

# American Osteopathic College of Dermatology

## Newsletter

WINTER 1986

### PROFESSIONAL MUTUAL AUDITED

The Professional Mutual Insurance Company of Kansas City, Missouri, recently underwent a financial audit by the Missouri Division of Insurance which ruled that the company's surplus to premium ratio was too low. PMIC currently insures approximately 5,000 DO's in 22 states.

After meeting with osteopathic state executive directors, the company presented a plan for recovery to the insurance commissioner. The plan calls for a reconstituted Board of Directors, an additional contribution to surplus by policy holders and an increase in premium.

As of this writing, it appears there will be enough funds raised to satisfy the Missouri Division of Insurance, however, no long-term solution can be achieved without tort reform designed to contain spiralling malpractice claim awards.

Professional Mutual Insurance Company was formed 26 years ago by DO's for the express purpose of providing insurance for osteopathic physicians. In some states, PMIC still remains the only carrier of liability insurance for osteopathic physicians.

### SECOND MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY PUBLISHED

The second annual membership directory of the American Osteopathic College of Dermatology was published in January. In addition to a complete listing of AOCD members - active, associate, affiliate, honorary and life - the directory also denotes those members who are certified. It includes candidates (trainees) and potential or nonmembers. Also included are minutes of the executive committee meetings and the annual membership business meeting, treasurer's report, basic requirements for residency training programs, Board certification requirements and the AOA/AOCD code of ethics. An application for membership, constitution and bylaws, and officers and committees complete the directory.

Total AOCD membership rose from 84 in 1985 to 95 in 1986 with 25 trainees in 1985 and 24 in 1986.

Additional copies of the membership directory may be obtained from the AOCD Central Office in Atlanta.

## LETTERS

Dear Ms. Garris

Enclosed please find two sheets containing material from the lecture I presented on CONTACT DERMATITIS at the American Osteopathic College of Dermatology in Atlanta. The sheets are of products containing and those free of propylene glycol. I was asked by one of the members to make these available to the membership. The sheet information source is A. A. Fisher, M.D. I might make an addendum in that this is only a partial listing as the potential contact allergen propylene glycol is widely used in the food, cosmetic and pharmaceutical fields as well as the possibility of being used in O.T.C. preparations.

I'm sorry I didn't get a chance to personally meet you and thank you for your correspondence to me in the past and the fine job you are doing. Best of luck in your new position.

Sincerely,  
S. Richard Diskin, DO

## SECRETARY/TREASURER DR. BERNARD

Under the guidance of Cathy Garris, the AOCD begins a new era in her second year as our Executive Director. We can expect increased liason among the various factions of the AOCD and AOBD, as well as continuous updating of information such as our newsletter and membership directory provides. We even began 1986 with a budget for the College which emphasizes cost containment and investment opportunities through our money market fund.

Our ears will be "fine tuned" to our trainees, trainers and programs of osteopathic, allopathic and military residencies and preceptorships.

The Executive Committee wants the AOCD to be your College and welcomes all comments, suggestions and constructive criticism from the membership.

Additionally, the Executive Committee wants to increase the membership by seeking out all nonmember dermatologists in the osteopathic profession. Because, it is by active participation of all our members that we can establish the dermatology residencies so vitally needed in our profession.

Your help and participation is vital to the growth of our College for 1986.



## EVALUATING COMMITTEE

DR. BERNARD

All trainees and trainers are advised that the next meeting of the COPT will be in Chicago, Illinois, in April 2, 3 and 4, 1986 (Wednesday, Thursday, Friday.) Please submit all reports to the office of Osteopathic Education no later than February 15, 1986, so they will reach the AOCD evaluating committee by March 1, 1986.

There was some discussion at the annual business meeting concerning the procedure for evaluating and approving training programs. The following should help clear up any misunderstandings:

All specialty colleges have educational evaluating committees which recommend actions of acceptance, differal or denial to the Committee on Post Doctoral Training (COPT). The COPT recommends to the bureau of professional education of the AOA, which in turn recommends to the AOA Board of Trustees. This body makes the final decision on all matters such as programs, inspections, annual training regarding residencies and preceptorships, governing Bylaws, residency doctrine and model residency programs. I represent the AOCD at the COPT and Dr. Goetz is the alternate.

EVALUATING COMMITTEE CONT'D

All specialty colleges have certifying boards (in our case, the AOB is the certifying board) that recommends actions to the Advisory Board of Osteopathic Specialists (ABOS.) The ABOS in turn recommends actions to the AOA Board of Trustees who again makes the final decision in all matters. This includes certification of trainees, Board appointments, AOB Bylaws, and other certifying Board actions. Dr. Walker is the AOB representative to ABOS and Dr. Bonino is the alternate. The AOC is most fortunate to have one of its own members, Dr. Elmets, as the chairman of the Advisory Board of Osteopathic Specialists.

# BULLETIN

THE FOLLOWING IS A LIST OF COMPANIES WHO HAVE INDICATED SUPPORT OF THE AOC ANNUAL MEETING NOVEMBER 2-6, 1986 IN LAS VEGAS, NA.

- C & M Pharmacal
- Dermablend Corrective Cosmetics
- Dermik Laboratories
- Flori Roberts
- Herbert Laboratories
- Hermal Pharmaceuticals
- Neutrogena
- Owen Laboratories
- Roche Laboratories
- Sandoz Pharmaceuticals
- Squibb, E.R. & Sons
- Syosset Laboratories

Members are asked to seek support in the form of advertisements or sponsorship from representatives who call on you. You may have them call or write Cathy Garris at the Central Office in Atlanta.

## PUBLIC RELATIONS

DR. GOETZ

The most effective public relations that the individual physician can perform is personalized, quality care. The needs of the individualized patient should always be put first. I believe this is the way most physicians practice...perhaps we don't need to hear this message from a non-physician consultant at a \$10,000 seminar.

Enclosed is an article from the FORT WORTH STAR TELEGRAM entitled "Doctors Treat Patients Like Royalty" which you may find of interest. Also enclosed is an editorial from CUTIS dealing with medical malpractice.

At the annual meeting, we discussed AOC's efforts in the area of public relations. The public relations committee needs your input on the direction you would like us to proceed. Please answer the questionnaire below and return to me at 2302 Castle Rock Road, Arlington, TX 76011.

I believe the AOC public relations initiative should be to: (you may answer more than one)

Follow the lead of the American Academy of Dermatology and support their efforts.

Have an AOC effort to educate the public that dermatologists should be the primary care physician for the skin.

Participate in an educational program in our communities to include tapes, slides and other materials.

Contact our elected officials.

Other \_\_\_\_\_  
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## **EDITORIAL COMMITTEE**

**DR. GOETZ**

All papers intended for publication should be forwarded to Cathy M. Garris, Executive Director, AOCD, at the Central Office in Atlanta. She will then distribute them to the AOCD Editorial Committee.

## **AOA ON NATIONAL TV**

John H. Burnett, DO, President of the AOA, and John P. Perrin, Executive Director, appeared on "Between the Lines" a public affairs talk show on WTBS-TV to discuss the effects of DRG'S. They also addressed skyrocketing medicare costs, the malpractice crisis and the role the AOA has undertaken to help the nation avert a medicare disaster.

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MANY THANKS TO C&M PHARMACAL FOR CONTRIBUTING \$100 PLUS THE SUPERB RECEPTION.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THE 1986 ANNUAL MEETING OF THE AMERICAN COLLEGE OF OSTEOPATHIC DERMATOLOGISTS WHICH WILL BE HELD IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE AOA ANNUAL CONVENTION NOVEMBER 2-6, 1986 IN LAS VEGAS, NV.

## **REMINDER TO TRAINEES**

AS PART OF YOUR TRAINING PROGRAM, YOU ARE REQUIRED TO SUBMIT TWO (2) PAPERS FOR EACH YEAR OF TRAINING (A TOTAL OF SIX) TO THE EDUCATIONAL EVALUATING COMMITTEE HEADED BY DR. JAMES BERNARD. (THIS IS FOR ALL TRAINEES WHO BEGAN THEIR PROGRAMS AFTER FEBRUARY, 1983.) PAPERS SHOULD BE MAILED TO JAMES D. BERNARD, D.O., 4480 COVINGTON HWY. SUITE A, DECATUR, GA 30035 (404)288-2076.

## **FINANCIAL**

### **SUPPORT**

### **SOUGHT**

The AOCD is in need of financial support for the Newsletter and Membership Directory. These are invaluable communications tools, however, they are costly - approximately \$2,000 per year!

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