MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

It is indeed a special privilege and honor to have served you this past year as President of the American Osteopathic College of Dermatology. Along with all the other officers, committee chairs, and our administrative staff, we thank each of you, our growing membership, for your kind support in our efforts to work diligently for our College during this changing and challenging environment in which we practice medicine today.

We can all share the concerns and realize that health-care reform is necessary... while at the same time, we must protect the future of our speciality of osteopathic dermatology. Our chosen profession offers the most comprehensive dermatologic care possible, not only for the medical condition, but for the whole person. We need to ensure that in this time of change, every individual continues to have the ability to chose the highest skilled practitioner as their primary provider, as well as have open access to our profession.

Our AOCDS officers have been outstanding in their performance this year on some very difficult tasks. I am very appreciative to each and every member who has helped out, but I do want to take a few minutes to give special thanks to a few who have gone beyond the "call of duty":

Dr. James Del Rosso has been an exceptional President-elect, not only in working closely with me on AOCDS issues, but also in his exciting enthusiasm and remarkable ability to create and arrange this year's phenomenal annual program in October in Boston, Massachusetts. A dynamite caliber of lecturers and a wide variety of interesting subjects should encourage you to attend this most important meeting. There will be a wide range of topics and speakers to choose from... I'm sure you will come away with enhanced skills and a better understanding of our profession and our College.

Complete workshops in both surgery and dermatopathology will again be program highlights on Monday afternoon. Our social events will provide a warm atmosphere for all of us to begin, renew, and strengthen our professional and personal friendships. I want to thank Mrs. Jane Del Rosso for her invaluable assistance in helping to plan for the entertainment.

Again, many thank to Dr. Del Rosso. I feel confident he will make an extremely capable and successful President for our College in the coming year.

Dr. Gene Graff our First Vice President has also had a busy year as head of a very admirable and successful campaign to obtain the needed educational grants to support our annual meeting. Our educational meeting would not be so successful without the generous support of our corporate contributors. Each of us can help continue this support by showing our appreciation to these "friends of our College" by taking time to thank representatives from these companies when they call on you for their superb support (a complete listing will be included in the next newsletter). I would like to commend Dr. Graff for his hard work. I know he has already begun planning for the annual program for next year as he serves as President-Elect of our College. Thanks Dr. Graff.

Dr. Steven Brenman our Second Vice President did a fantastic job as Program Chair for our 1993 Midyear Conference in Vail, Colorado. We had a great turnout and excellent weather. These meetings are becoming as large as our annual meeting - and the education can't be beat. I am looking forward to seeing Dr. Brenman's energized enthusiasm and talents at work soon as our upcoming First Vice President in charge of educational grants for 1994.

Dr. Matt Leavitt our Third Vice President has already started to plan next year's Midyear Conference in Orlando, Florida. I'm sure this will be another enjoyable meeting. The dates are April 14-16, 1994 - what a great time for "Spring Break". Be sure to mark your calendars now!

Dr. Lloyd Cleaver continues to represent our College on many fronts: As our Delegate to the AOA House of Delegates, our representative to the Federation of Osteopathic Specialty Organizations and to the AOA Committee On Postdoctoral Training, Dr. Cleaver keeps our College informed and up-to-date on many important issues. I also want to thank him for his help, through KCOM and Rita Harlow, with the Midyear Meeting.

I would certainly be remiss if I didn't mention the hard work of our committee chairs: Dr. Jim Bernard, who continues to serve so faithfully as chair of the Educational Evaluating Committee, Dr. Gene Conte in his capacity as chair of the Awards and

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A “mini” program listing only the AOCDD didactic program and events will be mailed prior to the meeting.

Members should have already received registration information from the AOA. Be sure to register as a member of AOCDD, said Dr. DelRosso. The College is reimbursed on a per diem bases for exhibits based on the number of doctors that register for AOCDD.

**AAD ACKNOWLEDGES NEED TO PURSUE PRIMACY OF DERMATOLOGY CARE**

The Advisory Council of the American Academy of Dermatology has approved a California resolution requesting the AAD to “designate dermatologist as the primary care physician for dermatologic care and actively promote the concept to the public, legislators, industry and the insurance industry.”

In a precedent setting meeting, the AAD firmly supported the concept that dermatologic care should not be left to other physicians, but should be provided by qualified providers (i.e. dermatologists).

The AAD also approved a resolution calling for the organization to “pursue whatever actions are necessary to assure the direct access by patients to dermatologists without requiring referral by primary care physicians.” Included was a directive to “introduce appropriate legislation to both state and federal levels acknowledging dermatology as one of the primary care specialties and to educate insurance companies about the cost effectiveness of direct access.”

In passing the resolutions, the AAD acknowledged the fact that the concept needed a good deal of supporting documentation. Several resolutions were passed requesting the establishment of research-based studies proving the cost effectiveness of direct patient care by dermatologists. The Council’s report will be forwarded to the AAD for vote at the Academy’s membership meeting later this year.

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**DISTINGUISHED DERMATOLOGIST NOMINATIONS OPEN**

Nominations are being accepted for the 1994 “Albert P. Ulbrich, D.O., Lifetime Achievement Award”. The recipient will be announced at the 1994 Annual Banquet in San Francisco next November.

Established in 1989 to recognize exceptional commitment on behalf of the AOCDD, especially in the area of education, the award has had two recipients thus far: Harry B. Eimets, D.O. (1990) and Daniel Koprince, D.O. (1992).

All nominations must be submitted in writing to the chair of the Awards Committee and should include a detailed description of why you believe the nominee should receive the award.
Dear Cathy,

I would like to express my sincere appreciation to you and the AOCDE for the wonderful job you continue to perform in providing osteopathic dermatology residents with the highest level of educational experiences in dermatology and its related specialties.

If I can ever be of any assistance to you or any members of the AOCDE, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,
Brad P. Glick, D.O., MPH

Just a short note to relay a message from a colleague of mine, Dr. James Stokos of California. He said that he had been working with you recently concerning the possible sale of his practice. He found you and the organization to be extremely cooperative and helpful. I thought you might like to know. See you in Boston soon.

Sincerely,
John P. Hibler, D.O.

The American Osteopathic Association has placed its stamp of approval on the profession's sixteenth school. Located in Lake Erie, Pennsylvania the Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine (LECOM) will accept its first class of 50 students in the fall of 1993. By providing the provisional accreditation status to LECOM, the AOA Bureau of Professional Education adds the first osteopathic school in more than ten years.

LECOM will be affiliated with Millcreek Community Hospital and will begin with ten faculty positions. The school expects to have a full-time faculty of 35 with an additional 400 adjunct clinical faculty within five years. It is located at 1858 W. Grandview Blvd., Erie, Pennsylvania. Joseph James Namey, D.O. has been named president of the school. More information on the school can be obtained by calling 814/864-4031.

AOCDE Delegate to the AOA House of Delegates Lloyd Cleaver, D.O. talks with AOA Executive Director Robert Draba, PhD at the July, 1993, AOA Delegates Meeting in Chicago. 1993 marked the first year for specialty colleges to have a vote at the delegates meeting.

Just a few of the items up for consideration at this year's AOA House of Delegates meeting were:

* approval of subspecialty training in Mohs micrographic surgery;
* approval of guidelines governing AOA-approved providers of Category 1A Continuing Medical Education (CME);
* recommendation that the AOA conduct mandatory training programs for residency program inspectors from each specialty college;
* resolution seeking approval by the AOA for the American Academy of Osteopathy to research the possibility of MD's taking AOA-approved residencies leading to board certification;
* discussion of "Certificate of Added Qualification", "Secondary Certification" and "Conjoint Boards";
* discussion on mechanism to implement required recertification by the AOA deadline of 1995;
* approval of a procedure assuring certification would take no longer than four months;
* request by the Association of Osteopathic State Executive Directors (AOSED) that the AOA develop an "educational team" to address reimbursement issues on a national and state level;
* resolution requesting the AOA to introduce legislation mandating that osteopathic services in all areas be included in all managed care programs;
* updates from the AOA Washington office and the Department of Communications on various initiatives.

A more detailed report on this and other important developments will be discussed at the AOCDE Annual Membership Business Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, October 12, 1993, in Boston.
COMMITTEE REPORTS

1993 Annual Meeting Report
James Q. Del Rosso, D.O.

By now, all of you should have received a "pocket copy" of the 1993 Annual Meeting Program and a Reservation Form to acquire tickets for AOCDD social events, early morning sessions, "hands on" dermatologic surgery workshop, etc. As you can see, this meeting should provide everyone the opportunity to receive an excellent update of important topics in dermatology as well as have some fun!

Please be sure to request an early wake up call in order to attend the Keynote Address that is being given by Dr. Lynn Drake to open the didactic program on Monday morning at 8:30 am. Dr. Drake, currently a candidate for AAD President Elect, will be presenting "The Feds and You". A timely and important topic for all dermatologists and dermatology residents. Dr. Drake is making a special trip to our meeting from commitments elsewhere in the country, so please be sure to attend! She is a very exciting and informative speaker. Also, please be sure to arrange your travel plans to stay through Wednesday's program. Dr. Vincent DeLeo, an internationally respected expert on photobiology will be presenting a discussion on photoprotection education, followed by a thorough review of the 1993 In Training Exam Clinical and Dermatopathology Slides by Drs. Mammino and Young. Dr. Al Packman of Dermik Laboratories will be discussing "Product Development in the Current Regulatory Atmosphere" during the "rolling in" luncheon, followed by a variety of topics covered in the afternoon by our fine dermatology residents.

The program boasts several excellent speakers including Dr. Ken Tomecki, Dr. Howard Maibach, Dr. Richard Scher, Dr. Peter Lynch, Dr. Bruce Thiers, Dr. Sam Moschella, Dr. Wally Clark and many others, covering a vast array of exciting topics. Some programs of interest include Great Cases From Osteopathic Teaching Programs by Dr. David Horowitz and his selected faculty of D.O. dermatology program directors, Dr. Allen Mitchell, director of the Accutane Surveillance Project from Boston University, who will be presenting his most recently accumulated Accutane teratogenicity data and Drs. Gordon and Cockerell who will be discussing skin signs of immune disorders and HIV infection.

Don't forget to sign up for the "early morning session" of your choice on Tuesday and Wednesday morning as each session is limited to the first 25 registrants! These sessions should provide an excellent opportunity to focus on specifics through closer interaction with the presenters and other participants. Last, but not least, Dr. Greg Brady and faculty return again with a "hands on" Dermatologic Surgery workshop. For those interested in the Dermatologic Surgery workshop, register now as seating is limited to enhance "one on one" teaching as best as possible.

It will be difficult to walk away from this meeting without learning quite a bit of dermatology. However, we do plan to have quite a bit of fun. Be sure to attend our opening Gala Reception on Sunday evening, the Annual Reception and Dinner Banquet Monday evening featuring Comedy Zone comedian Louis Johnson, and the Westwood Luncheon and Business Meeting on Tuesday afternoon. Remember that all social events and committee meetings are being held at the Westin Hotel, Copley Place. The didactic program is held at the Hynes Convention Center.

Special thanks to Schering Corporation for providing a grant for the Sunday Gala Reception, to C&M Pharmaceutical for the Monday Reception and Stiefel Corporation for the Banquet. Also, special thanks to the representatives from all the various companies providing corporate educational grants and contributions to our Annual Meeting. They are listed in your program and a list will be included in the next newsletter to post in your offices.

This has been quite a year for the Annual Meeting Committee. Planning this program has been a lot of fun for me, especially working with Mike Scott and Gene Graff. Together our planning has spanned from contacting several nationally respected speakers and securing grants, to deciding how much coffee and how many muffins we need! I can assure you that a tremendous amount of effort stands behind our desire to provide the AOCDD membership with the best educational program possible. I hope to see all of you in Boston, and hope even more that you will learn a lot and have a great time.

Education Evaluating
James D. Bernard, D.O.

The Education Evaluating Committee (EEC) will meet Saturday, October 9, 1993 from 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm at the Westin Hotel, Copley Place, Boston, Massachusetts.

Program Directors should immediately advise the EEC of any changes in their respective programs (i.e., new residents, new hospital contract, withdrawals, new program directors, etc.)

Attention Program Directors, Residents and Preceptors: The Program Director's (or Preceptor's) Report, Resident's (or Preceptor's) Annual Report, and all Required Scientific Papers should be sent together - if at all possible, and in a timely manner, to the AOA's Bureau of Professional Affairs. DO NOT SEND ANY MATERIALS TO THE AOCDD OFFICE IN ATLANTA. This will only delay your paperwork and could delay your certification.

Educational Research Fund
Eugene T. Conte, D.O.

As previously reported Oclenszen Pharmaceuticals has graciously provided the AOCDD with a grant for a resident paper competition. I am pleased to report that as of July 31 there were 17 papers entered into this competition. These papers are currently being judged and the winners will be announced for first, second, and third place at the AOCDD Annual Meeting in Boston.

In Training Examination
Eugene T. Conte, D.O.

The AOCDD In Training Examination will be given on Sunday, October 10, 1993. The exam will take place in the Essex South Room at the Westin Hotel. Residents are to be there promptly at 7:00 am. The exam will end at 1:00 pm. All residents will be receiving very soon an admission card which needs to be signed and returned to Dr. Conte (not the AOCDD office).
FLORIDA, the "Sunshine State" will host the 1994 AOCD Midyear Conference to be held on April 14-16, at the Disney's Yacht and Beach Club Resort in Orlando. Matt Leavitt, D.O. of Heathrow, Florida, will serve as program chair. "Orlando will be a great place to take a 'spring break'," said Dr. Leavitt. "We have some surprises in store for the educational program and the families will have plenty to do since we'll be located in the very heart of the Disney Complex," said Dr. Leavitt.

The Disney Yacht Club Resort is reminiscent of a turn-of-the-century New England resort and includes a white-sand beach and a mini-water park called "Stormalang Bay". Easy access is afforded by a short walk or tram ride to EPCOT and Disney World. There is also a water taxi service to the Disney-MGM Studios Theme Park. Watch for program updates in future issues of the AOCD Newsletter.

American Osteopathic Board of Dermatology

ATTENTION RESIDENTS:

BOARD ELIGIBILITY AND CERTIFICATION

I. A candidate for certification by the AOBD is eligible to take the Board exam as soon as approved training is completed and other requirements, as listed on page 23 of the 1992-93 membership directory, are documented.

II. In order to provide evidence of Board-eligibility for applications to medical staffs and third-party payers, a candidate may apply for an official statement of Board eligibility from the Secretary of the AOBD, Dr. Bonino. This may be done three months prior to completion of approved training if all other requirements have been met.

III. A candidate becomes Board-certified when all requirements have been met and properly documented, the Board exam has been passed, and the application for certification has been approved by the Board of Trustees of the AOA.

LLOYD J. CLEAVER, D.O. (Missouri) represented the AOCD at the July meetings of the AOA House of Delegates and the Federation of Osteopathic Specialty Organizations (FOSO). AOCD Executive Director Cathy M. Garris, CAE also attended.

JANET L. KOPRINCE, D.O. (Michigan) was installed in July as the first female president of the Royal Oak Rotary Club.

LAURIE M. WOLL, D.O. (California) was recently appointed by Governor Pete Wilson to serve on the Osteopathic Board of California. Dr. Woll is the first member of the AOCD to attain such a prestigious position.

CONGRATULATIONS to the following members who have received board certification from the AOA: Don Anderson, D.O.; William Cottem, D.O.; George Drew, D.O.; Sandy Goldman, D.O.; Deborah Longwill-Fox, D.O.; Gregory Papadeas, D.O.; Robert Rosen, D.O.; Robert Signore, D.O.; Lynn Sikorski, D.O.; Donald Tillman, D.O.

MICHAEL J. SCOTT, III, D.O., FAOCD (Washington) has been a contributory consultant on three recent issues in "Fitness Magazine". Topics have included "The Effect of Sweat, Salt, and Sun on your Hair", "Caring For Your Skin with Participation in Water Sports", and "Muscle and Skin Effects During Exercise."

VERATEX OFFERS DISCOUNT TO MEMBERS

The Veratex Corporation which provides a wide variety of medical supplies for physicians, particularly dermatologists, has agreed to provide their products at a substantial discount to members of the AOCD. The agreement which was negotiated by AOCD Membership Chair Eric Seiger, D.O. and President Michael Scott, D.O. will go into effect in early September. Members should be receiving a mailing from Veratex by mid-September.

DERMATOLOGY PRACTICE FOR SALE

• Well established, private, dermatology practice in Largo, Florida, for sale. Located in the heart of Tampa Bay area near St. Petersburg and Clearwater beaches. Negotiable terms. Will consider association or staying on, if desired. Contact STEVEN C. ROBERTS, D.O. at 813/585-4017 evenings or weekends.

WANTED

Board certified, or Board eligible D.O. dermatologist wanted to join large dermatology group practice clinic near New Orleans, Louisiana. Training in cosmetic surgery available. Academic/clinical instruction for our D.O. dermatology residency program is requested. Contact: George A. Farber, M.D., at Gulf South Medical & Surgical Institute, Inc., 3701 Williams Boulevard, Suite 301, New Orleans (Kenner), Louisiana 70065, 504/443-1771.

THE MOTTO OF THE AOCD STAFF IS . . .

* Members are the most important people in the College.
* Members are dependent on us; we are dependent on them.
* Members don't interrupt our work; they are the purpose of it.
* Members do us a favor when they join; we are not doing them a favor by accommodating their needs.
* Members are a part of our College; they are not outsiders.
* Members are people who come to us with needs and wants, and our job is to fulfill them to the best of our ability.
* Members pay our salary; without them we would close our doors.

These things we must never forget!

THANKS FOR ALLOWING US TO SERVE YOU FOR THE PAST TWELVE YEARS!

Cathy M. Garris, Executive Director
A Glimpse of Midyear '93

The Midyear conference of the American Osteopathic College of Dermatology held in April, 1993, in Vail, Colorado, was a huge success with a record number of dermatologists attending the three-day educational program. Although an intense program with a wide variety of topics and outstanding speakers, time was allowed by program chair Steven Brenman, D.O. for the slopes. And, what weather! Conditions on the slopes couldn't have been better - plenty of snow, sunshine and the magnificence of the Rockies, coupled with the excellent didactic program, made for a perfect Conference.
CONGRATULATIONS!

Midyear Conference Winners of Koprince Award

The following have been selected as the winners of the "Daniel Koprince, D.O. Award" for excellence in scientific papers presented at the 1993 AOCDD Midyear Conference in Vail in April:

* Anand Bhupathy, D.O.
* Madeline Turner, D.O.
* Sherrie Williamson, D.O.

Koprince Award winners from the November, 1992, and the April, 1993, AOCDD CME meetings will be recognized and receive commemorative plaques at the College’s Annual Meeting in October, 1993, in Boston, Massachusetts.

PATIENT EDUCATION BROCHURES PUBLISHED BY THE AOCDD

The AOCDD, under the direction of public relations committee chair, James Young, D.O., has put the finishing touches on a series of patient education brochures designed to increase the public’s awareness of osteopathic physicians and the practice of dermatology. The first series will include three rack brochures entitled “Sexually Transmitted Diseases”, “Aging of the Skin”, and “Sun Sense and Nonsense”. Also included is a brochure entitled “Osteopathic Dermatology - Because We D.O. Care About Your Skin”. The first three brochures will be changed periodically to include other skin and dermatologic health problems.

A plexiglass wall rack designed especially for the four brochures is also included in the package which will be offered to members at a nominal charge as a benefit of membership in the AOCDD. The educational initiative has been underwritten in part by Schering Laboratories.

Members will receive an order form in their AOCDD Newsletter requesting a six-month supply (they will be replaced with the new series after six months). The first orders are expected to go out in early October.

ATTENTION RESIDENTS

The American Association of Osteopathic Postgraduate Physicians (AAOPP) will host a two-day “mini-conference” on October 9 and 10 just prior to the AOA Annual Convention in Boston, Massachusetts, October 10-14, 1993. “We are anticipating a great program geared toward postgraduate physician’s needs and interests”, said Jim Lally, D.O., AAOPP vice president. Topics will include: evaluating your first job contract; the future of managed care; setting up a practice; developing better communication skills; and marketing a practice.

Registration for the conference is free which is being sponsored by Burroughs Wellcome, Fison’s, and Miles Laboratories.

NEW BASIC REQUIREMENTS FOR DERM TRAINING APPROVED BY AOA

The new “Basic Requirements for Osteopathic Residency Programs in Dermatology” have had the final stamp of approval placed on them by the AOA Board of Trustees at their July, 1993 meeting in Chicago. The Requirements, which also include osteopathic preceptorships, have been mailed to all residents and residency directors.

For a copy of the Requirements, please contact the AOCDD national office in Atlanta.

CALENDAR

1994, April 14-16
AOCDD Midyear Conference
Orlando, Florida

1994, November 13-17
AOCDD Annual Meeting
San Francisco, California

1995, April
AOCDD Midyear Conference
(site tba)

1995, October 15-19
AOCDD Annual Meeting
Orlando, Florida
CHANGES IN CME HERE

By: Cathy M. Garris  
Executive Director

Due to a crackdown by the Federal Drug Administration (FDA) and interest from the Internal Revenue Service (IRS), all providers and supporters of continuing medical education have come together to develop guidelines to which they must adhere in the future. Your executive director Cathy M. Garris has attended several meetings this year with the AOA, the FDA, the Pharmaceutical Manufacturers Association (PMA) and others in an effort to assure the American Osteopathic College of Dermatology is in compliance with all these guidelines.

The effects of the guidelines are:

1. All providers of Category 1 CME credit must be accredited by the AOA. (The AOCD has been approved.)

2. The sponsorship of a lecture or program must be in the form of a grant from the commercial source. The accredited sponsor must select the lecturer, and if the sponsor is unable to obtain an appropriate speaker, the sponsor may ask for assistance from the commercial supporter. If the speaker is a physician associated with a particular commercial entity, that is, on his/her payroll, a sponsored speaker or a trained speaker by the company, it is his or her responsibility to make that known to the attendees of the conference.

3. Payment of a reasonable honoraria and reimbursement of out-of-pocket expenses for faculty is customary and proper. No further funds shall be paid to the faculty, CME program directors, or others involved with the program.

4. There must be an AOA-approved written agreement between the approved sponsor and the commercial supporter.

5. No commercial promotional materials shall be displayed or distributed in the same room immediately before, during or after an accredited educational activity. Representatives or commercial supporters may attend an educational activity for which they have provided support, but may not engage in sales activities while in the room where the educational activity takes place.

6. Whenever commercial exhibits are part of the overall program, arrangement for these must not influence educational planning or interfere with the presentation of CME activities. Exhibit placement must not be a condition of support for CME activities.

7. While the use of proprietary names of products is permissible during educational activities, generic names should be used by the faculty whenever possible. Moreover, it is the responsibility of the accredited sponsor to assure the presentations give a balanced view of diagnostic, therapeutic, or appliance options. If proprietary names are used, those of several companies which make relevant products must be used (rather than only those of a single company).

8. When an off-label use of a product, or an investigational use not yet approved for any purpose, is discussed during an educational activity, the accredited sponsor shall require that the speaker disclose that the product is not labeled for the use under discussion, or that the product is still investigational.

9. It is the responsibility of the accredited sponsor to assure that the attendee has fulfilled the requirements of the conference with regards to attendance. If improper credit hours are assigned to participants of a CME course, the accredited sponsor can lose its accreditation from the AOA and can no longer participate in Category 1 conference.

10. There will be an inspection process established by the AOA to insure that these and all attendance requirements are met.

11. Funding for registration of CME credits, as well as establishing a source of revenue for the inspectors will require that a fee be paid by the accredited sponsor to the AOA. This has been a hotly debated topic since there are such diverse group sizes. At this time, it appears the cost will be ten cents per credit hour, times the number of doctors registered, plus a flat fee of $1,000 for each course.

12. All AOA-approved CME programs must include at least 50% D.O. presenters (this includes staff members of osteopathic institutions).

13. The program must include evidence of integrating osteopathic principles and practices into the program.

These are only thirteen of the key points included in a multi-paged directive from the American Osteopathic Association to CME providers. Other topics covered are the need for program evaluations, written educational goals and objectives for each program, a grievance process, and a mission statement.

Continuing medical education programs presented by the AOCD have, for the most part, always followed guidelines similar to those stated above. However, there clearly have been abuses in the industry.

The AOCD wants to assure members that all programs presented by the College will meet these more stringent uniform guidelines for accreditation. We also ask your cooperation in helping us to implement the guidelines.
TWENTY MORE THOUGHTS FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION
Daniel Koprince, D.O.

1. When the student is ready, the teacher will appear.
2. Your divine purpose in life is found in giving.
3. Real happiness is found in helping others.
4. Take action in the present moment, for we all have greatness within us.
5. Love is the Key, in 93.
6. Dreams, plus action, equal reality.
7. Myths and dreams are essentially the same. They are the elixir of life.
8. Learn to let things go and not take failure too personally.
9. Did you ever hear a dying patient say to you - "Gee, I wish I would have spent more time at the office?"
10. Suffering from an allergy attack? Allergies never attack.
11. Andrew Taylor Still, Founder of Osteopathic Medicine said, "The rule of the artery is supreme."
12. Albert Einstein, Theory of Relativity, said; "There are only two things that are infinite: Space and human stupidity."
13. Walter B. Shelley, AAD Gold Medal Highest Honor, wrote; "It's hard to practice cost-effective medicine, when you don't know the cost of medicine, nor its effectiveness for your patient", and "All patients deserve a sample". By the way, W.B.S. feels he is too old to retire!
14. Casey Stengel, N.Y. Yankee great baseball manager, said; "Include me out." Much funnier had he said, "Exclude me in."
15. Barbara Streisand, America's greatest female vocalist, sings; "First be a person who needs people, people who need people."
16. Abraham Maslow, America's world renown psychiatrist, wrote; "The highest quality that a human being can reach is to be independent of the good opinion of others."
17. Martin Luther King, Jr., Pastor, Nobel Prize Winner and Civil Rights Leader, said; "Don't judge my four children by the color of their skin, but by the content of their character."
18. Michael Murphy, Pastor, Unity Church, wrote; "No challenge ever comes to you, that you're not ready to meet."
19. Maxine Waters, Congresswoman from California, recently said; "No Justice, No Peace."
20. Thomas H. Bonino, Secretary-Treasurer of the AOBD for the past 29 years quietly whispered at an AOCD Executive Committee Meeting; "Twenty-six people in this room and observe, nobody is smoking."

TAKE TIME...NOW!

Let your voice be heard. Take time...now to write to the Clinton Administration's Task Force on Health and System Reform to register your concerns that effective tort reform be included. Urge the task force to consider information from all sources, not just the trial bar.

Challenge them to be bold in the development of meaningful tort reform and include your personal observations and experiences as people on the "front lines" of medicine.

Points to remember:

* A typical physician stands a 40% chance of being sued and if any type of surgery is performed, the percentage rises to 50%. Approximately 80% of OB/GYNs report being sued at least once;
* Frivolous lawsuits, or suits filed devoid of merit, comprise approximately 60%;
* Approximately 1 in 8 OB/GYNs have dropped obstetrics because of the high liability risk - the increase in medical costs for both mother and baby from the lack of prenatal care alone has yet to be assessed.

The California Medical Injury Compensation Reform Act of 1975 has been very successful in controlling malpractice costs:

Some points are:

1. A $250,000 cap on non-economic damages;
2. Periodic payment of future damages;
3. A requirement that the jury hear evidence of any "collateral source" of compensation (i.e. other insurance payments; and
4. A reasonable sliding scale for attorneys' contingency fees to insure that more of an award goes to the injured patient.

Address your correspondence to:

Mrs. Hillary Rodham Clinton, Chair,
White House Task Force for Health System Reform
The White House
Washington, D.O. 30500
PRACTICE
MANAGEMENT

ALPHABET SOUP

Provisions for managed care (MC) include a tangle of acronyms which keep getting more and more confusing. To clarify a few:

PCP - Primary Care Physician

Figuring prominently in the MC concept, the PCP or gatekeeper may be selected by the member of a group plan at the time of enrollment. The PCP will coordinate ALL benefits provided under the plan.

MD - Managed Indemnity (health monitor)

Traditional insurance with cost containment features (i.e. utilization review, case management and second surgical opinions).

PPO - Preferred Provider Organization

Groups of hospitals, physicians and other providers who contract with an insurer, employer or third-party administrator to provide health-care services to covered persons. Much like an indemnity plan, but with two coverage levels. (A higher level of coverage is available when an insured uses a network provider.) Includes utilization review and providers are usually reimbursed on a discounted fee-for-service basis.

HMO - Health Maintenance Organization

Systems of healthcare delivery available to individuals living in a specific geographic location. Various incentives for the insured to use the HMO. Includes the PCP or gatekeeper concept (see above). Providers are most often reimbursed on a pre-paid capitation basis for primary care services.

EPO - Exclusive Provider Organization

Much like a PPO but more restrictive. All healthcare serves must be under the direction of the gatekeeper and all insured must use participating providers to receive any benefits. EPO plans were developed to allow HMO-like products to be filed as insurance products.

POS - Point of Service

Combines the features of the HMO and the PPO and provides a comprehensive set of health benefits, including routine care.

MOP - Multiple Option Product

Not a true insurance product, but actually a way of packaging an HMO (or "HMO-like") with a PPO and offering both products to the prospective insured. A convenient way for employers to offer health plan options to employees with relative administrative ease.

Employers and other "purchasers" of these products will seek to develop networks of providers with an emphasis on utilization review and performance; "customers" or the insured will be steered toward the most cost effective plans. Guaranteed plans are expected to widen the gap of those insured to include everyone - and in effect "underwrite" the providers.

The Advisory Board of Osteopathic Specialists has changed its name to the Bureau for Osteopathic Specialists. The purpose of the Bureau is to set educational and examination standards leading to board eligibility and specialty certification. The AOA programs in CME and specialty certification are the accepted osteopathic standards recognized by state and federal authorities, hospitals and other institutions, as well as the general public.

The Bureau should not be confused with the American Association of Osteopathic Specialists (AAOS), which is NOT affiliated with the AOA.

ANDERSON ELECTED PRESIDENT-ELECT OF THE AOA


Dr. Anderson has served as a trustee of the AOA for the past ten years. He recently chaired the AOA's Strategic Planning Committee where he developed a far-reaching strategic plan for the osteopathic profession utilizing input from many osteopathic affiliate groups. Dr. Anderson has also served as the chair of the Bureau of State Government Affairs and has long been a "champion" of the small states and small affiliate organizations of the AOA.

Currently, Dr. Anderson serves as the Associate Director of Medical Education at the Detroit Riverview Center and is President of the LifeChoice Quality Health Plan, HMO in Detroit. He is a 1956 graduate of the University of Osteopathic Medicine and Health Sciences, College of Osteopathic Medicine and Surgery, in Des Moines, Iowa.

CORPORATE MEMBERS

Welcome to the AOCD Corporate Members for 1993-94.

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In training Exams, Dr. Eric Seiger for all his efforts this year with Membership; and Dr. Mike Mahon for continuing to serve as chair of the Corporate Membership Committee. Dr. Jim Young has done a fantastic job with our patient education initiative which will be available to members in the next couple of months and I certainly don’t want to fail to mention all the hard work our Board members on the American Osteopathic Board of Dermatology do year in and year out. As you can see, there are many people helping to keep out College on the right path, serving you our members. We all owe them a debt of gratitude!

I encourage any interested members to take the challenge and become involved with the AOCDD as an officer, a trustee, or a committee chair or member. You can never fully appreciate the wide variety of activities in which the College is involved until you become involved yourself. Ms. Cathy Garris, our Executive Director, and her Administrative Staff of Ms. Linda Byers and Ms. Cathy Pierce continue to serve as a very professional and supportive team for the College. They have been very resourceful in our organizational planning, as well as the facility arrangements and planning for our annual meetings. “Thank you!” AOCDD Staff, for your excellent assistance.

I would also like to express my sincere appreciation to our immediate past president, Shelly Friedman. I feel Dr. Friedman especially has influenced me and this organization with providing a vision for the future. He has provided thoughtful deliberation and actions that will affect attitudes in our College for years to come. I am most appreciative of his assistance as chair of my President’s Advisory Committee.

And lastly, I want to thank you - the membership - for your confidence in electing me to this office, and for making this past year such an enjoyable and memorable time in my professional career. I pledge to continue to do all I can in the coming years to support our AOCDD.

See you in Boston!

Sincere Regards,
[Signature]

Michael J. Scott, III, D.O., FAOCDD
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