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AOMA Shines Bright at AOA Annual Meeting

It was an extraordinary week for AOMA at the 2019 American Osteopathic Association (AOA) Annual Meeting. Eighteen AOMA physician and student delegates were led by Chair Kristin Nelson, DO, FAOCO-HNS and Vice Chair Shannon C. Scott, DO, FACOFP. They worked tirelessly on critical issues such as board certification reform, changes to AOA membership services, public health initiatives, and business of medicine improvements. More details will be included in the next edition of the AOMA Digest.

AOMA Honored with Prestigious AOA STAR Prize

AOMA was honored by the AOA with the prestigious 2019 Strategic Team Award and Recognition (STAR) Prize for its work on legislation to reduce administrative burdens, reducing regulatory stigma for physicians seeking treatment for behavioral health conditions, and partnering with Arizona State University to research, diagnose, and pursue interventions to eliminate root causes of physician burnout. AOMA President Christopher Labban, DO, HPF accepted the award during a presentation on the floor of the AOA House of Delegates meeting.



Shannon Scott, DO Re-elected to AOA Board of Trustees

AOMA Past President Shannon C. Scott, DO, FACOFP was re-elected to serve a new three-year term on the AOA Board of Trustees. In her first year serving as the AOA Board of Trustees Third Vice President, Dr. Scott has demonstrated exceptional, accomplished leadership on behalf of AOMA and the osteopathic profession.

Karen Nichols, DO Delivers Leadership and Vision

AOA & AOMA Past President and trailblazer Karen J. Nichols, DO, MA, MACOI, CS delivered an inspirational and visionary A.T. Still Memorial Lecture. Dr. Nichols was also re-elected chair of the United Federation of Osteopathic Societies (UFOs), which is a coalition of 40 smaller state societies to ensure the AOA policy development process and leadership representation are appropriately balanced.

Pete Wertheim Elected President of State Directors Association

AOMA Executive Director Pete Wertheim was elected president of the Association of Osteopathic State Executive Directors (AOSED) for a two-year term. AOSED was founded in 1918 to facilitate the development of osteopathic medical societies in promotion of the osteopathic medical profession.

AOMA 2019 Legislative Report

The [AOMA 2019 Legislative Affairs Report](#) is now available to AOMA members. The report provides important information about the 2019 legislative session and all of the newly enacted laws and how they will impact physicians and the healthcare system. Read about new graduate medical education funding, averted threats to vaccine laws, health plan practice reforms, Opioid Epidemic Act updates, scope of practice changes, expanded patient access to care, and much more.

Access to this comprehensive [summary](#) is exclusive to AOMA members and is one of the many benefits of membership. Login is required to view the report.



Meet the New AOA President

Ronald Burns, DO, FACOFP, a family medicine physician from Orlando, Florida, was [installed](#) as 2019-2020 president of the American Osteopathic Association during the Annual Meeting in Chicago. A graduate of Ohio University Heritage College of Osteopathic Medicine, Dr. Burns is a board-certified family medicine physician with a private practice in Orlando, Florida. He has represented the state of Florida in the AOA House of Delegates for the past 19 years. He has also been a member of the Florida Osteopathic Medical Association for over 29 years and served as its president from 2004-2005.



Congratulations, Dr. Burns.

CDC Director Announces HIV Epidemic Initiative

On July 17, 2019, Dr. Robert R. Redfield, Director of the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) along with Dr. Cara Christ, Director of the Arizona Department of Health Services (ADHS) and Dr. Eric Tack, interim clinical administrator for the Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System (AHCCCS) made a significant announcement regarding state efforts to end HIV transmission in Arizona. AHCCCS will be including Truvada as part of the medication formulary for high risk

patients that will help prevent the transmission of HIV in over 92% of persons taking it daily. This is to be used as part of a comprehensive regimen utilizing a robust educational program emphasizing prevention, treatment, and support.



AOMA President Dr. Christopher Labban, pictured with Dr. Redfield (left), issued the following statement on behalf of AOMA, “We applaud Governor Doug Ducey, ADHS, AHCCCS, and the CDC for taking bold new steps to bring new treatments and prevention options to Arizona that will help reduce the spread of HIV/AIDS. HIV/AIDS cases in Arizona have been steadily increasing and a more proactive approach is needed to reverse this trend.”

Click [here](#) to read an Arizona Republic article on the announcement.

Arizona Opioid Prescriber Education

Are you in compliance with Arizona opioid laws? Are you utilizing best prescribing practices? Do you understand how MAT can help patients? The Arizona Opioid Prescriber Education program developed by AOMA with the Arizona State University College of Health Solutions is **FREE** online continuing medical education for Arizona license renewal requirements for all providers. www.AzRxEd.org

Each module is accredited for all types of physicians, nurse practitioners, physician assistants, and pharmacists and is applicable for the mandated three hours of continuing medical education as stipulated in Arizona Revised Statutes 32-3248.02. Each module requires a separate log in and basic information to get started.



FREE CME for all providers

www.AzRxEd.org



Positive Returns On Your Membership Investment

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AOMA's Business Partners Program provides immediate access to national and local high-quality providers. Special rates have been negotiated and we have tested their ability to provide exceptional service for our association members.

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Still Time to Join Us for the 5th Annual Flagstaff Osteopathic Medical Conference

Earn CME in the cool pines of Flagstaff! The 5th Annual Flagstaff Medical Conference is Saturday, August 17, 2019 at Flagstaff Medical Center. Cost is \$25 for AOMA Members and \$60 for Nonmembers. Space is limited, so register today at www.az-osteo.org/FOMC.



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The AOMA designates this program for a maximum of 8.0 hours of AOA Category 1-A CME credits and will report CME credits commensurate with the extent of the physician's participation in this activity. This activity has been approved for *AMA PRA 1 creditsTM*.

Register for the AOMA 39th Annual Fall Seminar

The Arizona Osteopathic Medical Association 38th Annual Fall Seminar will be held November 2 & 3, 2019 in Tucson, Arizona. The theme of the Seminar is **Honoring Our Heritage - Shaping Our Future**. AOMA designates this program for 13.0 hours of AOA Category 1-A CME credits and will report CME credits commensurate with the extent of the physician's participation in this activity. This activity as been approved for *AMA PRA Category 1 creditsTM*. Application will be filed for AAFP Prescribed credits. Full agenda is pending.



AOMA 39th Annual Fall Seminar

Registration is available at www.az-osteo.org/2019Fall.

2019 EPSC Click for Control Webinars

The electronic prescribing of controlled substances (EPSC) is now legal in Arizona and [Health Current](#) has launched the [Click for Control](#) campaign to prepare Arizona prescribers for the new state requirements mandated by the Arizona Opioid Epidemic Act. All Arizona providers who electronically prescribe any Schedule II controlled substance must be in compliance by January 1, 2020.

Health Current is hosting a series of webinars from July to October on the new EPCS requirements. To register for a webinar go to: <https://healthcurrent.org/news-events/events/>

For more information about [Click for Control](#), visit <https://healthcurrent.org/information-center/controlled-substances/>



Physician Input Needed for Osteopathic Practice Survey

The AOA is conducting a [large-scale national survey](#) to gather data on the characteristics and activities of physicians engaged in distinctively osteopathic medical practice. All DOs certified by either AOA or ABMS are encouraged to participate. The evidence gathered will support a distinct osteopathic certification pathway for the AOA specialty boards.

The participation of AOA-certified physicians in the survey is critically important. Respondents will be asked to rate the importance and frequency of tasks and skills that osteopathically-trained physicians perform in their practice.

Individual responses will be confidential. All participants will receive one hour of 1-B CME credit and the opportunity to win one of two Amazon gift cards.

If you have any questions or difficulty accessing the survey, please email [AOA Staff](#).

[Complete The Survey](#)

August is National Immunization Awareness Month

National Immunization Awareness Month (NIAM) highlights the importance of vaccinations for people of all ages. We encourage you to promote the importance of immunizations to your patients, employees, and co-workers.

The NIAM Tool Kit contains newsletter articles, social media posts, and other ideas on how to spread the word in your community. Go to <https://healthfinder.gov/NHO/AugustToolkit.aspx>



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Patients are Looking for YOU!



Update Your Profile!

One of the benefits of AOMA membership is the **Find a Physician** public directory search. Make sure your practice information is up to date by logging in to your member profile on the AOMA website. When you do, prospective patients and potential referring physicians will be able to find you.

Join AOMA

Not an AOMA Member?

Join today and be a part of the 98-year tradition of the Arizona Osteopathic Medical Association!

Membership in AOMA is an affordable vehicle to keep abreast of national and local issues, protect your professional practice, enhance your specialized skills, further your career, and be a part of the future of osteopathic medicine in Arizona.

Refer a new AOMA member and receive a \$100 credit. Go to www.az-osteo.org/Recruit

Arizona Vaccine News



[T.I.P.S. Training](#)

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Website](#)

[CDC Immunization
Schedules](#)

[AOMA Calendar of Events-www.az-osteo.org](http://www.az-osteo.org)

5th Annual Flagstaff Osteopathic Medical Conference - August 17, 2019

Dinner with Doctors - Friday, October 18, 2019

AOMA Board of Trustees Meeting - November 1, 2019

AOMA 39th Annual Fall Seminar - November 2 & 3, 2019

AOMA House of Delegates - November 2, 2019

AOMA Board of Trustees Meeting - February 8, 2020

AOMA DO Day at the State Legislature - February 18, 2020

