An Important Announcement Regarding the AOMA 98th Annual Convention

With the state of emergency declared at the national and state levels regarding COVID-19, the Arizona Osteopathic Medical Association Board of Trustees met today. After a very thoughtful discussion and in the interest of public health and patient safety, the Board made the decision to reimagine the AOMA 98th Annual Convention as a “Virtual Convention” so that you may still earn your necessary continuing medical education credits while protecting your health and the health of others. AOMA has recorded its live conferences via webcast software for the past four years so moving to the livestream event is a logical and viable alternative.

What this means for you as a registrant

- The AOMA 98th Annual Convention originally scheduled to be held at the Embassy Suites by Hilton Scottsdale Resort on April 1-5, 2020 is cancelled as a live event.
- The AOMA 98th Annual Convention will be livestreamed online for the original five days April 1-5, 2020 as a “virtual convention”.
- This “virtual convention” is still eligible for AOA Category 1A credits and AMA PRA Category 1 credits™.
- During the livestream event, you will be able to ask questions of the speakers via the webcast platform.
- In addition to the livestream event, you will have access to the full agenda of lectures on an on-demand basis for 30 days after the event.
- The Virtual Convention schedule and instructions for accessing the lectures will be sent to you via email within the next 10 days.
- AOMA staff will be available to assist you with accessing the both the live webcast and the playback.

The AOMA Professional Education Committee and staff have worked diligently over the past year to provide a relevant and professional CME experience. Being able to offer this Virtual Convention is just one example of how the AOMA responds to the needs of its members.

Please have patience with the AOMA staff as they are a small team of three who must now address the details of finalizing the Virtual Convention and cancellation of the live event.
We will all miss the social aspects of the Convention but we can all be together in spirit as we persevere through this unprecedented global health emergency.

Thank you.

**FAQs Related to Cancellation of the Live Convention**

**What about my registration?**

As you are already registered for the AOMA 98th Annual Convention, you do not need to do anything to attend the “virtual convention” or access the on demand playback. If you have colleagues who are looking for an alternative for CME hours due to another cancelled event, we are still accepting registrations at [www.az-osteo.org/2020Conv](http://www.az-osteo.org/2020Conv).

**What about my reservation at Embassy Suites by Hilton Scottsdale Resort?**

You must call 480-949-1414 and cancel your own reservation with Embassy Suites by Hilton Scottsdale Resort. You will assess no penalties as long as you cancel 48 hours prior to the start of your booking. They will not allow our staff to cancel your reservation for you.

**What about my flight?**

When you call your airline, be sure to tell them that your live Convention was canceled. We’ve heard that some airlines have been lenient due to COVID-19 cancellations. Please note, this is an ever-evolving situation and we are unable to negotiate on your behalf and or guarantee any travel related refunds.