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2019 AOMA DO Day at the Legislature

Who: DOs and osteopathic medical students

What: Wear your white coat and meet with legislators, accompanied by an AOMA member DO. Additionally, leadership from the Governor's office and the Senate and House Health Committees will come and speak to the group.

Where: Arizona State Legislature,
1700 W. Washington St., Phoenix, AZ 85007

When: Tuesday, February 19, 2019

Why: To discuss issues impacting osteopathic medicine.



Reserve your spot today at www.az-osteop.org/DODayRSVP.

Phoenix Magazine 2019 Top Doc Voting

For 25 years Phoenix Magazine has published its **Top Doctors** issue. Chosen by Valley physicians in the annual voting, the 2019 survey is available online at <http://phoenixmag.com/votenow>. This is your opportunity to recognize your peers for their professionalism and expertise. Deadline to submit your choices is January 7, 2019.

2019 TOP DOC

VOTE NOW

Slowing the Burn of Physician Burnout: Identifying Root Causes to Inform Policy Solutions

AOMA has teamed up with Arizona State University's College of Health Solutions (ASU-CHS) on an ambitious new project to help AOMA address the root causes of physician burnout through strategic policy solutions. During the next five months, AOMA and ASU-CHS want to learn about your experiences and personal challenges practicing medicine. We seek to understand and document all of the clinical and non-clinical activities that detract from the meaningful practice of medicine. At the conclusion of this project, actionable policy solutions will be organized and integrated into AOMA's future policy agenda and activities.

To this end, we would appreciate 10-15 minutes of your time to complete an important survey that will help us learn how AOMA can best meet your professional needs.

https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/AOMA_ASUCHS_PhysicianBurnout

E-Prescribing of Controlled Substances - Are You Ready?

Beginning January 1, 2019 Arizona's Opioid Epidemic Act requires that each prescription order for a Schedule II opioid in Maricopa, Mohave, Pima, Pinal, Yavapai, and Yuma counties must be transmitted through an electronic prescription for controlled substances (EPCS) program to the dispensing pharmacy. Beginning July 1, 2019, these same requirements go into effect for all remaining counties.

Click for Control

To facilitate compliance with new requirement for electronic prescribing of controlled substances (EPCS), Health Current has launched the Click for Control campaign. The campaign includes a basic [fact sheet](#), information and resources on the Health Current [website](#).

Visit www.healthcurrent.org for more information.

Opioid Assistance & Referral

A free 24/7 hotline that assists providers with complex patients with pain and opioid use disorders, answered by medical experts at the Poison and Drug Information Centers in Arizona.

Arizona OAR Line
1-888-688-4222

ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES
Center for Toxicology & Pharmacology Education & Research

The OAR Line is a joint project between the Arizona Department of Health Services, the Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System and Poison and Drug Information Centers in Arizona.

Arizona Surprise Billing Laws Take Effect January 1, 2019

Beginning January 1, 2019, Arizona will join more than 25 states with laws in effect regulating out-of-network provider claims. Thanks to the intense lobbying efforts of the Arizona Osteopathic Medical Association (AOMA), Arizona Medical Association (ArMA), and other physician groups in 2017, legislative solutions that would have affixed out-of-network payments with in-network or

Medicare rates found in other states were prevented.

If you are a provider of out-of-network services, we urge you to familiarize yourself with the new laws and processes before January 1, 2019 and incorporate these policies into your clinical practice.

Membership Resources

Physician Guide to Understanding and Preparing for Arizona's Out-of-Network Surprise Billing Laws

Exclusively for AOMA members, we have developed a [presentation](#) to walk you through the essential components of the surprise billing laws. It includes many helpful tips for compliance and integration of the regulations into your clinical practice. This overview is not intended as legal advice and physicians are encouraged to consult with their legal advisors regarding questions on specific applications of the new laws and rules.

We have also developed a [Provider Disclosure Form Template](#) to use with your patients.

Member login is required. If you have questions, please contact the AOMA office at 602-266-6699 or email to communications@az-osteo.org for assistance.

Early Registration Now Open - AOMA 97th Annual Convention

Plan to attend the AOMA 97th Annual Convention - the largest annual medical conference in Arizona - April 10 - 14, 2019 at the Hilton Scottsdale Resort & Villas. The theme of the 2019 Convention is **Leading the Way**. The five-day CME event is anticipated to offer more than 37.0 hours of AOA Category 1-A credit and has been approved for *AMA PRA Category 1 creditsTM*. Application will be filed for AAFP Prescribed Credits. Determination of credits is pending.

Register by March 10, 2019 and save \$100! Go to www.az-osteo.org/2019Conv



Birdies Mean Bucks for Arizona Osteopathic Charities

You can make Arizona Osteopathic Charities a big bucks winner by making a pledge in the Birdies for Charity competition at the 2019 Waste Management Phoenix Open. Arizona Osteopathic Charities will receive every penny of collected pledges. To make a pledge online go to birdiesforcharityaz.com.



Need CME Before 12-31-2018? Check out the AOMA On-Demand CME Platform

Missed the AOMA Fall Seminar? Still need CME hours before 12-31-2018? AOMA's online CME platform, developed in partnership with osteopathic associations

across the country, offers all categories of AOA CME credit, **including 1-A!** [DO•CME](#) boasts a catalog of more than 160 different lectures in a wide variety of specialties. New content is added regularly, including several lectures from the 38th Annual Fall Seminar.



AOMA members receive a \$10 discount on each AOMA-produced CME program. Contact the office for the promo code. Go to www.docme.org to view the entire catalog of on-demand offerings.

www.docme.org

Happy Holidays!

In this time of peace and joy, we wish you the happiest of holidays. Your AOMA staff is honored to serve all osteopathic physicians and students in Arizona.

The AOMA office will be closed Monday, December 24th and Tuesday, December 25th in observance of the Christmas holiday. The office will also be closed Monday, December 31st and Tuesday, January 1st as we ring in the new year.



Patients are Looking for YOU!



Update Your Profile!

Join AOMA

Not an AOMA Member?

Join today and be a part of the 97-year tradition of the Arizona Osteopathic Medical Association!

Membership in AOMA is

Arizona Vaccine News



One of the benefits of AOMA membership is the Find a Physician public directory search. Make sure your practice information is up to date by logging in to your member profile on the AOMA website. When you do, prospective patients and potential referring physicians will be able to find you.

an affordable vehicle to keep abreast of national and local issues, protect your professional practice, enhance your specialized skills, further your career, and be a part of the future of osteopathic medicine in Arizona.

Refer a new AOMA member and receive at \$100 credit. Go to www.az-oste.org/Recruit

[AzDHS](#)

[Immunization Program Website](#)

[CDC Immunization Schedules](#)

[AOMA Calendar of Events-www.az-oste.org](http://www.az-oste.org)

AOMA Board of Trustees Meeting - February 9, 2019

AOMA DO Day at the Legislature - February 19, 2019

AOMA 97th Annual Convention - April 10 -14, 2019

AOMA Board of Trustees Meeting - April 10, 2019

AOMA House of Delegates - April 12, 2019

5th Annual Flagstaff Osteopathic Medical Conference - August 17, 2019



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