Hello, Everyone,

Here’s to a happy and healthy 2015!

The new year will bring many changes in graduate medical education for osteopathic physicians. Members from the AOA have been nominated to the ACGME Board of Directors; the Osteopathic Principles Committee has been appointed and has begun its work; and each specialty will soon have representatives on the ACGME’s educational Review Committee. Educational forums for Program Directors, Directors of Medical Education and Specialty Colleges will begin in January to assist with the transition. Programs may begin to apply for pre-accreditation status in July 2015.

The AOA and ACGME each have pages on their websites devoted to this transition, and they are regularly updated. Please visit the links below for up-to-date information on the process:

**American Osteopathic Association: The Single GME Accreditation System**
http://www.osteopathic.org/inside-aoa/single-gme-accreditation-system/Pages/default.aspx

**Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education: Single Accreditation System for AOA–Approved Programs**
http://acgme.org/acgmeweb/tahid/445/GraduateMedicalEducation/SingleAccreditationSystemforAOA–ApprovedPrograms.aspx

The AOCD will also see change. During the General Membership Meeting recently held in Seattle, the membership voted to accept the changes to the by-laws that had been presented last summer. Committees will soon be accepting additional members due to the elimination of required maximum seats allowed. The focus of AOCD CME meetings will also change, which will allow for greater flexibility in scheduling.

Change is never easy, especially after getting comfortable with the routine. Hopefully by July, we will all have a clearer picture of the future and what our roles will be. The AOCD will continue to work to keep the membership informed as new information is released.

We hope you will make plans to attend our Spring 2015 meeting in Charlotte, North Carolina, April 23-26. Lectures will begin at noon on April 23 and will conclude at noon on April 26. The meeting will take place at the Ritz Carlton in Charlotte. More information on the meeting can be found on our website at www.aocd.org and in our weekly Thursday Bulletin email blasts.

Please call or email the AOCD office at dermatology@aocd.org if you need assistance.

Sincerely,

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