



# AOMA DISPATCH

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### **Are You Ready to E-Prescribe Opioids in 2019?**

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.

We urge you to assess your clinical practice capacities and determine if you are compliant with these impending opioid e-prescribing requirements to avoid and/or minimize any disruption to your practice and patients.

### **One-Year Waiver Available**

A one-year waiver is available to practitioners who face hardships that prevent the implementation of EPCS. If you determine that you will be unable to meet the EPCS requirements, you can download a [waiver form](#) and email the completed form to [pmp@azpharmacy.gov](mailto:pmp@azpharmacy.gov).

### **Click for Control: E-Prescribing of Controlled Substances Campaign**

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

Visit [www.healthcurrent.org](http://www.healthcurrent.org) for more information.

AOMA Asks:

## What do you need to help you understand and comply with the new opioids laws?

Tell us! [Click](#) the button below.



### Early Registration Deadline is October 10th - 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***.

The AOMA designates this program for a maximum of 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. This activity has been approved for *AMA PRA Category 1 credits™*. Physicians should only claim credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity. Application will be submitted for AAFP Prescribed credits. Determination of credits is pending.



**Save \$75! Early registration closes October 10th!**

[www.az-osteo.org/FallSeminar](http://www.az-osteo.org/FallSeminar)

### Fall Seminar - AOMA House of Delegates Call for Resolutions

The AOMA is accepting resolutions for the upcoming AOMA House of Delegates meeting at the [Fall Seminar](#) in Tucson on November 10, 2018. The deadline to submit resolutions is the close of business October 7, 2018 and resolutions will be posted on the AOMA website on October 11, 2018. Please review the [House of Delegates Primer and Resolution Process](#) document before submitting a resolution and attending the House of Delegates meeting. You must be an AOMA member to participate in this process and review resolutions.

If you have questions or need assistance, please contact AOMA at 602-266-6699 or send an email to [communications@az-osteo.org](mailto:communications@az-osteo.org). Thank you for your support of the AOMA.

### Help Us to Help You – Become a Member or Renew Your AOMA Membership

Change is the only constant right now and AOMA is confronting many critical challenges on your behalf. Membership in the AOMA is the best protection for you and your patients. Insure your profession by signing up or renewing your membership today. Please call the AOMA office at 602-266-6699 if you need assistance or have any questions.

**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

### Doctors That DO Pop-up Exhibits Win a HEMMY

The Arizona Public Health Association (AzPHA) is awarding the Health Education Media Maker Yearly Award (HEMMY) to the AOMA Doctors That DO Pop-Up Wellness Exhibits. The exhibits were funded by a community outreach grant received from A.T. Still University and were created to educate the Arizona community about the DO philosophy of treating the mind, body, and spirit with a focus on wellness. A student-run committee comprised of representatives from both ATSU-SOMA and AZCOM led the project. Congratulations to all who participated.



AOMA and the students will be recognized at the AzPHA 90th Anniversary Celebration and Annual Awards on October 2, 2018.

### Dinner with Doctors - an AOMA Mentoring Event

Join AOMA for an evening of drinks, food, and fun - providing a opportunity for medical students and residents to socialize, network with practicing physicians, and learn how to get involved with AOMA. All osteopathic medical students, residents, and AOMA physician members are welcome to attend.

Friday, October 26, 2018  
6:00 pm  
Maricopa County Medical Society  
326 East Coronado Road  
Phoenix, Arizona 85004  
Space is limited so please register at  
[www.az-osteop.org/DinnerwithDoctors](http://www.az-osteop.org/DinnerwithDoctors)



### FREE Opioid Prescribing CME in Henderson, Nevada

Almost 75% of overdose deaths are attributed to prescription opioids, more than cocaine and heroin combined. Learn strategies for better prescribing by attending the extended-release (ER) and long-acting (LA) opioids risk evaluation and mitigation strategy (REMS) course on Friday, October 19, 2018 at Touro University Nevada College of Osteopathic Medicine. The program has been approved for 3.0 AOA Category 1-A CME credits. This activity has been approved for *AMA PRA 1 credits™* 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, October 19, 2018  
2 to 5 pm  
Touro University Nevada  
College of Osteopathic Medicine

Cost: **FREE** to prescribers  
Space is limited. Registration is  
available at  
[www.az-osteo.org/REMSLV](http://www.az-osteo.org/REMSLV)

## **Palliative Care Conference**

<b>What</b>	Supporting Your Patients Through Serious Illness: Best Practices in Palliative Care
<b>When</b>	Saturday, October 20, 2018
<b>Where</b>	High Country Conference Center 201 W Butler Ave Flagstaff, AZ 86001
<b>Cost</b>	\$50 for all attendees
<b>Register</b>	Go to <a href="http://www.nahealth.com/education">www.nahealth.com/education</a> or call 928-773-2491

Download conference agenda [here](#).

The Flagstaff Medical Center is accredited by ArMA to provide continuing medical education for physicians. The Flagstaff Medical Center designates this live activity for a maximum of 8.5 *AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™*. Physicians should only claim credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity. CE credits approved by the California Board of Registered Nursing # 10612.

## **Save the Date: 2019 AOMA DO Day at the Legislature**

Reserve your spot to attend DO Day at the Legislature on Tuesday, February 19, 2019. The DO Day at the Legislature provides a great opportunity to get an up close view of the legislative process and to meet your legislators. The day begins with an orientation followed by presentations from key legislators on healthcare issues. AOMA will help you arrange individual meetings with your legislators and you will have the opportunity to attend House or Senate hearings throughout the day. Go to [www.az-osteo.org/DODayRSVP](http://www.az-osteo.org/DODayRSVP).



## **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](http://birdiesforcharityaz.com).





**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**



**AzDHS**

**Immunization Program Website**

**[CDC Immunization Schedules](#)**

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

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

**Dinner with Doctors - October 26, 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**

**AOMA Board of Trustees Meeting - January 26, 2019**

**AOMA DO Day at the Legislature - February 19, 2019**

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