



# AOMA DISPATCH

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### Opoid Statewide Health Emergency Declaration Lifted

On May 28, 2018 Governor Ducey ended the formal emergency public health declaration he issued last year to address the growing number of deaths from opioids.

As of the end of the May, all of the action items directed in the public health emergency declaration have been completed:

- The new reporting and information-sharing procedures are now codified in policy and rule.
- Almost 1,000 law enforcement officers statewide have been trained to provide naloxone.
- Healthcare institutions, such as hospitals and outpatient treatment centers, now have rules for opioid prescribing and treatment.
- The Arizona Opioid Prescribing Guidelines have been updated and distributed
- The comprehensive Arizona Opioid Epidemic Act went into effect on April 26, 2018
- The 12 recommendations of the Opioid Action Plan will be fully implemented by the end of June

With the ending of the state of emergency, the governor declared that the fight against the opioid epidemic is far from over and Arizona's commitment to address this crisis remains unwavering.

Read more about the [Arizona Opioid Epidemic Act](#).

Read the official [end of the emergency declaration](#).

### Register to Vote

July 30th before midnight is the deadline to register to vote or update your voter registration to cast a vote in the August 28th primary elections. Early voting begins August 3rd. Independent voters may vote in partisan primaries but must select either a Republican or Democratic ballot. The

mid-term general election is Tuesday, November 6, 2018.

[Register to Vote](#)

[Find your Congressional and Legislative District](#)

### Have You Renewed Your AOMA Membership?

AOMA members with a June renewal cycle, deadline to renew your is this Saturday, **June 30, 2018**. Don't let your membership lapse! Please click on the Renew button or call the AOMA office at 602-266-6699 today!

Renew

### Pain Management and Opioids: Balancing Risks and Benefits

AOMA and Flagstaff Medical Center are sponsoring a three-hour program on safe opioid prescribing. The program has been approved for 3.0 AOA Category 1-A CME credits. This activity has been approved for *AMA PRA 1 credits<sup>TM</sup>* and is intended for prescribers with a DEA license. Attendance and completion of the post-activity assessment, which covers the entire U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) Blueprint, satisfies the requirements for RPC/FDA-approved completion.

### Pain Management and Opioids: Balancing Risks and Benefits

Friday, August 10, 2018

2 to 5 pm

Flagstaff Medical Center

McGee Auditorium

1200 N Beaver St

Flagstaff, AZ

Cost: FREE to prescribers

**Space is limited.** Registration is available at [www.az-oste.org/REMSFlag](http://www.az-oste.org/REMSFlag).

### 4th Annual Flagstaff Osteopathic Medical Conference

Earn CME in the cool pines of Flagstaff. The 4th Annual Flagstaff Osteopathic Medical Conference (FOMC) is Saturday, August 11, 2018. Proposed topics include women's health, dementia diagnosis and care, tuberculosis, Hep C treatment, and orthopedic surgery. Full agenda is pending. Registration is available at [www.az-oste.org/FOMC](http://www.az-oste.org/FOMC). Cost is \$25 for AOMA Members and \$60 for Non members.

The AOMA designates this program for a maximum of of 7.50 hours of AOA Category 1-A CME credits and will report CME credits commensurate with the extent of the physician's participation in this activity. This activity has been approved for *AMA PRA 1 credits<sup>TM</sup>*.



[REGISTER](#)



### In Memoriam

**Steven Pitt, DO**, a nationally-recognized psychiatrist, tragically passed away on May 31, 2018. A die-hard Spartan fan, Dr. Pitt attended Michigan State University College of Osteopathic Medicine. He practiced in Scottsdale, Arizona and was well known for consulting on numerous high-profile criminal cases including the Columbine Shootings and the Phoenix Baseline Killer. During his memorial service, family and friends remembered Dr. Pitt for his wisdom, insight, and humor, describing him as generous, hard-working, and so meticulous he scheduled time for fun. For kicks, he liked to drive the wrong way in bumper cars.



Phoenix Police Lt. Bryan Chapman, a close friend, said Dr. Pitt "unapologetically enjoyed being the center of attention. But what many people didn't know is the countless hours he devoted to cases that weren't high profile because he simply wanted to find the truth."

Dr. Pitt's two adult sons, Asa and Beau, shared lessons learned from their father: Try your hardest. Don't say you can't. Be nice and have fun. Their father had a genuine interest in people, that often translated into intense questioning, "If it felt like my father was interrogating you, he probably was," Asa said. Rabbi Harold Loss left mourners with a simple message: Steven Pitt would want you to remember him with joy.

### AOMA 2018 Legislative Affairs Report Available

The [AOMA 2018 Legislative Affairs Report](#) is now available to AOMA members. The report provides important information about the 2018 legislative session, including the Arizona Opioid Epidemic Act, prior authorization and credentialing reforms, and all of the newly enacted laws and how they will impact physicians and the healthcare system.

Access to this comprehensive [legislative report](#) is exclusive to AOMA members and is one of the many benefits of membership.

## 2018 AOA House of Delegates Resolutions

The [resolutions](#) that will be reviewed and acted on by the 2018 American Osteopathic Association (AOA) House of Delegates are [posted](#). Resolutions for the AOA House of Delegates had to be submitted 30 days prior to the start of the annual business meeting on Friday, July 20, 2018.

The AOA Delegates are reviewing all of the resolutions and welcome your comments so they can be discussed as part of the AOMA strategic planning in advance of the AOA House of Delegates meeting. Please send your feedback to Pete Wertheim, AOMA Executive Director at 602-266-6699 or by email to [pwertheim@az-osteo.org](mailto:pwertheim@az-osteo.org).

## Same Faces, Different Places – AOMA Personnel Changes

AOMA is pleased to report exciting new personnel changes within the office. Janet Weigel, formerly the director of education, is now the director of membership and communications. Teresa Roland, formerly the operations manager, is now the director of education. AOMA also welcomes hired Kristen Strong, who will assume the role of office administrator on July 9th. These changes are part of a succession planning and strategic initiative underway to strengthen and expand AOMA membership services. Congratulations AOMA Team Members, it is going to be an exciting and successful year ahead!

## Welcome OBEX New Executive Director

Amber Brake, JD, MHA, FACHE, is the new executive director of the Arizona Osteopathic Board of Examiners in Medicine and Surgery.

Ms. Brake has more than 18 years of leadership experience in healthcare management and healthcare law having worked as a General Counsel and as CEO, CFO, COO for hospitals, health systems, and publicly traded health care companies. She is a member of the American Health Lawyers Association, the American College of Healthcare Executives, and the Medical Group Management Association. Ms. Brake was the Founder and CEO of The Brake Group for Hospital Based Physicians, LLC



**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

### SAVE THE DATE: AOMA 38th Annual Fall Seminar

The Arizona Osteopathic Medical Association 38th Annual Fall Seminar will be held November 10 & 11, 2018 at the Hilton El Conquistador Resort in Tucson, Arizona. The theme of this year's event is **Recipe for Success: Innovations and Applications**. AOMA designates this program for 12.25 hours of AOA Category 1-A CME credits and will report CME credits commensurate with the extent of the physician's participation in this activity. Application will also be filed for AAFP prescribed credits. This activity as been approved for *AMA PRA Category 1 credits™*. Application will be filed for AAFP Prescribed credits. Full agenda is pending.



### AOMA 38th Annual Fall Seminar

Registration is available at [www.az-osteo.org/FallSeminar](http://www.az-osteo.org/FallSeminar).

### Using Automated Vision Screeners? Here's a Simple Checklist to Help With Processes & Procedures

Best Care for Kids, Arizona's Improvement Partnership, has been working with practices and organizations who are starting to use, or currently use, automated vision screeners to screen young children.

To assist those who are integrating these screeners into their workflow, we've created a checklist to help think through processes and procedures for successful use of this device.

The intention of this checklist is to provide a series of prompts for each practice or organization to work through their processes and procedures. For ease of use, we have kept the checklist to one page.

Below is a link to the checklist that can help teams to prepare or fine tune their workflows in using these devices.

<http://www.bestcare4kidsaz.com/vision-screening/>

Help us to make this checklist better! Please email your ideas and links so we can share them out. You may email Peggy Stemmler at [Peggy@FrameShiftGroup.com](mailto:Peggy@FrameShiftGroup.com).

### Vaccines for Children Restitution Policy Reminder

Vaccines for Children (VFC) providers are reminded to comply with Arizona Immunization Program Office (AIPO) restitution policy for accounting for vaccine doses and replacing wasted vaccines.

The doses required to be replaced will be doses exceeding 5% of doses distributed, if:

- This is the 1st incident and the total loss is 5% or over; or
- This is the 2nd incident (or greater) regardless of total value; or
- It is due to a failure to immediately open a vaccine shipment from McKesson or Merck resulting in non-viable vaccine, regardless of total value; or
- It is due to failure to contact the Arizona VFC Program (AIPO) at the first instance of a recorded temperature excursion resulting in spoiled vaccines.

Read the reminder letter [here](#). If you have questions regarding the policy, contact Dana Goodloe, Chief, AIPO at [dana.goodloe@azdhs.gov](mailto:dana.goodloe@azdhs.gov).

### Buprenorphine Waiver Training

Arizona State University Center for Applied Behavioral Health Policy is presenting a Buprenorphine Waiver Training.

<b>When</b>	Tuesday, July 17, 2018
<b>Where</b>	High Country Conference Center Fremont Room 201 W Butler Ave Flagstaff, Arizona 86001
<b>Cost</b>	\$25
<b>Registration</b>	<a href="https://cabhp.asu.edu/content/buprenorphine-waiver-training">https://cabhp.asu.edu/content/buprenorphine-waiver-training</a>

### And the Winner Is.....

Congratulations to Mark Carnett, DO, a family medicine physician practicing in Sierra Vista. Dr. Carnett updated his member profile on the AOMA website and was entered into the quarterly drawing for a \$100 VISA gift card.



Update your profile by September 30, 2018 for a chance to win! You could be our next winner.

**Celebrate Our Independence - Happy Fourth of July!**

In observance of the Independence Day holiday, the AOMA office will be closed on Wednesday, July 4, 2018 and will reopen on Thursday, July 5, 2018 at 8:00 am.

Enjoy the holiday and be safe.



## We have introduced a very special Mortgage and Refinance Program for Medical Professionals.

Click the link below or call  
Bill Smith, NMLS ID# 492429  
at 623.872.3210.

<https://www.bankofarizona.com/billsmithamp>



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### Patients are Looking for YOU!



#### Update Your Profile!

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.

### 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 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 a \$100 credit. Go to [www.az-osteo.org/Recruit](http://www.az-osteo.org/Recruit)

### Arizona Vaccine News



#### VFC Restitution Reminder

#### T.I.P.S. Training

#### **AzDHS Immunization Program Website**

#### CDC Immunization Schedules

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

**AOA House of Delegates** - July 20-22, 2018

**Pain Management and Opioids: Balancing Risks and Benefits/Flagstaff** - August 10, 2018

**4th Annual Flagstaff Osteopathic Medical Conference** - August 11, 2018

**Pain Management and Opioids: Balancing Risks and Benefits/Las Vegas** - October 19, 2018

**AOMA Board of Trustees Meeting** - November 9, 2018  
**AOMA 38th Annual Fall Seminar** - November 10 & 11, 2018  
**AOMA House of Delegates** - November 10, 2018



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