coronavirus.gov](https://coronavirus.gov) has the latest information about COVID-19 prevention, symptoms, and answers to common questions.
- [CDC.gov/coronavirus](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus) has the latest public health and safety information for the overarching medical and health provider community on COVID-19.
- [USA.gov/coronavirus](https://www.usa.gov/coronavirus) has the latest information about what the U.S. Government is doing in response to COVID-19.

**CDC Guidance for Healthcare Professionals**
The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has developed information and guidance for healthcare professionals on caring for patients with confirmed or possible COVID-19 infection. Learn more at [cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp).

**CMS Guidance for Clinicians and Healthcare Providers**
Visit the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) newsroom for updates and new clinical and technical guidance, billing and coding information. Learn more at [cms.gov/newsroom](https://www.cms.gov/newsroom).

**AMA COVID-19 Resource Center**
The American Medical Association (AMA) COVID-19 resource center has guides available for physicians, residents, students and medical school educators. Learn more at [ama-assn.org/covid19](https://www.ama-assn.org/covid19).

**AOA COVID-19 Resource Page**
The American Osteopathic Association (AOA) has assembled a COVID-19 resource page to help physicians and medical students navigate the global health crisis. Among the latest updates: a summary of the CARES Act, CMS expansion and a telemedicine webinar. The AOA’s COVID-19 resource page can be found online at [osteopathic.org/covid-19](https://www.osteopathic.org/covid-19).

**HHS issues $30 billion in direct deposits to hospitals and health care providers enrolled in Medicare**
On April 10, 2020, the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) began delivering $30 billion in relief funding to support hospitals and health care providers enrolled in the Medicare program. Learn more about eligibility and distribution of payments on the HHS website by visiting [hhs.gov/provider-relief](https://www.hhs.gov/).

**What the CARES Act means for physicians**
The AOA Public Policy team reviewed the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act and identified the most relevant provisions for physicians and medical students. Physician practices seeking financial assistance should visit the Small Business Administration website, which offers a link to approved lenders. Visit [sba.gov/funding-programs/loans/coronavirus-relief-options](https://www.sba.gov/funding-programs/loans/coronavirus-relief-options).
Academy Members Choose 2020-21 Leaders

At the AAO’s annual business meeting on Thursday, March 12, in Colorado Springs, Colorado, Academy members cast their votes for members of the AAO’s Board of Trustees, Board of Governors and Nominating Committee in addition to selecting the 2020-21 president-elect. The following members were elected to serve the AAO:

**President-elect**
Richard G. Schuster, DO

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Catherine M. Kimball, DO
Michael P. Rowane, DO, MS, FAAFP, FAAO
Kendi L. Hensel, DO, PhD, FAAO
(ex-officio)

**Resident and Student Executive Councils**
Resident members of the American Academy of Osteopathy elected the following representatives to their 2020-21 Executive Council: Frank P. Goodman, DO, MS, chair; Scott Wilkie, DO, vice chair; Elizabeth S. Balyakina, DO, MS, MPH, secretary; Chelsy M. Stephenson, DO, treasurer; and Amber Brown, DO, national coordinator. Amy Selwach, DO, MBA who served as RAO president from 2018 to 2019, will serve as the council’s immediate past president.

Student members of the American Academy of Osteopathy also elected their Executive Council representatives: Marija Rowane, OMS II, chair; Emily Willmann, OMS II, vice chair; Casey Koth, OMS II, secretary/treasurer; and Valerie Daniels, OMS II, national coordinator. Danielle Dukes, OMS IV, who served as the 2019-20 chair, will round out the council along with Jennifer Markwood, OMS III, NUFA liaison.

As chairs of their councils, Dr. Goodman and Student Doctor Rowane will serve on the AAO’s Board of Trustees as the resident trustee and student trustee, respectively.

*Indicates incumbents who were re-elected.

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Richard L. Van Buskirk, DO, FAAO, Awarded Andrew Taylor Still Medallion of Honor

Richard L. Van Buskirk, DO, FAAO, of Sarasota, received the American Academy of Osteopathy’s highest honor on March 14 during the AAO’s Convocation in Colorado Springs, Colorado. Named the Andrew Taylor Still Medallion of Honor, the award is given to AAO members who have exhibited an exceptional understanding and application of osteopathic principles and concepts and for outstanding accomplishments in scientific or professional affairs. The award is named after Andrew Taylor Still, MD, DO, the founder of osteopathic medicine.

Dr. Van Buskirk has had a long and diverse career that includes research, writing, teaching, service to the profession and extensive clinical practice. He is most deserving of this honor with his life-long devotion and advocacy of osteopathic medicine.

Dr. Van Buskirk is an internationally recognized osteopathic physician who has been in private practice in Sarasota, Florida for 30 years. He is Board Certified in Family Medicine as well as in Neuromusculoskeletal Medicine. His family medicine practice has included specialty in NMM. Before becoming a student of osteopathic medicine at the West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine he was an associate professor in physiology and neuroscience and earned his PhD from Duke University.

Dr. Van Buskirk has contributed to the profession through his research of an osteopathic text from the late 1800’s that described how Dr. Still treated. He is responsible for the rediscovery of and redevelopment of one of Dr. Still’s primary manipulative methods, the Still Technique. He has shared and taught this technique with the osteopathic profession through presentations at AAO courses, at the Florida Academy of Osteopathy’s courses, and at colleges of osteopathic medicine. His teaching is well received, demonstrating hands-on one-on-one interaction of OMT methods, and he expresses his enthusiasm and passion when speaking about osteopathic medicine.

In addition to the Still Technique, Dr. Van Buskirk has written, presented papers and led workshops all over the world including North America, Europe, Australia and Japan. He has written papers on a variety of topics, including groundbreaking articles on new physiological models of somatic dysfunction based on the nociception and neuro-fascial interpretation. He has been a reviewer for the JAOA, contributor and section editor to the osteopathic textbook, *Foundations of Osteopathic Medicine*.

Dr. Van Buskirk is a Fellow of the American Academy of Osteopathy and has served on the AAO’s Board of Governors, as a member of the Louisa Burns Osteopathic Research Committee and on the Committee on Fellowship. He is a good communicator, easy to work with and very knowledgeable in the field. Countless numbers of students and physicians have benefited from his writing and teaching. The work he has done over the years is both exemplary and impressive in scope and quality.
Johnannes Mayer, MD, DOM (Germany) Receives AAO Academy Award

Johnannes Mayer, MD, DOM (Germany), of Dasing, Germany, is the 2020 recipient of the American Academy of Osteopathy (AAO) Academy Award, which recognizes individuals who have demonstrated their commitment to osteopathic principles and to the osteopathic profession; have exhibited outstanding efforts and special contributions to promote osteopathy; have continuously shown support of and collaboration with osteopathic organizations; and have a vision that is complementary to the Academy’s mission.

At the AAO’s annual business meeting on March 12 in Colorado Springs, Colorado, the AAO’s 2019-20 president, Kendi L. Hensel, DO, PhD, FAAO, presented the AAO’s Academy Award to Dr. Mayer, who is the 20th recipient of the award.

Dr. Mayer received his medical degree (MD) in 1983 from the Ludwig Maximilian University of Munich (LMU), specializing in Family Medicine which included dermatology, gynecology, surgery, and internal medicine. In 1982, he started his manual medicine training, achieving a Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine (DOM) degree in 2000, a Diploma Osteopathic Medicine in Paediatrics (DOMP) in 2009 and in 2013, a Diploma Osteopathic Medicine in Geriatrics (DOMG). In 1999, he began teacher training in osteopathic medicine at the DGOM (German Society of Osteopathic Medicine) and in 2009 teacher training in osteopathy in geriatrics.

Since 2000, Dr. Mayer has been teaching internationally in Germany, Belgium, France, Switzerland, Italy, the United States, and Russia with specific knowledge of family medicine, surgery, internal medicine, paediatrics, neurology, dermatology, manual medicine, Osteopathic Medicine, natural medicine, neural-therapy, psychotherapy, hypnosis and specific techniques of myofascial, functional, visceral Osteopathy, scar treatment, osteopathy in geriatrics, and Becker techniques. He is the co-editor of the German publication “Osteopathische Medizin (Osteopathic textbook),” which has also been published in English, Italian and Russian and he has worked on several publications on the Development of Osteopathic Philosophy.

Dr. Mayer has participated in several osteopathic organizations and served in numerous leadership roles to include: on the board of the DGOM and as its president 2012-17; as President of the European Register of Osteopathic Physicians (EROP), the Osteopathic International Alliance (OIA) Board of Directors and as OIA chair in 2010-11. He served as a clinical associate professor of family medicine at the Ohio University Heritage College of Osteopathic Medicine (OU-HCOM), served as professor Dr. med, and head of the department of Osteopathic Medicine HGWR University Mannheim and has been teaching in Germany on osteopathy in veterinary medicine since 2007.

Dr. Mayer has been an office manager, a management consultant for medical doctors, a health manager, Professor and Chair of department HGWR university, and most recently in a medical office practicing family medicine and osteopathy and prevention in cooperation with four other MDs. Of special note, his other skills include: skiing, sailing, tennis, mountain climbing, swimming, and mountain biking.

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William H. Devine, DO, Receives the Anne Wales, DO Award for Excellence in Education of Osteopathic Clinicians

William H. Devine, DO, of Glendale, Arizona, was honored with the Anne Wales, DO Award for Excellence in Education of Osteopathic Clinicians. In 2019, the AAO Board of Governors approved this award named for Anne B. Wales, DO, who exemplified excellence in the teaching of osteopathic clinicians throughout her career. This award is to recognize those individuals or institutions who have demonstrated exceptional commitment and dedication to the education of osteopathic clinicians.

Dr. Devine is a clinical professor and a fellow in osteopathic research in the Osteopathic Manipulative Medicine Department at the Midwestern University Arizona College of Osteopathic Medicine (MUW/ AZCOM) in Glendale, Arizona. He is also the Director of Osteopathic Education and the Director of Postgraduate Osteopathic Manipulative Medicine for its osteopathic postdoctoral training institution (OPTI).

Dr. Devine has exemplified and continues to represent the philosophy demonstrated by Anne B. Wales, DO, through his teaching of osteopathic clinicians and exceptional commitment and dedication to the education of osteopathic manipulative medicine. He has a great interest in osteopathic manipulative medicine, medical history, medical education and osteopathic medical research. Throughout Dr. Devine’s career he has made a significant impact to the education of osteopathic clinicians with his service since 1974 to the medical community in teaching manual medicine to MDs, DOs, and other health care professionals. He has taught courses at several institutions, including hospitals, both on and off campuses of osteopathic medicine, as well as at national and international conferences.

Trained as an Air Force Medical Officer at Shepard Air Force Base, Texas for the Vietnam War, he has served as an emergency room physician, as the general medical officer, and provided services in flight medicine utilizing special skills in musculoskeletal diseases. He has served as a board member and was vice president of the Undergraduate Research and Scholarly Activity (URSA) Foundation which was a component of the Washington Osteopathic Medical Association that provided osteopathic training throughout the world.

Since 2010, he has served as a faculty member at MUW/AZCOM and is responsible for all four years of medical student education. He is responsible for the osteopathic component of all of the MWU OPTI postgraduate training programs and oversees the neuromusculoskeletal medicine residency program. He is the co-chair of the Osteopathic Research Committee and serves as the OMM division institutional review board (IRB) representative, while assisting medical students in original research and development of research papers and topics. As president of the AAO’s component society, the Arizona Academy of Osteopathy (AzAO) for 16 years, and as a board executive, he continues to organize, direct, manage, teach and table train at the annual AzAO seminars on various topics in OMT.

Dr. Devine has served on the American Osteopathic Board of Neuromusculoskeletal Medicine as well as on American Academy of Osteopathy (AAO) committees and boards including the AAO Education Committee, and the AAO Board of Governors. He has published research papers and his contributions include section editor and co-author for the chapter “A Modern Approach to Chapman Reflex Points” for the Foundations of Osteopathic Medicine 3rd and 4th editions; Clinical Application of Counterstrain and Compendium edition; Osteopathy and Viscera; and Osteopathy and Fascia. He has also lectured extensively on topics of clinical osteopathic medicine to include clinical counterstrain, and biomechanics in England, Norway, Italy and Germany with multiple lectures and presentations at national and international conferences.
David Coffey, DO, FAAO, FCA, Receives FAAO Distinguished Service Award

David Coffey, DO, FAAO, FCA, of Auburn, Alabama, received the Fellow of American Academy of Osteopathy (FAAO) Distinguished Service Award. The award is presented to those FAAOs who have further distinguished themselves in contributions to osteopathic literature; development of osteopathic theory, method or procedure; research; osteopathic education; service to the AAO on committees, boards, etc.; public relations; service to public health; and/or osteopathic medical economics and advocacy.

Dr. Coffey, a 1984 graduate of the Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine (PCOM), served as the 2013-14 American Academy of Osteopathy president. He was in a private family/OMM practice for 27 years in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania and in Montgomery, Alabama along with medical staff appointments at several local hospitals in their departments of medicine, family medicine and emergency medicine. He received board certifications from the American Osteopathic Board of Family Practice, the Board of Certification in Emergency Medicine, and from the American Osteopathic Board of Special Proficiency in Osteopathic Manipulative Medicine.

Dr. Coffey has served the osteopathic profession extensively throughout his career to include several leadership positions. He was president of the Pennsylvania Academy of Osteopathy from 1987 to 1992. He has served on the board of directors for the PCOM Alumni Association, and on the Board of Trustees for the AAO, The Osteopathic Cranial Academy Foundation, the Foundation for Osteopathic Research and Continuous Education, and served an appointment to the American Osteopathic Association Bureau of Scientific Affairs and Public Health and has been a state delegation chair to the AOA House of Delegates.

As a member of The Osteopathic Cranial Academy, he served as its 1999-2001 president, on the executive board, on the Credentials Committee, as faculty at its mid-winter basic course and in 2009 was awarded the honorary degree of Fellow of the Cranial Academy. As a member of the Academy, he has served on the AAO Board of Trustees, Board of Governors and several AAO committees to include the Investment Committee and the Committee on Fellowship. He earned his Fellow of the American Academy of Osteopathy in 2004. He was also a lecturer at the AAO’s Convocation for 2001, 2012, and 2014.

Dr. Coffey has also served internationally on the boards of the the Bishop Gassis Sudan Relief Fund and the Catholic Medical Foundation with its focus on relief to Bosnia and Croatia during their wars with Serbia.

Complete Convocation Surveys by April 30

Thank you to those who attended the AAO’s 2020 Convocation, March 11-15, in Colorado Springs. Please complete the surveys by April 30 to let us know how well we met your expectations.

**Physician surveys:**
- Program survey
- Overall survey

**Student surveys:**
- Thursday program survey
- Friday program survey
- Saturday program survey
- Overall survey

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Download available presentations at academyofosteopathy.org/aoa-2020-convocation. Presentations will be uploaded as they are received. To receive audio recordings of the lectures, download the order form and return it to ConTape.

As always, please feel free to contact us at info@academyofosteopathy.org or at (317) 879-1881 with additional feedback or questions.

**CME**
Continuing medical education credits earned at Convocation will be reported to the American Osteopathic Association within 60 days.

Visit academyofosteopathy.org/CME for upcoming CME opportunities from the AAO.
Frank P. Goodman, DO, MS, Named AAO Resident of the Year

Frank P. Goodman, DO, MS, of Tulsa, Oklahoma, was named the 2020 Resident of the Year by the American Academy of Osteopathy (AAO) on March 12 during the AAO’s annual business meeting during its Convocation in Colorado Springs, Colorado. The award recognizes a resident who has contributed to the AAO; who has contributed to osteopathic principles and practices (OPP) at his or her residency program; and who has participated in such educational events as the AAO’s annual Convocation and the AAO’s program at the American Osteopathic Association’s annual conference. Dr. Goodman is the eleventh osteopathic resident to receive this award.

Frank P. Goodman, DO, MS, is a 2018 graduate of William Carey University College of Osteopathic Medicine (WCU-COM). During his time in school, he served as local chapter president, then as the 2017-18 National Coordinator for the Student AAO. He also organized a regional conference bringing together students from three COMs, along with local residents and attendings for a Mini-Convo at WCU-COM.

A current PGY2 osteopathic family medicine resident in Tulsa, OK at the Oklahoma State University (OSU) Family Medicine Residency, Dr. Goodman applies osteopathic principles and practices daily and across all specialties that he rotates through. He maintains a continuity panel of obstetric patients that exceeds his standard residency duties due to his passion for the specialty. He is passionate about providing distinctive osteopathic care to the women and their newborn children, ensuring osteopathic manipulative treatment to both mom and baby throughout pregnancy and after delivery.

Dr. Goodman has been enthusiastic about sharing his osteopathic knowledge since arriving at OSU. He has instructed many medical students in OMM both in the classroom, as well as on clinical rotations, and throughout multiple class years at OSU-College of Health Sciences (CHS). He is caught routinely encouraging his co-residents throughout multiple residency programs to provide OMT.

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The AAO’s 2019-20 Golden Ram campaign was launched Aug. 1, and as of April 8, we have received $14,922 in donations from 45 donors, and are now at 74% of our $20,000 goal. Unfortunately, that puts us way behind prior years. Please donate now to help us continue to provide the quality programming you’ve come to expect from the AAO. Please know that your donations are greatly appreciated, and are vital to the advancement of NMM and OMM.

Established in 1987, the Golden Ram Society is the primary fund that supports the Academy’s mission. Because the Academy cannot operate on dues revenue alone, generous contributions to the Golden Ram Society allow the AAO to offer quality educational programs at reasonable rates, develop new programs using new technology, and expand the AAO’s public education efforts.

Donations to the 2019-20 Golden Ram campaign can be made online by logging on to www.academyofosteopathy.org. Donations can also be mailed to the Golden Ram Society, American Academy of Osteopathy, 3500 DePauw Blvd., Suite 1100, Indianapolis, IN 46268-1136.

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<td>The Journal of the American Osteopathic Association, April 2020, Vol. 120, 217, <a href="https://doi.org/10.7556/jaoa.2020.036">https://doi.org/10.7556/jaoa.2020.036</a>.</td>
<td>Letter to the Editor: More Information on Osteopathic Manipulative Medicine Consultations for Hospitalized Patients</td>
<td>Osteopathic manipulative medicine consultations are used in the care of patients in the hospital setting far beyond the treatment of musculoskeletal symptoms, especially for those patients with medical conditions such as pneumonia, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease exacerbation, and postoperative states.</td>
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<td>Victoria Nguyen, OMS II; Kelly Kaneshiro, OMS II; Kyle Messer, OMS I; et al.</td>
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<td>Assessment of the Research Interests and Perceptions of First-Year Medical Students at 4 Colleges of Osteopathic Medicine</td>
<td>Objective: To assess first-year osteopathic medical students’ experience with research, their interest in it, their perceptions of its value, and barriers to participation.</td>
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<td>Jack Annunziato, DO; Daniel Shor, OMS IV; Shatishesh Parikh, MD</td>
<td>The Journal of the American Osteopathic Association, April 2020, Vol. 120, 283-285, <a href="https://doi.org/10.7556/jaoa.2020.045">https://doi.org/10.7556/jaoa.2020.045</a>.</td>
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Dorothy T. Horber, PhD; Joseph Flamini, MBA; John R. Gimpel, DO, MEd FACOFP; et al.

Objective: To investigate the value of the CATALYST platform using board diplomates’ subjective feedback and comparison of performance on CATALYST questions with performance on board examinations.

Stefano Natali, OMS-IV; Maria Pugliese, OMS-IV

Clinical Image

Seizures in an Immunocompromised Patient

DO school to graduate first class; residencies start this summer
The inaugural class of the New York Institute of Technology College of Osteopathic Medicine (NYITCOM) at Arkansas State University, the state’s first osteopathic medical school, will graduate this spring. Students participated in the National Resident Matching Program (NRMP) for the first time this spring and NYITCOM at Arkansas State University was pleased with the results. Of the NYITCOM at A-State students who participated in the 2020 Match, 95% received placement into programs. The school is slated to graduate 97 students.

Burrell College, NMSU Foundation celebrate gift with virtual ‘check-passing’ Monday
New Mexico State University celebrated its fourth annual gift from the Burrell College in support of the Burrell College of Osteopathic Medicine Endowed Scholarship at NMSU with a special livestreamed virtual “check-passing” event. The $400,000 gift – part of an ongoing partnership agreement between the universities – brings the total donated by the Burrell College to the NMSU Foundation to $1.15 million.

ApolloMD Emergency Medicine Scholarship for Residents Application Now Open
In honor of National Emergency Medicine Residents’ Appreciation Day, ApolloMD announced that its Third Annual ApolloMD Emergency Medicine Scholarship for Residents is now open to applicants. The annual scholarship is awarded to one outstanding resident intending to pursue a career in Emergency Medicine. For more information, or to apply for the scholarship, visit apollomd.com.

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ONMM RESIDENCY PROGRAM DIRECTOR—Faculty Job Posting: shsu.peopleadmin.com/postings/23545
Sam Houston State University-College of Osteopathic Medicine (SHSU-COM) is seeking a full-time Osteopathic Neuromusculoskeletal Medicine (ONMM) Residency Program Director to join the Department of Osteopathic Principles and Practices.

The Program Director is responsible for designing, implementing and overseeing the SHSU-COM ONMM residency program. This includes maintaining accreditation and compliance with the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education’s Program Requirements. The ONMM Residency Program Director will oversee the selection, didactic program, clinical training and evaluation for ONMM residents. The Program Director will also participate in the SHSU Physicians clinical practice and SHSU-COM undergraduate teaching and mentoring.

SHSU-COM and SHSU Physicians Clinic are located in Conroe, Texas, which offers a variety of affordable housing and outdoor amenities such as Lake Conroe and Sam Houston National Forest.

Contact Dr. Sharon Gustowski (Chair) for more information (sgustowski@shsu.edu).

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