

# American Osteopathic College of Dermatology

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### ORLANDO TO HOST A OCD ANNUAL MEETING

Orlando, Florida, will be the host city for the A OCD annual meeting held in conjunction with the AOA Convention. Scheduled for October 4-7, 1987, Dr. Steven Roberts, Program Chairman has put together an impressive group of speakers and some very interesting topics.

On Sunday, October 4, at the Peabody Hotel, the American Osteopathic Board of Dermatology (AOBD) will hold certification exams beginning at 9:00 a.m. in the Discovery Room.

Noted columnist and author, Ann Landers will open the Convention at 5:00 p.m. followed by a social event sponsored by Lederle.

All of the didactic sessions for A OCD will be held in the Orange Blossom C Room of the Orange County Convention Center. The social events will be at the Peabody Hotel.

C & M Pharmacal will once again sponsor the A OCD Annual Reception beginning at 6:30 p.m. in the Winter Park Room of the Peabody Hotel. The Annual A OCD Dinner will be sponsored by Stiefel Laboratories and will be in the Plaza International Room - Ballroom B.

On Tuesday the Annual A OCD Luncheon and Business Meeting sponsored by Westwood Pharmaceuticals will be in Plaza International - Ballroom H.

For more detailed information please refer to the program enclosed in the A OCD Newsletter or contact the A OCD Central Office in Atlanta.

### TIME

WHAT IS TIME? TIME is an invention of man. TIME does not exist on any other planet. There is no TIME out in space. TIME is necessary here on earth to record change, for TIME is the measurement of the sequence of events.

And now is the TIME to purchase a good new Dermatology textbook. In the past 25 years I have inspected programs where the Chief Trainer had not purchased a new textbook in ten years!

Now is the TIME to read a good Dermatology periodical or article. The Dermatologist that does not read is no better than the person who cannot read.

Now is the TIME to plan on attending the American Osteopathic College of Dermatology meeting to broaden your horizons and learn new things. There are some A OCD members out there that I have not seen at our meetings in several years. Now is the TIME to support and donate to your national, state and county professional associations.

Now is the TIME to do creative things. Now is the TIME to give full support to the A OCD.

See you in Orlando!

Fraternally,  
Daniel Koprince, D.O.

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### **MEDICARE REQUIRED TO PAY**

### **INTEREST ON DELAYED**

### **"CLEAN" CLAIMS**

The Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1986 (OBRA) provides for interest payments on "clean" claims that are received after April 1, 1987, and that are not paid within 30 days.

A "clean" claim is one that does not require investigation or development outside of our office on a prepayment basis. A claim does not meet the definition of a "clean" claim if additional information

must be requested from the beneficiary, physician, supplier or other outside service. This includes routine data omitted from the bill, medical information or information to resolve discrepancies.

The interest period will begin on the 31st day and end on the date payment is made.

### **PRO'S MODIFY REVIEW**

### **REQUIREMENTS**

Peer Review Organizations (PRO's) are required to use physician reviewers who practice "in a setting similar" to that in which the physician who is being reviewed practices, according to modifications in the Health Care Financing Administration's (HCFA) instruction manual to PRO's.

The changes require rural physicians to review rural physicians and urban physicians to review urban physicians. If this is not possible, the reasons must be documented.

The change came about when physicians testifying before the U.S. House Subcommittee on Health and Environment expressed their concern that physicians in rural areas are becoming very concerned about admitting patients to hospitals because of the excessive scrutiny of their records by urban physicians with a very different high-tech practice perspective. It was reported that the majority of physicians who have been sanctioned have been rural physicians.

## **THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**

### **RECOGNIZES D.O. TRAINING**

The U.S. Department of Defense (DOD) has initiated a new policy recognizing the AOA specialty certification process.

Previously, some allopathic specialty boards would not allow D.O.s to sit for examination where they had taken an osteopathic internship because military training is accredited by the allopathic specialty boards. As a result, D.O.'s were prevented from entering programs if they would not be eligible for allopathic board certification upon completion of their residency.

The essence of the policy, which is to be circulated throughout the military chain of command reads:

"Those osteopathic physicians who do not desire allopathic board certification, shall be afforded the opportunity to compete on an equal basis for military graduate medical education programs, provided they will thereby be eligible for board certification by the American Osteopathic Association."

The AOA hopes that this statement will allow qualified D.O.'s to compete for training slots on an equal basis with other physicians.

1987 A OCD ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING OCTOBER 6, 1987 AT THE PEABODY HOTEL IN ORLANDO, FLORIDA.

## NEWS ABOUT OUR MEMBERS

PETER MCOWEN, D.O. is ill and requests your help in selling his practice. He is at the Mayo Clinic however you can write to his office at Bel-Park Professional Building 1005 Belmont Ave. Youngstown, Ohio 44504.

His father was a M.D. dermatologist for 57 years in Youngstown. Gross is roughly \$300,000.

ALBERT P. ULBRICH, D.O. has retired after 50 years of practice. In honor and recognition of his service the medical staff and Board of Trustees of Pontiac Osteopathic Hospital presented him with a plaque.

JOHN P. HIBLER presented a week-long lecture series on dermatology to students at WVSOM in May.

Under her leadership as Region Director, she significantly improved and redirected the program throughout the five-state area of Texas, Louisiana, New Mexico, Arkansas and Oklahoma. As Medical Director, Dr. Button oversees the operation of 11 Public Health Units as well as the Field and Regional Consultation provided to the Federal Managers in Region VI.

JENNIE T. BUTTON, D.O. was presented the Public Health Service Award by U.S. Surgeon General, Dr. Everett C. Koop at the Annual Awards Ceremony on March 27, 1987 in Dallas. Dr. Button was recognized for her outstanding accomplishments with the Federal Employee Occupational Health.

This is the 5th Accommodation which she has received since her career began with Public Health Service in 1977.

LURIE WOLL, D.O. has passed this first part of the certification examination for the American Board of Laser Surgery.

JAMES D. BERNARD, D.O., chairman, AOCD Evaluating Committee attended a one-day workshop in Chicago sponsored by the AOA. The purpose of the meeting was to improve communications between the COPT, the AOA staff and the evaluating committees of the various specialty colleges.

## CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to the following AOCD members who passed their AOBD exams in Las Vegas and were approved by the AOA Board of Trustees in March, 1987.

Jack B. Cohen, D.O.  
Kevin B. Karikomi, D.O.  
Bill V. Way, D.O.

## ADDITIONS AND CHANGES TO THE AOCD ANNUAL MEETING

The topic for Dr. J. Keven McKee who will be speaking on Wednesday (10/7) at 9:30 a.m. has been changed to:

"Therapy of Primary Cutaneous Melanoma"

The Annual AOCD Luncheon and Business Meeting on Tuesday (10/6) is sponsored by Westwood Pharmaceuticals and DOES NOT INCLUDE SPOUSES AND GUESTS - MEMBERS ONLY!

## ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY

### TO BE MAILED IN FALL

The Annual Membership Directory will be prepared and mailed in the Fall. If your name, address or any other information is incorrect or has changed, please notify the central office in Atlanta.

AOCD needs advertisers for the directory. Enclosed in this Newsletter is an advertising solicitation. Please make copies and distribute to potential advertisers.

MANY THANKS TO THE FOLLOWING COMPANIES THAT PROVIDED SUPPORT TO THE 1987 AOCD ANNUAL MEETING.

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- Program presented to the A OCD Education Evaluation Committee which recommends approval, denial or deferral to the AOA Committee on Post Doctorial Training (COPT.)
  - COPT recommends approval, denial or deferral to the AOA Bureau of Professional Education.
  - The Bureau recommends approval, denial or deferral to the AOA Board of Trustees which makes the final decision.
- The entire process takes approximately 12 to 18 months.

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## REMINDER TO TRAINEES

Three (3) manuscripts or projects, which are suitable for publication, must be submitted to the A OCD evaluating committee. Two (2) of these must be presented at the resident's forum, but

both cannot be presented in the same year.

One of the papers may be a research endeavor recommended by the AOA Bureau of Research, or a research committee of the AOA, and must be approved by the AOA.

## DUES MUST BE PAID TO BE INCLUDED IN ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY II

Membership dues for 1987-88 were due July 1, 1987. Categories are: Active, Associate, Affiliate and Fellow: \$100; Candidate/Trainee: \$25. Honorary and Life are gratis.

## WOLL SEEKS TRAINEE

Laurie M. Woll, D.O. is currently seeking a trainee. Contact her at 9369 Central Ave., Montclair, CA 91763 (714) 621-5005.