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Upcoming Events:

- AOCD Midyear Meeting
April 13—16, 2005
Key West, Florida
- AOCD Annual Meeting
October 23—27, 2005
Orlando, Florida

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President's Letter



As the President of the American Osteopathic College of Dermatology, I welcome you to our newly revised website. The website was established to give all current members, perspective members, and visitors interested in information regarding the AOCD a means of collecting this information. Key subjects covered include the purpose and history of the AOCD, listings of current and past administrative officers, as well as administrative changes involving our academy. The website offers a means of finding osteopathic dermatologists by state, in addition to an extremely helpful Dermatology Disease Database. One cannot utilize the website without gathering a foothold on the history of the AOCD, which initially was recognized in 1957. We have more than 400 members, 18 residency programs throughout the United States with 74 residents. The AOCD is responsible for the establishment and administration of residencies and continued education nationwide.

Furthermore the college hosts two annual meetings offering CME credits, a national convention and mid-year convention. This year's annual meeting was held in San Francisco in November, 2004 and the Midyear will be in Key West, Florida in April of 2005.

As the President of the AOCD, I have a number of goals and objectives, all of which revolve around the AOCD's mission statement. I will work on particular areas that need improvement. Health expenditures have almost doubled since 1990. My job as a physician representing the AOCD will be to help people that have no health insurance. I will work to alleviate the frustrating and needless complexity of health care in my specialty. Additionally, I will work to educate the public, by setting health care policies and budgets for them. I also will work to explore corporate plans to provide coverage for all people, and I will seek to expand and improve Medicare delivery to all patients with whom I am involved. I feel that health care, as it presently has been addressed needs considerable improvement, especially here in the United States. I will seek to improve my specialty by being able to deliver this care to all.

Sincerely,

Ronald C. Miller, DO, FAOCD
President

Message from the Past President

Greetings from the Past President of the AOCD.

I trust that all our members had a wonderful summer with friends and family and enjoyed a fantastic Labor Day holiday.

It appears that living in South Florida definitely comes with some risks. We have survived the onslaught of two hurricanes so far within a month. Many of us here in the Miami area were spared the full ravages of the hurricanes although the middle of the state and portions of both coasts of Florida were not as lucky. We only hope that recovery is swift and life returns to some normalcy in the coming weeks for all those who were affected.

This past June, I had the opportunity to represent the AOCD as its President to attend the AOA Healthy Partnerships and Patient Advocacy Training Conference held in New York City. This conference dealt with how to successfully lobby state legislators and how to get and keep lawmakers' votes and was moderated by Mr. Bob Guyer. Other topics covered at this meeting dealt with Drug Re-importation, moderated by Mike McKay, Legislative Staff, Office of Congressman Meeks (D), NY 6, Insurance Reform dealing with Professional Liability Insurance moderated by Ann Womer Benjamin, Ohio Insurance Commissioner and New Jersey State Senator Joseph Vitale (D), Deputy Majority Leader and Association Self-Auditing Process moderated by Bob Harris.

Currently, the residents of the Nova Southeastern University/Broward General Medical Center under my directorship and the residents of the Kirksville College of Osteopathic Medicine Department of Dermatology – Texas Division, Dermatology Institute of North Texas under the directorship of Bill Way, DO, FAOCD are working on a joint project representing the AOCD by preparing a poster presentation for the 2005 American Academy of Dermatology featuring the History & Role of the AOCD as it pertains to the DO Dermatologist.

I would like to encourage our general membership and the residents to submit articles or case vignettes for future *JA OCD* issues. It is the goal of the editors to publish the journal on a quarterly basis and to continue to make the *JA OCD* a quality journal as already evidenced in the previous issues.

It is truly hard to believe that this year has passed so quickly. This has been a wonderful year fueled by hard work, filled with personal accomplishments and goals on behalf of our College. I wish to take this opportunity to thank our membership for the sincere privilege of allowing me to serve in the prestigious office as your President for this past year. I look forward to my new role as Immediate Past President and wish President Dr. Ron Miller good luck in assuming the reigns of the AOCD.

Stanley Skopit, DO, FAOCD
President AOCD, 2003 - 2004

“The first and most important step toward success is the feeling that we can succeed.”
- Nelson Boswell

Financial Corner

The last couple of months I've been thinking about the Jobs and Growth Tax Relief and Reconciliation Act of 2003. This law was passed to encourage capital spending in hopes of boosting the economy. The Act provides significant incentives for purchases of new equipment. In particular, businesses can now immediately expense \$100,000 (rather than \$25,000) of equipment under

IRS section 179. The property purchased must have a life of less than 20 years and must be brand new. The allowance phases out starting at \$400,000. Interestingly, the Act allows the cost of off-the-shelf software to be included.

I've been trying to figure out the new equipment I'll need over the next few years and whether these new 179 limits offer any advantage for me

and my practice. I think they might help, but it's a tough call. If you haven't already talked to your accountant about these tax code changes, see if the new provisions can help your practice and if the desired extensions are coming.

Robert Schwarze, DO



Annual Meeting Thank You

First of all, I want to thank all of the participants in the recent AOCD CME program given in San Francisco. The lectures and presentations were the best I have ever heard. San Francisco was an exciting place to enjoy our annual meeting. There were lectures on MOHS micrographic surgeries and

biologicals, and a lecture by our AAD spokesman, Dr. Kim Berger. Sites of the Golden Gate Bridge, Alcatraz, the great restaurants, and Chinatown helped make this a wonderful annual meeting. I want to say thank you to Becky Mansfield, Executive Director, of the AOCD and her husband, Rick. I also want

to say thank you to all of the members of the AOCD. I want to thank Dr. Stanley Skopit for doing such a great job in the presidency this year.

Ronald C. Miller, DO, FAOCD
President



Texas Resident Receives Dermatology Award

Erik Austin, DO, MPH was selected for a \$2500 Grant Award from the American Contact Dermatitis Society, an affiliate of the American Academy of Dermatology. The ACDS Mentoring Award is open to dermatology residents, fellows, faculty, and board-certified dermatologists (up to three years in practice). Only three physicians per year from the entire United States and Canada are selected for this prestigious award. Dr. Austin is the first D.O. to earn this distinction. Dr. Austin has been accepted for a

clinical and research rotation at the dermatology residency program of the Mayo Clinic College of Medicine and will use his grant to fund this rotation experience. Dr. Austin has in the past received honors and awards from the AOA, AMA, NIH-NIA, and AOCO-HNS for his research efforts.

Dr. Austin is in his first year of residency under the direction of Bill V. Way, DO, FAOCD at the Texas Division of the Dermatology Residency Program of the KCOM Northeast Regional

Medical Center. After completing his internship, Dr. Austin earned a physicians-only M.P.H. degree from Harvard University. He then completed the Occupational and Environmental Medicine residency program at Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine and established board eligibility. In addition, Dr. Austin held a one-year appointment in the Department of Medicine at Johns Hopkins University Hospital, before beginning his dermatology residency program in Texas.

“The secret of joy in work is contained in one word—excellence. To know how to do something well is to enjoy it.”
- Pearl Buck

Midyear Meeting Update

This spring the AOCD annual Midyear Meeting will take place at the Pier House Hotel in Key West, Florida. The town is beautiful, and rich in history. In the past, the pirates of the Caribbean, Hemmingway, President Truman, and the breakaway Conch Republic, have all called Key West home. Stroll around town today and you are likely to see colorful local citizens, street performers, snowbirds from Canada and the Northern U.S., Scandinavian mod-

els, and recall modern day pirates of the Caribbean.

The recent hurricanes in Florida did little damage to Key West. The town is so far south, that Pensacola and the Gulf Coast are closer to Indianapolis than to Key West!

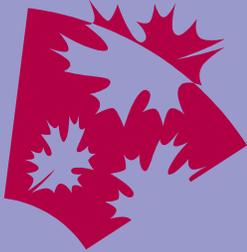
A fortune teller I met here predicts sunny, dry, and warm weather will provide the setting for Dr. Gottlieb's much anticipated convention. I can't wait for a sunset din-

ner cruise where the Atlantic meets the Gulf of Mexico.

Mark your calendar and join your AOCD colleagues for an exciting educational program. Set your mainsail, hoist the Jolly Roger, and come on down to the sun drenched Keys!

Robert Schwarze, DO, FAOCD
CME Site Committee Chair





**“One line of
wisdom can
change your life
more than
volumes of
books.”**

Letters from the Editor

Dear Colleagues and Members of the AOCD:

I had the privilege of attending a seminar in August called “Healthy Partnerships” at a patient advocacy conference that was held in Las Vegas. The conference lasted two days and dealt with some very interesting concepts that will directly involve our AOCD. The conference was very informative and beneficial especially for our organization and how it practices. The first day, 8/28/04, the focus was on advocacy of topics and the expansion of our practice by non-physician clinicians. It dealt with Nevada’s initiative to strengthen new reform and it dealt with advocacy training and successful lobbying at the level we are at. All of these lessons have extreme insight to be effective in enacting legislative and regulatory changes that will directly involve our AOCD. On the second day of the conference, 8/29/04, the focus was on

healthy association with management. Good tools on how to utilize these in everyday life were discussed. That portion of the meeting was designed to highlight our importance and association with management at our level in the workplace. It taught us how to do an audit in our association, highlight our opportunities and strengthen all work done for our society. On Saturday, breakfast began at 7:30 a.m. and lectures began at 8 a.m. On Sunday, breakfast dealt with self-auditing and special interests in our profession, those of how to deliver drugs to people in need of them.

I want to take time to thank the AOA and all the staff members for organizing such a great tool that will help us in running our practices more efficiently, both in a local and at state levels. I must confess that after attending this meeting, we owe a lot to people in the AOCD, more spe-

cifically, Dr. Cindy Hoffman for taking the time to write our policy manual five years ago. After attending this meeting, I have a special appreciation for all the work that she has done. Thank God we have people like Dr. Hoffman in our association.

If you have any questions concerning associations with self-auditing, utilizing advocacy training and successful lobbying at a high level, please contact with our Executive Director, Becky Mansfield, or myself.

Sincerely Yours,
Ronald C. Miller, DO, FAOCD

Dear Members of the AOCD,

This is a special call to all members to join the Foundation of Osteopathic Dermatology. The Foundation of Osteopathic Dermatology was founded in 2004 and is a very unique extension of the AOCD. The purpose is to improve and uplift the standards of the AOCD by raising awareness, increasing public health information, utilizing charitable events, and awarding the applicants of outstanding services in the osteopathic dermatology arena. Two research awards are available – the residents awards and the physicians awards. This also enables research grants to be distributed to the appropriate people. Research grants are awarded to osteopathic dermatology residents of an AOCD accredited institution that have done outstanding services, performed lectures and brought improvement of the AOCD to a higher standard. There is also an investigative grant which is given

annually to an osteopathic dermatologist who is a graduate of an accredited dermatology residency and practicing dermatology in an accredited institution for five years or less. The purpose of this grant is to foster research among young dermatologists and promising physician researchers meeting special criteria.

All requests and grants for awards are submitted in accordance and established guidelines and deadlines for these individual grants and are subject to review for established procedures by the Foundation Board of Directors. Applicants must submit an updated progress report to the Foundation 30 day prior to the projected date of the second payment. Locations for research grants are then reviewed for validity and content by the AOCD which submits a recommendation to the Board of Trustees concerning the Foundation. The board then makes a determination on the grant appli-

cants for the amount and grant monies allocated in these areas. Final applicants will be notified by the receipt of their application within 30 day and determination of the Board within 10 days on the action of the body. To me, this is a positive step forward for the AOCD. My call to all members involved in the AOCD is to make a special attempt to support the Foundation of Osteopathic Dermatology. Send all information in care of the AOCD, P.O. Box 7525, Kirksville, MO 63501.

Sincerely yours,

Ronald C. Miller, D.O.,
F.A.O.C.D.

AOF Outstanding Resident

Alpesh Desai, D.O., a 3rd year resident in the Western University/COMP program has been awarded the OPTI-West Research Award twice, the 2004 Ulbrich Research Award, 2004 Koprince Award, and the Allergan Award in 2003 and 2004.

Perhaps his most recent award is one that is especially special for our program and the AOCD. Dr. Desai has been awarded the Pfizer Outstanding Resident Award for 2004 presented by the American Osteopathic Foundation, and received a plaque and a \$5000 award at the American Osteopathic Association meeting on November 9, 2004

at the AOF honors ceremony and brunch. He was selected among numerous, highly qualified residents in all specialties. This honor reflects well for Dr. Desai as well as the American Osteopathic College of Dermatology as Dr. Desai is the first Osteopathic Dermatology Resident to receive this award. In addition, Alpesh has been appointed Associate Professor at Western University of Health Science where he will be teaching dermatology to first and second year medical students.

David Horowitz, DO, FAOCD



David Horowitz, D.O.; Stanley Skopit, D.O.; and Alpesh Desai, D.O.

Sun Coast Residents Published in National Journals

This was a very exciting year for our residency program. Four of our residents were showcased as authors in the March 2004, volume 23 (1), issue of Seminars in Cutaneous Medicine and Surgery. Marya Cassandra, DO, wrote the article, "The Intraepidermal Blistering Conditions," Matt Meullenhoff, DO, and Thi Tran, DO, wrote, "The Miscellaneous Blistering Disorders," and

Greg Houck, DO, wrote "Eczema and Spongiotic Dermatoses A Histologic and Pathogenic Update". They were all co-authored with Michael Morgan, MD, of the Department of Pathology of The University of South Florida, who was the guest editor of this issue.

We are very proud of Greg Houck for his second publication with Dr. Morgan enti-

tled, "Reappraisal of Histologic Findings of Pigmented Pre-tibial Patches of Diabetes Mellitus" in the February 2004, volume 31 (2) issue of the Journal of Cutaneous Pathology.

Bay Dermatology and Cosmetic Surgery, P.A.
Richard A. Miller, DO, FAOCD
Chief Executive Officer

"Wisdom is a paradox: It teaches us to have no limitations, but it also teaches us to be aware of the ones we have."

Top Dermatologists

DENVER'S TOP DOCTORS

Gregory G. Papadeas, D.O., F.A.O.C.D, Past President of the Colorado Dermatologic Society and the American Osteopathic College of Dermatology was selected by colleague physicians as Denver's "Top Dermatologist" as reported by 5280 Magazine. Physicians surveyed were asked who they would trust most for the dermatologic needs for themselves and their families.

Annual Meeting Moments



Colleagues enjoy each others company at the President's Banquet



AOCD Past Presidents Eugene Conte, DO; James Young, DO; and Matt Leavitt, DO



Hermann Esser and Rob McKeivitt of Opelco enjoy the AOCD hospitality at the President's Banquet.



Tracey Favreau, DO; Jere Mammimo, DO; and Christi Nielsen, AOCD staff



Gateway to Pier 39



Colleagues enjoy social time at the Welcome Reception Monday evening.



A time for friends and family. Ron Miller, DO, President; Robert Schwarze, DO, Past President and son Michael.

*"Take rest; a field that has rested gives a bountiful crop."
- Ovid*



Merritt Ross, MD guest speaker



Executive Committee meeting



James Bernard, DO, with Gunilla & Earl Bachenberg, DO



Former and current Kirkville residents gather with Lloyd Cleaver, DO (center)

Annual Meeting Moments



In-Training Exam



Residents take a break from exams.



In-Training Exam



Mrs. Mary Byrd; Roger Byrd, DO; Brooks Walker, DO; and Mike Scott, DO.

“Good ideas are not adopted automatically. They must be driven into practice with courageous patience.”

-Hyman Rickover



Koprince Award winners



Sea lions take a rest at Pier 39



Dr. David Roy presents his poster on “The Treatment of Rheumatoid Arthritis Associated Pyoderma Gangrenosum Using Etnaercept” at the Annual Meeting



Rick Mansfield, AOCD Administration Assistant with Gary Davis from Global Pathology



Friends and colleagues enjoy dinner at the President's Banquet.



Gene Graff, DO and Ed Yob, DO



Program Directors meeting on Saturday



***“It takes two to
communicate the
truth—one to
speak and
another to hear.”
- Henry David
Thoreau***

Executive Director’s Report

As we finish the final summation of the Annual Meeting in San Francisco, I am amazed at how fast the time has passed. Although I have done more traveling this summer and fall than I anticipated, the meetings I have attended have been very informative and productive. The opportunity to meet with other association executives and their board members or association representatives to discuss issues that affect all of us was very rewarding.

A report of activities in the national office since the summer newsletter are summarized below.

Annual Meeting

Dr. Ronald Miller put together an interesting and diverse program for the convention. Registration figures from the AOA indicate our member attendance was very good. AOCD activity registration information and other meeting information was sent out to all members after the AOA opened their registration this summer.

Midyear Meeting

Dr. Jay Gottlieb has begun the planning process for the next Midyear Meeting in Key West, Florida at the Pier House Hotel, April 13 - 16, 2005. Confirmation letters and related documentation have been sent to all speakers and residents currently confirmed for presentations.

Meetings

I attended the AOA’s Healthy Organizations Conference with Dr. Ron Miller in Las Vegas in August. This was an excellent program that covered multiple issues facing state and specialty associations. Hopefully the AOA will continue this program in the future as it was a great forum for discussion and the exchange of ideas among executive directors and association officers.

The Council on Postdoctoral Training held its first meeting in July. Although the name of the COPT has stayed the same, their responsibilities have changed following reorganization by the AOA Board of Trustees. I presented the proposed revisions to the AOCD Basic Standard for Residency Training in Dermatology and the AOCD Inspection Workbook. After reviewing the documents, the committee members approved the documents for placement on the AOA website for review and comment by any AOA member. All comments were reviewed at the October meeting of the COPT and the final document should be approved and passed on to the Bureau of Osteopathic Specialists and the Board of Trustees for final approval.

In September, Dr. Bob Schwarze and I attended the first meeting of the Council of Osteopathic Specialty Societies (COSS) in Washington, DC. Dr. Schwarze was appointed by AOA President George Thomas as our representative. This coun-

cil replaces the previous Council of Postdoctoral Training which was reorganized by the AOA Board of Trustees in July. All specialty colleges are represented on the COSS. The COSS was established to allow all specialties to meet together and discuss issues/problems they encounter in their training programs and related educational activities.

In July I attended the AOA Board of Trustees meeting and House of Delegates meeting. Dr. Lloyd Cleaver attended as our AOCD representative. Dr.’s Bruce McDonald, Richard Johnson and Cindy Hoffman attended as state representatives for their state associations.

The AOA hosted a “Healthy Organizations” conference for all specialty and state societies in Las Vegas in August. Dr. Ronald Miller and I attended this conference. Dr. Stanley Skopit attended the July session held in New York City. This was an excellent conference that covered association business activities, legislative issues, and responsibilities of association board members.

Education/Residents

One program inspection has been completed this fall and four more are pending. The Education Evaluation Committee met in September and November to review the residents’ annual reports. We have a total of 74 residents for the 2004 - 2005 training year - 30 first year, 22 second years, and 22 third years.

We encourage the membership to call, email or write the national office with any questions, concerns, or suggestions for the future of the AOCD.

Becky Mansfield
Executive Director



Classifieds

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