Board Selects New CEO
The AAO Board of Trustees interviewed three final candidates for AAO Executive Director on December 9, 2007 at the Chicago O’Hare Hilton Hotel. Subsequently, the Board offered the position to one of these three candidates, who accepted a preliminary offer subject to further contract negotiations. The Board’s Executive Committee will be responsible for those negotiations and expects to obtain a signed agreement by mid-January 2008. AAO President Claudia L. McCarty, DO, FAAO will make an official announcement following the receipt of a signed employment agreement and expects the new CEO to begin official duties by June 1, 2008. Other members of the Executive Committee include President-elect Guy A. DeFeo, DO; Secretary-Treasurer Mark S. Cantieri, DO, FAAO; and Immediate Past President Kenneth H. Johnson, DO, FAAO.

These developments conclude a six-month search for a new executive director. The Academy’s Search Committee first issued a call for applications late last spring and received a healthy number of resumes for review over the summer months. The Search Committee identified seven highly qualified applicants for telephone interviews conducted in September. From that initial round, the Committee recommended three candidates for face-to-face interviews with the full Board of Trustees. The Board approved the recommendation at the September 30 meeting in San Diego and then arranged for the final interviews on December 9 in Chicago. In the interim, the Academy’s leadership thoroughly checked references and prepared a list of interview questions and assignments for the final candidates.

AAO Reschedules
Dr. Schiowitz’s Beyond FPR
Stanley Schiowitz, DO, FAAO advised the AAO Education Committee that he had recovered from surgery and wished to reschedule his three advanced facilitated positional release (FPR) courses that originally were scheduled for the fall 2007. Negotiations with Dr. Schiowitz and host colleges of osteopathic medicine resulted in the following new schedule:

February 1-3
LECOM/Bradenton, FL

April 4-6
Des Moines University Osteopathic Medical Center, IA

June 6-8
Western University/COMP Pomona, CA

Dr. Schiowitz has specifically designed his NEW hands-on OMM workshop to integrate FPR as well as innovative new approaches for the normalization and treatment of dysfunctions that the physician will see in his/her office. The course will also include Dr. Schiowitz’s approach to the treatment of the extremities. Many new techniques will be demonstrated that will make the practicing physician more effective as well as more efficient both in time and effort expended. This course is designed only for experienced osteopathic physicians with knowledge of FPR who want to advance and enhance their skills. Please refer to the attached registration flyer for complete details and send in your registration promptly, as space is limited in these three programs.
As I write this penultimate column for the AAO Newsletter, the AAO Board of Trustees is involved in contract negotiations with the new executive director and may very well have made an official announcement by the time readers receive my comments. I want to emphasize that I am looking forward to the next six months of service to the AAO, particularly to the 2008 Convocation in Dallas. Ironically, the 1993 event in the same city and at this same hotel was my first experience in coordinating an AAO Convocation. I pledge my focused attention to the work of the Academy throughout the remaining months of my tenure as your CEO.

I want to call your attention to the Mission Statement, Vision Statements, and framework for the Academy’s 2008-2011 Strategic Plan, which will serve as a guide for the elected leadership and staff in the next few years (see material on page 3). From my perspective, the Academy is a most viable and stable osteopathic organization under the current elected leadership and staff. I have every confidence that the AAO will continue to grow and make significant contributions to the advancement of osteopathy as a mainstream branch of medicine in the future.

Is there anything that I wished the organization could have accomplished during my tenure that has not yet been achieved? I have reflected on that question a fair amount and want to share my response with you before I hand over the reins to a new CEO. Perhaps these thoughts might serve as a catalyst for AAO leaders in their future planning for the organization.

In 1971, when the Academy of Applied Osteopathy reconstituted the society as the American Academy of Osteopathy, the organization relocated its headquarters to Colorado Springs with the intent to create a graduate education center for use by all osteopathic physicians. Work at this center would focus on documentation of the unique nature of osteopathic medical care, with an emphasis on research on the efficacy and outcomes of osteopathic manipulative treatment in order to help the profession “maintain its identity as a separate school of health care.” History has shown that the Academy was unable to reach this lofty goal, primarily due to the lack of financial resources to bring it to fruition.

When I became aware of that history, I began to shape my own vision for an AAO educational center that would use the most advanced technology available to create training programs that would promote the increased use of osteopathic principles and practices and OMT in the care of patients. I pictured an AAO headquarters that contained not only a skills lab to accommodate hands-on continuing medical education programs, but that also would contain the equipment that would enable the AAO to “uplink” these programs via satellite for simultaneous broadcast to multiple offsite locations, true “osteopathic distance learning,” if you will. Local ancillary faculty and table trainers would be at the remote “downlink” sites to maximize the interactive educational experience for participants. Included in the AAO facility would be a state-of-the-art studio where the Academy could produce the highest quality electronic DVDs, featuring the OMM masters of the profession. The AAO would make that media available for purchase or downloadable via the Internet (accredited online CME) for individual physicians to view in their offices and/or homes, for colleges of osteopathic medicine to supplement their OMM curriculum, and for both osteopathic and allopathic internship/residency programs to augment their osteopathic training. Such a center might eventually redefine the concept of mentoring and maximize use of the profession’s limited number of master teachers.

I strongly believe that the osteopathic medical profession has shortchanged its students, interns and residents by not demanding that its clinical rotations and postdoctoral training programs be explicitly “osteopathic.” My regret is that the Academy has not been more successful in influencing the broader profession to stave off the spiraling decline in graduates’ choice of osteopathic graduate medical education. For Example, only 44% of the 2005 graduating class participated in the AOA’s Intern/Resident Registration Program. The Academy’s leadership, nevertheless, continues in its resolve to change the paradigm of graduate medical education, evidenced by the first goal in the AAO’s 2008-2011 Strategic Plan.

In my first year as the AAO Executive Director, I became aware of a research project conducted by the American Osteopathic Hospital Association (AOHA) that resulted in a manuscript entitled Voices from the Future. AOHA conducted a series of eight focus research groups between July 1991 and January 1992, designed in part, to elucidate osteopathic medical students’ (OMS) perceptions of their college and hospital training experiences and their searches for postdoctoral training programs. The AOHA’s ultimate goal was to attract students to osteopathic internship and residency programs. One of the striking findings for me was that: “In the students’ view, the osteopathic medical profession is strengthened when its members have varied training experiences. Certainly, osteopathic principles and practices, including osteopathic manipulative treatment (OMT), are an important component of this varied training experience.”

Over my years of experience in this position, I have seen...
the number of osteopathic medical students who attend AAO Convocation grow from 239 OMS in 1993 to a record 543 in 2007. American Osteopathic Association leaders are amazed at the number of students that attend AAO Convocation – more than at any other gathering at AOA affiliates’ meetings. The simple reason is that the Academy offers students an unparalleled educational opportunity to rub shoulders with the masters of the profession and greatly enhance the education in OPP and OMT. Each year, the Academy contacts AOA-approved internship and residency programs with a suggestion that they participate as exhibitors at AAO Convocation where they have access to students who share a keen interest in osteopathic training. Sadly in my opinion, too few of these programs take advantage of this unique opportunity to grow their programs with students passionate about this profession.

Finally, I am disappointed that the Academy has not produced an updated history of the organization to chronicle events and achievements since its founding in 1937. Secretary Dr. Margaret Barnes wrote the first AAO history, which covered the period from 1937 to 1971 (see previous citation). In early 1992, the AAO Board of Governors approved the Academy’s first long range plan and updated it in 1995. The revision included a goal “to publish a history of the AAO and its contributions to osteopathy” by the year 2000. John P. Goodridge, DO, FAAO served as an AAO elected officer from the late 1960 to 1992, including 1971-1972 President and Secretary-Treasurer from 1973-1992. In 2001, Dr. Goodridge voluntarily sent me an unpublished outline of what he termed “History of the AAO by a Devil’s Advocate,” which should serve as an invaluable resource of material. The AAO Publications Committee has informally approached a potential author to write the Academy’s history but not yet consummated any agreement. I remain hopeful that this project will move forward so that the Academy will have an updated history by the end of its eighth decade as a healthy and viable osteopathic organization.

My wish for all Academy members is that 2008 will bring much prosperity and success in their unique expressions of the practice of osteopathy. I look forward to greeting you all at the 2008 AAO Convocation in Dallas.

4Ibid. p. 1277.

MISSION STATEMENT
The Mission of the American Academy of Osteopathy is to teach, advocate, and research the science, art and philosophy of osteopathic medicine, emphasizing the integration of osteopathic principles, practices and manipulative treatment in patient care.

VISION STATEMENTS
The AAO is a resource of educational excellence on osteopathy. The AAO serves the osteopathic medical profession as an advocate, resource and guide in policy making and standard setting.

The AAO facilitates programs promoting collaborative efforts that further OPP/NMM research and training.

The AAO provides a source for fellowship for those interested in OPP/NMM.

The AAO fosters an environment of mentoring for physicians, physicians in training and students of osteopathy.

GOALS

Education
Foster a change in training that enables improvement of OPP, NMM and OMM (OMT) knowledge, skills, and utilization for the betterment of patients health.

Advocacy
Build advocacy efforts to foster the universal application of OPP, NMM, and OMM throughout all of healthcare.

Research
Increase the participation, visibility, and promotion of quality NMM/OMM research and research training.

Organization Management
Reinforce the AAO’s position as a healthy and viable osteopathic medical organization – both nationally and internationally – by improving its accessibility, visibility, and relevance.

Pikeville College School of Osteopathic Medicine

Chair, Department of Family Medicine

This is a full time position. Applicants should have experience in academic medicine, be a member of the AOA, board certified in family medicine by the ABOFP, have a current unrestricted medical license and physically capable of performing the duties. The successful candidate will be responsible for the teaching, mentoring, planning, curricular design and oversight of the clinical education of first- and second-year osteopathic medical students. Faculty rank and salary are commensurate with experience. Applicants should submit a letter of interest, curriculum vitae and the names of three references to: Search Committee, Pikeville College School of Osteopathic Medicine, 147 Sycamore Street, Pikeville, KY 41501, or by e-mail to jslone@pc.edu.

Assistant Professor, Department of Osteopathic Principles and Practice

This is a full time position. Applicants should have experience in academic and clinical medicine, be a member of the AOA, board certified by an AOA certifying board (AOBSPOMM or AOBNMM preferred), have a current unrestricted medical license and physically capable of performing the duties. The successful candidate will be responsible for teaching OPP/OMT to osteopathic medical students in the classroom, laboratory and clinical settings. Faculty rank and salary are commensurate with experience. Candidates should submit a letter of interest, curriculum vitae and the names of three references to: R.G. Litman, D.O., at 147 Sycamore St., Pikeville, Kentucky 41501 or by e-mail to rlitman@pc.edu.

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AAO Newsletter/3
Plan Now to Attend AAO Convocation in Dallas

The Education Committee mailed to all AAO members the registration materials for the AAO Convocation scheduled for March 26-30, 2008 at the Hotel InterContinental in Addison (Dallas), TX. The Committee encourages you to mark these dates on your calendar now and plan to attend. Program Chairperson John G. Hohner, DO, FAAO has organized the program around the theme “Unlocking the Secrets of the Thoracic Cage: Applying functional anatomy and physiology to clinical practice.” In addition to an impressive list of keynote speakers, Dr. Hohner continues the time-honored series of hands-on workshops presented by masters of the profession. You will find a detailed review of the workshops in the brochure. The AAO staff encourages members to make their hotel reservations early, as the prime accommodations are likely to go quickly.

Dr. Hohner also has recruited several speakers who will likely be new to AAO members. Hence, the editors are pleased to feature three of these presenters in this newsletter. David E. Teitelbaum, DO will deliver a Friday morning lecture entitled “Osteopathy for Bird Flu Pandemics: 1917 and Soon.” A 1984 graduate of the Texas College of Osteopathic Medicine, Dr. Teitelbaum maintains an OMM specialty practice in Fort Worth, TX. The Flu Pandemic of 1917 killed 500,000 people in the United States and over 50 million worldwide. During that pandemic, those treated with osteopathic manipulation were 25 times more likely to survive than those treated with conventional means alone. Participants in Dr. Teitelbaum’s workshop will learn osteopathic treatments used during the 1917 pandemic. He will also demonstrate a rapid and effective treatment for the thoracic cage.

Natalie Nevins, DO will open Saturday morning’s sessions with a lecture entitled “Breath of Life: An Eastern Approach,” and conduct a three-hour afternoon workshop with the same title. Dr. Nevins’ objectives include a review and discussion of the science of breath and how it relates to different states of health, consciousness and emotion. She will discuss how proper diaphragmatic breathing impacts the immune, cardiovascular, neurologic, and gastrointestinal systems, as well as how posture, ergonomics and stress impact breathing. Participants will learn Yogic breathing techniques and meditations to improve overall health and wellness. A 1997 graduate of the College of Osteopathic Medicine of the Pacific, Dr. Nevins currently serves as the Director of Medical Education at Downey Regional Medical Center for the Family Medicine Residency Program and Program Director for the Neuromusculoskeletal Medicine and Osteopathic Manipulative Medicine Residency Program. She is certified in both NMM/OMM and osteopathic family practice.

Dr. Hohner has scheduled Polly E. Leonard, DO for a Saturday morning breakout session entitled “Treating the Front of the Back.” In this hands-on workshop, Dr. Leonard will present a three-dimensional interrelationship between the anterior and posterior thoracic musculature that will enable participants to gain an understanding of this body area that will enhance their treatment of patients. A 1996 graduate of the University of New England College of Osteopathic Medicine, Dr. Leonard is a family physician practicing in Warwick, RI, with an emphasis in osteopathic manipulative medicine. She serves on the Board of Trustees and is Chief of Family Practice at Kent Hospital in Warwick. She earned her certification in NMM/OMM in November 2004. During her undergraduate training, Dr. Leonard completed pre-doctoral fellowships in both OMM and anatomy, the latter under the tutelage of Frank H. Willard, PhD. She also was President of the AAO’s National Undergraduate Teaching Fellows Association from 1994-1996. Dr. Leonard received UNECOM’s Charles W. Sauter Award in 1996 in recognition of excellence and potential in osteopathic medicine.

Sunday morning’s program will feature Zinaida Pelkey, DO lecturing on “Osteopathic Implications in Breast Cancer Treatment.” How can DOs use their osteopathic knowledge and skills in the prevention and treatment of breast cancer and post surgical lymphedema? In her abstract, Dr. Pelkey writes: “Breast Cancer takes an overwhelming toll on the lives of women. In some parts of the U.S., one woman in eight will be diagnosed with breast cancer. Osteopathy can make a difference in the prevention of cancer by eliminating structural obstructions to...
optimal physiologic function. By guiding and motivating our patients towards healthy lifestyles that eliminate risk factors, we can decrease the likelihood of the development of cancer. Pre- and Post-operative osteopathic treatment can improve outcomes and reduce risk factors for surgical complications and sequellae such as lymphedema. Our osteopathic training gives us an in-depth understanding of the lymphatic system that our allopathic colleagues may be lacking. We have the ability to institute preventive measures, to make the earliest diagnosis without any high tech diagnostic studies, and to treat existing cases more effectively than any other available modality. Attendees will learn to effectively treat their patients to prevent the development of cancer. They will be able to prepare patients for surgery and treat them post-operatively to prevent adverse outcomes and lymphedema. They will be able to diagnose and treat existing cases of lymphedema effectively.” A 1992 graduate of the New York College of Osteopathic Medicine, Dr. Pelkey maintains a clinical practice in New York City, focusing on applied osteopathy in infants, children and adults.

O’Connell has an osteopathic manipulative medicine practice - Pain Alternatives, Inc. - in Dayton, OH.

Another AAO Past President (2003-2004), Dennis J. Dowling, DO, FAAO will lecture on Terminology, Kinesiology, Rib Motions and conduct a workshop entitled Facilitated Positional Release for Thoracic Cage Dysfunctions. FPR is a modality that is comfortably applied, effective and easily learned and utilized. Combined with a rapid diagnosis process, it is quickly applied with often-dramatic results. Several somatic dysfunctions of the thoracic cage can be treated in the span of time that some other modalities may treat one dysfunction. Developed by Stanley Schiowitz, DO, FAAO, FPR is an important OMT tool in the treatment of dysfunction. Participants will be capable of discussing the theoretical basis of FPR and will demonstrate the application of FPR to thoracic cage somatic dysfunctions. Dr. Dowling and current AAO President Claudia L. McCarty, DO, FAAO jointly own OMM Associates, PC in Syosset, Long Island, NY.

Thursday’s lineup includes Judith A. O’Connell, DO, FAAO, who will lecture and present a workshop on Holographic Fascial Diagnosis and Treatment Using the Diaphragms of the Thoracic Cage. Participates will learn to appreciate and palpate the holographic structure of the fascia and identify patterns of dysfunction, use the diaphragms of the thoracic cage as important portals of entry to the holographic fascia for diagnosis and treatment of the whole patient, and practice treating primary patterns of dysfunction with bioelectric fascial activation and release. A 1992-1993 AAO Past President, Dr.

Thursday’s program winds up with a workshop on Muscle Energy Treatment for Thoracic Cage Dysfunction led by Walter C. Ehrenfeuchter, DO, FAAO. “I just can’t seem to get this rib to move! Why won’t this T5 dysfunction stay fixed? How on earth do you get R2-R4 mobilized?” Dr. Ehrenfeuchter will address the answers to all these questions and more that attendees have not even thought to ask. Find out how to approach those hard-to-get thoracic and rib dysfunctions using the muscle energy technique. Dr. Ehrenfeuchter is the Chair of the Department of Osteopathic Manipulative Medicine at the Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine – Georgia Campus in Suwanee.

Friday’s program spotlights OMM “stars” applying traditional osteopathy in diagnosis and treatment of the thoracic cage. Michael L. Kuchera, DO, FAAO leads off the morning with a lecture on Chapman’s Reflexes and holds afternoon workshops on the Pragmatic Integration of Chapman’s Reflexes. Dr. Kuchera describes Chapman’s reflexes as eas-

Dr. Hohner invited the always-popular Hugh M. Ettlinger, DO, FAAO to return to the Convocation program to lecture on Lymphatics and provide a hands-on workshop on Lymphatic Treatments. The workshop will focus on the overall design of a lymph drainage treatment, including the respiratory/circulatory model and lymph pump techniques, with a focus on the importance of ribs and rib mechanics. He will explore unusual rib mechanics related to upper-thoracic function and the thoracic inlet with a treatment approach for this aspect of rib dysfunction. The lab will also include the diagnosis and treatment of Sibson’s fascia, and lymph pump for both peripheral and central parts of the lymphatic system. Clinical correlations for postmastectomy lymphedema will be considered. Dr. Ettlinger is the neuromusculoskeletal medicine and osteopathic manipulative medicine residency director at St. Barnabas in the Bronx, NY.
ily palpated tissue texture changes that enhance differential diagnosis of systemic dysfunction or disease. His hands-on workshop will feature a quick 90-second screening examination of these viscerosomatic reflexes that can be easily integrated with a patient’s history and physical examination. It will also integrate palpation for the supportive diagnostic characteristics of collateral ganglion tenderness and somatic dysfunction in related areas of segmental facilitation. A demonstration of the diagnosis and treatment of several common clinical conditions (e.g. irritable bowel syndrome) will summarize the use of these important reflexes. Dr. Kuchera is the Director of OMM Research in PCOM’s Human Performance & Biomechanics Lab.

Kenneth E. Nelson, DO, FAAO will conduct hands-on workshops on *Thoracic Cage HVLA*. This workshop is intended to provide the attendee with the ability to diagnose and treat (with HVLA procedures) somatic dysfunction of the thoracic spine and ribs. The precise diagnosis of articular somatic dysfunction allows for the application of highly specific manipulative treatment. HVLA procedures, when properly performed, are precise and highly time efficient. HVLA procedures, when precisely applied, require minimal final corrective force. Dosage and treatment regimens will be discussed. Now retired from active clinical practice, Dr. Nelson previously practiced family medicine in Chicago and served as an Associate Professor in the Department of Osteopathic Manipulative Medicine at the Chicago College of Osteopathic Medicine. He is the Editor of the 2007 book entitled *Somatic Dysfunction in Osteopathic Family Medicine*, published by Lippincott, Williams & Wilkins. Among his objectives for this workshop, Dr. Nelson indicates that participants will learn how to (1) diagnose articular somatic dysfunction involving the thoracic spine and ribs; (2) recognize the relationship between thoracic cage somatic dysfunction and the patient’s total body pattern; (3) recognize the indications and contraindications for the use of HVLA OMT procedures; and (4) employ different HVLA procedures to articular somatic dysfunction affecting the thoracic cage.

Rounding out Friday’s afternoon workshop options is one entitled *Thoracic Cage Counterstrain*, featuring John C. Glover, DO, FAAO. This workshop will explore the relationships between anterior and posterior counterstrain tender-points and how they relate to the viscera. Modifications for outpatient and inpatient settings, as well as vertically challenged individuals will be explored. Dr. Glover is Chair of the Department of Osteopathic Manipulative Medicine at Touro University College of Osteopathic Medicine in Vallejo, CA and an AAO Past President (2001-2002). He has served as program chairperson for many counterstrain courses offered by the Academy over the years and is co-author with Herbert A. Yates, DO, FAAO of *Counterstrain Handbook of Osteopathic Technique*. Dr. Glover also serves as Chair of the Educational Council on Osteopathic Principles, a committee of the American Association of Colleges of Osteopathic Medicine.

One Saturday morning, workshop will feature Boyd R. Buser, DO on *Respiratory – Circulatory Treatment*. He will focus on the critical role of the superior thoracic aperture in the movement of air and fluids (especially the low pressure circulatory systems) in the body. Technique approaches will include HVLA and articular, as well as other techniques for augmenting pressure gradients in the thoracoabdominopelvic cylinder, based on the work of J. Gordon Zink, DO. Dr. Buser indicates that, by the end of the workshop, participants will (1) understand the unique anatomical characteristics that contribute to the critical effect of the superior thoracic aperture on respiratory and circulatory function; (2) learn HVLA technique approach to the treatment of the superior thoracic aperture; and (3) learn a variety of techniques for augmenting pressure gradients in the thoracoabdominopelvic cylinder. A former Chair of the Department of Osteopathic Manipulative Medicine and Associate Dean for Clinical Affairs at the University of New England College of Osteopathic Medicine, Dr. Buser was recently appointed as Vice President and Dean of the Pikeville College School of Osteopathic Medicine. Dr. Buser served as AAO President in 1995-1996 and Secretary-Treasurer from 2000-2006.

Finally, Dr. Hohner has recruited Richard L. Van Buskirk, DO, PhD, FAAO to present a workshop entitled *Still Technique for Thoracic Cage Dysfunctions*. He will address Still Technique for the ribs and thorax, including applications for first ribs, thoracic spine and ribs 2 through 12. He will also cover indirect, and then direct techniques, derived from the method of Dr. A.T. Still for seated and supine patients. He emphasizes that these techniques are applicable to all physician practices, and in both outpatient and inpatient settings. Dr. Van Buskirk maintains an OMM practice in Sarasota, FL and is author of the AAO publication *Applications of a Rediscovered Technique of Andrew Taylor Still*, now in its second edition. He also serves as program chair of the Academy’s popular CME program on the Still Technique and is a member of the AAO Board of Governors.
Among the four optional Saturday afternoon breakout sessions is a three-hour workshop on Osteopathic Medical Records for National Research, featuring Bryan Larsen, PhD, Dean for University Research and Biomedical Graduate Studies at Des Moines University. Co-presenting with Dr. Bryan Larsen, Des Moines University, Marie Penkake, MS is the programmer for the eSOAP Note (desktop). She is lead on training materials and implementation. Marie has a Master’s in Science degree from Drake University.

This presentation will focus on the importance of osteopathic physicians having a uniform and functional method for recording the uniquely osteopathic procedures applied to musculoskeletal examination and treatment, and will indicate the strategic importance for physicians practicing OMM to combine their clinical experiences into a large data set that can be evaluated through well-established methods of data analysis. The creation of an electronic SOAP note that encompasses medical history and physical data collection in general and the results of the osteopathic structural examination in particular, represents the first AAO initiated and sanctioned data collection tool that may be an initial step in developing a profession-wide collection of data that gives evidence

of practice patterns, preferred diagnostic and therapeutic procedures and clinically observed efficacy. Such profession-wide information could be useful for various research studies and for helping to establish the validity of osteopathic techniques for defined pathologies. In order to obtain profession-wide data, the electronic SOAP note (eSOAP) has been constructed so that de-identified patient records may be copied from the physician’s office computer by means of web service to a National Osteopathic Database which operates through a portal, that not only provides a repository for de-identified patient records, but provides a location where discussions about data use and other relevant issues may be taken up by users at anytime 24-7-365. This presentation will discuss both the philosophy of the use of large data sets and will provide a walk-through of both the eSOAP and the National Osteopathic Database.

Osteopathic Medicine & Physical Therapy Group of NE Wisconsin
1010 S. Oneida Street
Appleton, WI 54915

WANTED:

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Mount Clemens Regional Medical Center (MCRMC) has retained Quick Leonard Kieffer to conduct a national search for a Vice President of Medical Affairs and Chief Medical Officer.

MCRMC is a 288-bed acute care hospital located in Mount Clemens, Michigan. More than 2000 employees work at MCRMC, making it one of Macomb County’s top employers.

The VPMA/CMO reports to the CEO and will be a key member of the executive team, by serving as the medical leader with a focus on excellence and innovation. He/She will champion the use of evidence-based medicine to effect clinical outcomes.

If you would like to recommend individuals for this opportunity, or would like more information yourself, please contact Pat Ahern or Brian Barton of Quick Leonard Kieffer, at (312) 876-9800 or via email at pahern@qlksearch.com and bbarton@qlksearch.com.
## 2008 AAO Calendar of Events

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For information regarding any AAO courses, please contact Kelli Bowersox at 317/879-1881. Register online at: www.academyofosteoopathy.org/continuing education/CME courses

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**Dallas Osteopathic Study Group**

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FAAOs Present Gift to AAO Members

AAO President Claudia L. McCarty, DO, FAAO appointed Melicien A. Tettambel, DO, FAAO to serve as chairperson of an Evening with the FAAOs, scheduled at the beginning of the 2008 AAO Convocation from 7:00 – 9:00 pm on Wednesday, March 26. This event is open to ALL Convocation registrants and is a volunteer service provided annually by Fellows of the American Academy of Osteopathy. Dr. Tettambel has entitled this year’s presentation as Jeopardy: Name that FAAO. Please make your plans now to arrive in Dallas in time to attend this entertaining program that will kick off the 2008 Convocation!

NMM/OMM Residents Take Inservice Exam

The AAO’s Postdoctoral Standards and Evaluation Committee has responsibility for oversight of all AOA-approved residency training programs in neuromusculoskeletal medicine and osteopathic manipulative medicine (NMM/OMM), including the two-year NMM/OMM residency, the plus-one-year NMM/OMM option program, and the three-year integrated family practice/NMM program. The Committee requires that all NMM/OMM residents take an annual in-service examination, scheduled this year from 11:00 am – 5:00 pm on Wednesday, March 26, 2008 during the AAO Convocation in Dallas. The written examination will begin at 11:00 am, with practical examinations immediately following.

Committee Requests Aid in Recruiting Exhibitors

The Academy’s Education Committee seeks your assistance in recruiting exhibitors for the 2008 AAO Convocation in Dallas. Please inform your “favorite” vendor that the exhibition is scheduled for Wednesday, March 26 through Friday, March 28 in the exhibition hall at the Hotel InterContinental. The exhibition fee ranges from $1,050-1,200 and includes advertising in the workbook distributed to over 1,000 DOs and osteopathic medical students anticipated for this year’s program. This event is the premier gathering of the world’s most gifted practitioners in osteopathic manipulative medicine. Tell the representative that you expect their company either to be present for the exhibition or to provide an unrestricted educational grant to support the program. The company will surely benefit from this exposure. Refer them to Marketing/Course Coordinator, Kelli Bowersox, at the AAO headquarters who will provide them with additional information and registration materials. The representatives may also download an exhibit prospectus from the front page of the AAO website www.academyofosteopathy.org.

AAO Members in the News

AAO member and osteopathic leader Ethan Allen, DO, and his wife, Alice, were recently honored by the Boy Scouts of America as recipients of the “2007 Rio Hondo Good Scout Award” in recognition of their professional and volunteer work in the community. Dr. Allen is also considered one of the saviors of osteopathic medicine. His efforts were instrumental in the preservation of the DO degree in the 1960s when the California Medical Board sought to convert all DOs into MDs. AOA Trustee Norman E. Vinn, DO, was in attendance at the Awards Banquet to see Dr. Allen and his wife accept this honor. Congratulations! (Source: AOA Daily Report 12/6/07)

Hollis H. King, DO, PhD, FAAO represented the American osteopathic profession at a World Health Organization (WHO) Consultation on December 10-12 in Abu Dhabi in the United Arab Emirates (UAE). The WHO convened this diverse working group of international health care representatives to discuss key technical issues and draft new guidelines relating to the design and evaluation of clinical studies of traditional medicine. These guidelines aim to provide guidance on ensuring the quality of clinical trials, based on the standards for clinical trials in modern medicine while taking into account the characteristics of traditional medicine. Dr. King is the Assistant Director of the Osteopathic Research Center in Fort Worth, TX. He was AAO President in 2002-2003 and currently serves as a member of the AAO Board of Governors and AAO Yearbook Editor.

Nicette Sergueef, DO (France) is the author of Cranial Osteopathy for Infants, Children and Adolescents, just recently published by Elsevier. She is an Adjunct Assistant Professor in the Department of Osteopathic Manipulative Medicine at the Chicago College of Osteopathic Medicine. The 336-page book includes 240 illustrations and is a practical ‘how to’ handbook for osteopathic students and practitioners. The approach is based upon cranial osteopathic principles and provides the application of indirect, functional osteopathic manipulative methods for treating infants and children. Fundamental information about the diagnosis of somatic dysfunction and application of treatment is presented in a clear, straightforward style and illustrated by extensive line drawings and photographs. Readers can access details about the book via the Internet at http://intl.elsevierhealth.com/catalogue/title.cfm?ISBN=9780443103520.

William Morris, DO, Chair of the Department of Osteopathic Manipulative Medicine at Touro College of Osteopathic Medicine in Harlem, NY, was featured in several media outlets promoting the use of OMT to treat sinusitis. The article, first reported by HealthDay News and run online by US News & World Report, among others, responds to a new British study that found that antibiotics are no more effective than placebos in treating sinusitis. You can access the article online at http://health.usnews.com/usnews/health/healthday/071204/sinusitis-treatments-found-ineffective.htm.

Steven F. Rubin, DO, was appointed by the Medical Board of the Valley Hospital in Ridgewood, NJ, as Chair of the Department of Family Medicine for the 2008-2012 term. Dr. Rubin presently serves as President of the American College of Osteopathic Family Physicians and has served as Associate Chair for the Department of Family Medicine for the past eight years. (Source: AOA Daily Report 12/5/07)

Brian F. Degenhardt, DO is the recipient of the Osteopathic Heritage Foundation Research Chair at the Kirsksville College of Osteopathic Medicine. He is a 1989 graduate of the Des Moines University Osteopathic Medical Center and currently serves as KCOM Assistant Vice President for osteopathic research and director of the Still Research Institute. The
Dr. Buser becomes New Pikeville Dean

On behalf of the Board of Trustees at Pikeville College, President Hal Smith announced on November 30 the appointment of Boyd R. Buser, DO as the permanent Vice President and Dean of the Pikeville College School of Osteopathic Medicine. PCSOM had hired Dr. Buser as Interim VP and Dean in September to replace founding VP and Dean John A. Strosnider. Dr. Buser had passed away on June 21, 2007. Dr. Buser previously served as the Associate Dean for Clinical Affairs at the University of New England College of Osteopathic Medicine, where he was also Interim Vice President for Health Services and Dean.

A fellow of the American College of Osteopathic Family Physicians, he was re-elected as 1st Vice President to the American Osteopathic Association (AOA) Board of Trustees in July. Dr. Buser was also recently appointed to the Current Procedural Terminology editorial panel by the Board of Trustees of the American Medical Association. He is the first DO to be appointed to the panel.

As past president of the American Academy of Osteopathy, the New England Academy of Osteopathy, the Maine Osteopathic Association (MOA), and former chairman of the National Board of Osteopathic Medical Examiners, Dr. Buser maintains a leadership role within the osteopathic medical profession. A member of the AOA’s board since 2004, he serves the AOA in a number of other capacities, including chairman of the Bureau of Emerging States’ Concerns and member of the Bureau of Osteopathic Clinical Education and Research. (Source: PCSOM News Release 11/30/07)

Dr. Buser had published on December 3 an opinion-editorial in the Lexington (Kentucky) Herald-Leader on the impending physician shortage. Although the Herald-Ledger made changes, such as the use of “osteopath” over osteopathic physician, the op-ed favorably describes the invaluable role DOs play in addressing the physician shortage, especially in rural areas, as DOs are the fastest growing segment of health care providers and have a traditional focus on primary care. Readers can access Dr. Buser’s full opinion online at http://www.kentucky.com/story/247969.html (Source: AOA Daily Report 12/4/07)

Please Remember AAO in 2007 Year-end Donations

AAO President Claudia L. McCarty, DO, FAAO invites all Academy members to be among the first to contribute to the new “Presidents Club” level of the Golden Ram Society, the AAO’s annual fund. Dr. McCarty wrote to past A.T. Still Club level donors to advise them of this new level and invite them to consider increasing their annual contribution during the 2007 tax year. As of December 4, the AAO has received seven $2,500 contributions to this year’s Golden Ram Society from nine members – Mark S. Cantieri, DO, FAAO; Anthony G. Chila, DO, FAAO; Richard A. Feely, DO, FAAO; John C. Glover, DO, FAAO and Charlene James, DO, PhD; and Daniel J. Kary, DO; Claudia L. McCarty, DO, FAAO and Dennis J. Dowling, DO, FAAO; and Gary L. Ostrow, DO. While several donations arrived virtually on the same day, Dr. Chila technically has earned bragging rights since he was the first to call AAO headquarters with his contribution. Thanks to all who have responded so generously with their charitable donations to this annual appeal.

The Academy’s leadership encourages all AAO members to support this annual fund. As of December 26, 226 donors have already contributed a total of $61,108.38–94.1% of the $65,000 goal. This is running substantially ahead of last year (primarily due to the addition of the President’s Club level). On December 15, 2006, the total was 234 donors contributing $44,745.52. Thanks to all AAO members for their loyal support of this annual fund raising program!

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at the Holiday Inn Select Airport Hotel in Indianapolis to administer oral, practical and written certification examinations.

The AOBNNM once again reaffirmed its stance that the recertification examination will consist of the *same written test* that the Board prepares for candidates seeking initial certification in neuromusculoskeletal medicine and osteopathic manipulative medicine (NMM/OMM.) The Board has taken steps to document the validity and reliability of the written examination, as well as to ensure that it reflects the actual specialty practice of physicians who hold certification in this discipline.

Physicians who earned certification in special proficiency in osteopathic manipulative medicine (SP-OMM) prior to December 31, 1994, received non-time-dated certificates and are not required to sit for recertification examination. DOs who earned either SP-OMM or NMM/OMM after January 1, 1995, however received certificates valid for 10 years, expiring as early as December 31, 2005. Hence, they must apply for and sit for the recertification examination by the expiration date on their individual certificates. *Failure to successfully complete the recertification process will result in the loss of certification.* The AOBNNM has scheduled the next written examination for Wednesday, March 26, 2008 in Addison (Dallas), TX. Contrary to previous practice, there will be no oral or practical examinations administered in April 2008. Please contact AOBNNM Certification Coordinator Maria Canalas, MS to complete an application for re-certification (317) 879-1881. If your certificate holds an original date of 1998, then you must set for re-certification at the March 2008 or November 2008 exam.

**AOBNNM Revises Application Deadlines**

The American Osteopathic Board of Neuromusculoskeletal Medicine reconfirms the deadlines for candidates applying for certification and recertification in Neuromusculoskeletal medicine and osteopathic manipulative medicine. Also, the AOBNNM will administer ONLY the written re-certification at the AAO Convocation each year and January 1 is the application deadline for recertification candidates. The AOBNNM will adminis-

**BOS Establishes Timeline for Continuous Certification**

The AOA Bureau of Osteopathic Specialists (BOS) met in Chicago on November 2-4 under the leadership of Ronald E. Ayres, DO, and acted on two important issues. The BOS approved a schedule for implementation of continuous certification, which will be mandatory for all osteopathic certifying boards. Each board must submit a plan, including parameters for what continuous certification would entail for their specialties, by November 2008. Plans are to be implemented by 2012. In addition, the BOS imposed a six-year time from post-residency for DOs to pass their certification examinations. If they do not pass within this time frame, they can obtain a three-year extension, but after that they must complete another training session to be eligible for certification. (Source: AOA Daily Report 11/7/07)

At this same meeting, the BOS presented Certificates of Appreciation to Claudia L. McCarty, DO, FAAO and Stephen J. Noone, CAE, who both attended the Bureau meeting as alternate representatives since the AOBNNM was administering exams that same weekend. The BOS honored Dr. McCarty for her nine consecutive years of service as the AOBNNM’s representative to the Bureau and her dedicated service on various BOS committees over those years. The Bureau recognized Mr. Noone for his service as the AOBNNM’s executive director from 1992-2006.
AOA Restructures Internship Year

Doris Newman, DO, Chair of the AAO’s Postdoctoral Standards and Evaluation Committee (PS&E) would like to update Residency Program Directors, residents, students and the Academy membership of the changes recently made by the AOA under the direction of Michael I. Opipari, DO, Chair, Council of Postdoctoral Training (COPT) regarding restructuring of first year (OGME-1) internship requirements for all specialties. Restructuring changes have been completed and will become effective immediately for classes entering residency on or after July 1, 2008. The new language and rules are already being utilized by the Electronic Residency Application Service (ERAS®), a service of the Association of American Medical Colleges. There were three options from which specialties could choose in order to restructure the first year of residency for all osteopathic postdoctoral training, Osteopathic first year-Resident, Osteopathic first year-Preliminary or Osteopathic first year-Traditional.

Integrated Osteopathic Family Practice/Neuromusculoskeletal Medicine Residency (FP/NMM) student applicants will match directly into the residency and the 1st postdoctoral year will be considered the first year of residency training (OGME-1 R). The AAO’s PS&E Committee continues to work closely with the American College of Osteopathic Family Physician’s Committee on Education and Evaluation in the direction of this program.

Neuromusculoskeletal Medicine/Osteopathic Manipulative Medicine Resident (NMM/OMM) student applicants will be required to complete a “preliminary 1st year of training” (OGME-1 P). These programs will not grant residency credit but indicate completion of designated preliminary year curricular rotations, as prerequisites for entry into the 1st year of residency in the 2nd postdoctoral year of training. Matching successfully assures students entry into both the preliminary year and the subsequent 2nd year in residency training. In most cases, both the preliminary year and residency will be offered in the same institution, however, in a few instances a residency may have an affiliation with another institution for the preliminary internship year. The specific NMM/OMM OGME-1P requirements can be found at http://www.academyofosteopathy.org/PAAO/residencies.htm and emphasize training identical to the Traditional Rotating Internship with a one month OMM rotation being “encouraged”. According to the revised NMM/OMM Residency Basic Standard document, program directors will have the discretion of accepting a second-year applicant who may not have completed a preliminary year, but will have an improved ability for future planning with the 1st and 2nd years being linked.

Plus-One Neuromusculoskeletal Medicine/Osteopathic Manipulative Medicine residents remain unaffected by these changes as the entry criteria for this one year program is the completion of an AOA-approved residency program.

Additionally, Dr. Newman advises that the PS&E Committee recently revised all three of the basic standards documents for postgraduate training. On behalf of COPT, Dr. Opipari has announced the following “Fast Links” at https://www.do-online.org/pdf/acc_postdocfastfinder.pdf. The purpose of the “Fast Links” is to help you find AOA postdoctoral related information very quickly on the AOA Website, including AOA Basic Documents for internship, residency training programs and the OPTI, specialty specific standards, new changes to all basic standards documents, AOA postgraduate match information, as well as links to all OPTIs, ERAS, etc.

CME OFFERING

Functional Methods in Osteopathic Palpatory Diagnosis and Treatment

Part 1

May 16-18, 2008
Los Gatos, CA.

Friday ................1:30 pm - 5:30 pm
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Sun .....................8:30 am - 4:00 pm

Course fee $675
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In this series of two 20-hour courses, participants will learn palpatory testing procedures for identifying primary motor system disturbances and their resolution using Functional treatment methods. Both regional and segmental motion tests will be presented with the emphasis on active “responses” of the tissue to passive motion testing “demands”. Body regions will each be presented in a different section of the course, each one uniquely considered in light of its functional and anatomical relation to the rest of the body. They include cervical, thoracic, lumbar, and sacral spine, pelvis, costal cage and appendages. Treatment approaches taught will generally employ an indirect technique, bringing tissues into a state of dynamic balance and ease to affect an optimal treatment response.

Course instructor is Harry D. Friedman DO, FAAO, co-author of the book, Functional Methods, A Manual for Palpatory Skill Development in Osteopathic Examination and Manipulation of Motor Function, now in its second edition. Dr. Friedman is the co-founder of San Francisco International Manual Medicine Society (SFIMMS), and has published other books through SFIMMS Press. He is also engaged in ongoing research in functional diagnosis and treatment methods, specifically studying inter-examiner agreement. Table trainers will be also present to enhance the learning experience.
AOA Seeks Carrier Advisor Committee Members

Based on the recommendation of the Bureau of Socioeconomic Affairs (BSA) and subsequent approval by the House of Delegates last July, the AOA will create an Osteopathic Carrier Advisory Panel (O-CAP). AOA staff is currently in the process of identifying DOs who are members of any existing Carrier Advisory Committee (CAC) in their own states/regions. If you or any of your colleagues are members of a CAC, please contact AOA Health Reimbursement Policy Specialist Kavin Williams, CPC, CCP and provide him with the appropriate contact information; or have them contact Mr. Williams directly at (800) 621-1773 x 8182; or by e-mail KWilliams@osteopathic.org.

MES II Examines OGME Barriers and Solutions

Culminating on a year’s worth of research, collaboration, and hard work, AOA Trustee Karen J. Nichols, DO, convened the AOA/American Association of Colleges of Osteopathic Medicine (AACOM) Medical Education Summit II (MES II) on November 11 in Lombard, IL, under the theme “Framing the Future.” AOA President Peter B. Ajluni, DO, President-elect Carlo J. DiMarco, DO, several other members of the AOA Board of Trustees, and prominent leaders and educators from across the spectrum of osteopathic medical education, conferred over the weekend to address how to ensure that osteopathic graduate medical education (OGME) maintains the essence of what makes it “osteopathic” and related issues dealing with resources, the structure of OGME, and specialty mix concerns. Summit attendees adopted 15 conceptual statements and 48 action plans that will now be forwarded to the AOA and AACOM Boards for their consideration and action. The MES II was generously supported by grants from the Osteopathic Heritage Foundation, the Osteopathic Founders Foundation (OK), and the Osteopathic Institute of the South. (Source: AOA Daily Report 11/12/07) AAO President Claudia L. McCarty, DO, FAAO represented the Academy at this conference.

AOA Trustee Represented DOs at WHO Consultation

AOA Trustee Boyd R. Buser, DO represented the American osteopathic medical profession at the World Health Organization (WHO) Consultation on Manual Therapy, which took place on November 12-14 in Milan, Italy. The WHO is collaborating with leading health care figures from around the world to develop and review guidelines for manual therapies, including Guidelines on Basic Training and Safety in Tui Na and Guidelines on Basic Training and Safety in Thai Massage Therapy, both of which were to be considered at this meeting. The AOA and the Osteopathic International Alliance (OIA) have been instrumental in the development and finalization of the WHO Guidelines on Basic Training and Safety in Osteopathic Manipulative Treatment, which were largely drafted by Dr. Buser and UNECOM Associate Professor Jane Carriero, DO, in conjunction with related guidelines at issue this month and next. (Source: AOA Daily Report 11/13/07)

UNECOM Names New Leadership

John R. Gimpel, DO, MEd, has been named Dean of the University of New England College of Osteopathic Medicine (UNECOM). He will assume the position by June 1, 2008. Dr. Gimpel earned his Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine degree from the Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine (PCOM).

Prior to accepting this position, he held leadership positions as Vice President for Clinical Skills Testing for the National Board of Osteopathic Medical Examiners (NBOME), and Associate Professor of Family Medicine at Georgetown University School of Medicine. Board-certified in family medicine, Dr. Gimpel has combined clinical practice with academic medicine, serving on the faculties of PCOM, Jefferson Medical College, University of Pennsylvania, St. Luke’s Hospital (Allentown, Pennsylvania), and the Bryn Mawr Hospital.

In 2000, Dr. Gimpel was appointed Director of Predoctoral Education at Georgetown, where he was awarded the Golden Apple Award for Teaching, and the American Association of Colleges of Medical College’s Humanism in Medicine Award.

Jacquelyn B. Cawley, DO, Interim Dean at the University of New England College of Osteopathic Medicine (UNECOM), has been named UNE Vice President for Clinical Affairs. Dr. Cawley, who has served as UNECOM’s Interim Dean since last June, will continue to lead UNECOM until Dr. Gimpel comes on board next year.

Prior to joining UNECOM, Dr. Cawley held a variety of academic and health administration positions, most recently as Vice President of Population Health for Martin’s Point Health Care in Portland, Maine. She was the first DO and the first women appointed President of the Medical Staff at Maine Medical Center, a position she has held since 2005. She received her DO degree from UNECOM and has served on the faculty there since 1996. (Source: AACOM News on Osteopathic Medical Education, Dec 2007)

AOA Creates New Committee on Low Back Pain

AOA President Peter B. Ajluni, DO, recently formed a Clinical Guideline Subcommittee on Low Back Pain under the direction of the Bureau on Osteopathic Clinical Education and Research (BOCER). The formation of this Subcommittee is the result of a resolution approved by the AOA House of Delegates in July 2006, which requested that the AOA create a task force to develop practice guidelines for osteopathic manipulative treatment and submit the practice guidelines to the National Guideline Clearinghouse. It is anticipated that the Subcommittee will conduct its work over the next 9-12 months through several meetings and conference calls. Michael A. Seffinger, DO, BOCER Chair, will chair the Subcommittee. (Source: AOA Daily Report 12/13/07) Dr. Seffinger is an AAO Trustee and Chair of the Academy’s Louisa Burns Osteopathic Research Committee.

Attention: Physicians and Non-physician Practitioners

Evaluation and Management (E/M) services have the highest error rates as identified by both National Government Services, Inc. and the Comprehensive Error Rate Testing (CERT) program. As
a result, the Medical Review Department at National Government Services is implementing a prepayment review of Prolonged Physician Services (CPT 99354-99357) and the related Evaluation and Management service for Indiana and Kentucky Part B providers. Providers will receive an Additional Development Request (ADR) letter detailing the specific documentation being requested for the billed services. Providers who fail to provide the requested supporting medical documentation timely will receive a full claim denial.

It is important for providers to understand that as the Prolonged Physician Service is considered an add-on code, the initial Evaluation and Management service will also be reviewed. The documentation must reflect the medical necessity of the E/M services and the need for the prolonged service. The Prolonged Services are time based codes and therefore the time of direct patient contact must be clearly identified in the record.

For additional information regarding these services, please refer to the CMS Internet Only Manual (IOM), Claims Processing Manual 100-4, Chapter 12 at www.cms.hhs.gov. (Source: AOA Department of Payor Relations News Release 11/29/07)

**Article Cites AAO CME in Prolotherapy**

R. J. Anderson, in an article entitled “Vaulting Over Pain,” cited the Academy as one of three institutions that offer Prolotherapy training courses. The article appeared in the October 2007 edition of Training & Conditioning Magazine, where Mr. Anderson is an Assistant Editor. The magazine’s editorial mission is to provide advice to professionals in the fields of sports medicine and performance enhancement who work with competitive athletes. He described how more and more athletes are interested in trying prolotherapy, i.e. prolotherapy, treatments for their injuries. But does it work? The author cited anecdotal evidence of a college hockey player treated for extreme pubic symphysis pain who responded well to prolotherapy and returned to the ice to lead his team in scoring. Mr. Anderson quoted a number of allopathic physicians in his discussion of how prolotherapy works, the art of injection, who are candidates for treatment, and the need for research in this treatment modality. Readers can access the full article online at http://www.training-conditioning.com/1707.

**VCOM Launches OSTMED.DR®**

As of December 3, the Edward Via Virginia College of Osteopathic Medicine (VCOM) is the new host of OSTMED.DR®, which is available at http://www.ostmed-dr.com. Now known as OSTMED.DR®, this valuable resource continues to offer vital information about osteopathic medicine, along with many new features, including full text articles. Following five years of development by the University of North Texas Health Science Center made possible by a grant from the American Association of Colleges of Osteopathic Medicine, as well as historical contributions by the Kirksville College of Osteopathic Medicine, OSTMED® debuted in 2002 as the only online database dedicated to osteopathic medicine. Those who utilize this valuable resource should update their records with this new online address. (Source: AOA Daily Report 12/6/07)

**AACOM and AODME Schedule Joint Program**

This year marks the first time ever that the American Association of Colleges of Osteopathic Medicine (AACOM) and the Association of Osteopathic Directors and Medical Educators (AODME) will combine their annual meetings into one conference designed to cover the full spectrum of osteopathic medical education issues. Entitled “Innovation: Spanning the Osteopathic Medical Education Continuum,” program sessions will focus on critical issues confronting the osteopathic medical education community. Responding to these issues will require that we work together to develop and implement unified approaches, so make plans today to attend this important gathering!

Conference Plenary Sessions Include:

- The Education of a Physician - Bridget O’Brien, PhD, MS, Research Scholar, Carnegie Foundation
- Student Competency Development: Reciprocal Expectations

**European Osteopaths Organize Research Project**

In the spring of 2007, the Medical University of Utrecht and the SOMT (education of manual therapy in the Netherlands) started a scientific research project on the consequences on the health status of people having been involved in a whiplash accident. Within the framework of this research, a Delphi-research started in November 2007, concerning the tools available for diagnosing WAD-patients.

The primary aim of this study is to answer the following research question: What is the best clinically useful core-set of validated, reliable and practical instruments of measurement, which lead to a corresponding manual therapeutic diagnosis in acute, sub-acute and chronic whiplash patients?

At this moment, there is no uniformity between manual therapists concerning the instruments of measurement used in...
diagnosing WAD. To succeed in our research set-up, the university invites AAO members to participate in this study. If you, or any of your colleagues, would be willing to participate in this research, it is however important to us that you are able to meet the following criteria. You have to:

- Be a manual, manipulative or musculoskeletal therapist.
- Have been working as a clinical practitioner for at least five years.
- Assess at least five patients with a whiplash associated disorder per month.
- Have a good knowledge of the English language, both in reading and writing.
- Be available to correspond with the principal investigator in the period from November 2007 to March 2008.
- Be able to respond within three weeks.

Given the large social importance of research on diagnosing whiplash disorders, researchers would appreciate if you could and would participate in this research project. As a token of appreciation you will be mentioned in our acknowledgements. If you are interested, you should contact M.A. Schmitt, MSc via e-mail at CoresetWAD@gmail.com.

(Source: E-mail solicitation to LBORC via e-mail at M.A. Schmitt, MSc 11/12/07)

MSU-COM Expands to Southeast Michigan

In October 2007, the Macomb County Osteopathic Medical Association hosted a reception to celebrate a decision of the Michigan State University Board of Trustees to open a satellite campus at Macomb County Community College. This is one of two sites selected by MSU-COM (the other being Detroit Medical Center) to improve medical education in the state and address a projected physician shortage. MSU-COM will conduct classes for first- and second-year medical students at the leased sites. The students will complete their education, as do all students currently enrolled at the East Lansing campus, by taking two years of clinical rotations at one of MSUCOM’s 19 community base hospitals, part of the 26 hospitals affiliated with the college in its Statewide Campus System (SCS). Two years ago, the college increased its East Lansing entering class size from 147 to 205.

“Having a presence at both locations in southeastern Michigan has many benefits,” said William D. Strampel, DO, dean of the college. “In Macomb County, we will be located at an innovative, state-of-the-art educational institution situated among a high concentration of osteopathic physicians and partner hospitals. At the DMC, in Wayne County, we will be teaching our students in an environment that will help them to learn how to meet the needs of an urban population.” Dr. Strampel has appointed two Michigan leaders to serve as interim associate deans at their respective satellite campuses, i.e. Kari Hortos, DO for Macomb University Center and Gary L. Willyard, DO at Detroit Medical Center. This expansion is currently pending approval of the AOA’s Commission of Osteopathic College Accreditation. (Source: Michigan Osteopathic Association’s November 2007 Update and MSU website accessed 11/19/07)

Degree Mill Web Site Generates Concern

The AOA has recently learned of a program that offers an abbreviated pathway to the “MD” degree for those individuals who hold a Doctor of Osteopathy/Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine degree. Except for the information provided in the Web site https://dotomd.com/home.cfm?CFID=1449471&CFIOToken=30502588, the AOA has no other knowledge of this program. The AOA most certainly strongly disagrees with the central premise, i.e. that a DO degree received from a college of osteopathic medicine accredited by the Commission on Osteopathic College Accreditation is less desirable than an MD degree. It must also be stated that the AOA is not able to determine at this time if the individuals receiving an MD degree from this program would be eligible to enter into the United States licensure pathways for physicians having the MD degree. (Source: AOA Daily Report 12/4/07)

Feds Restore Student Loan Deferment – for now

Writing in the December 3 edition of American Medical News, reporters Myrle Croasdale and Damon Adams report that an economic hardship student loan deferment program that medical school graduates use as they go through residency will remain in place until fall of 2008, and more students are eligible to participate.

The US Department of Education announced November 1 that it will temporarily reinstate the program, with a final decision on its fate due next year. This news means that eligible medical school graduates and current residents will not have to start repaying loans immediately and may continue to defer paying back medical school debt without accruing any extra interest at least until fall 2008.

In its November announcement, the department also made the program available to a larger number of medical residents. To qualify under the old plan, the typical first-year resident making about $45,000 needed to have a debt of at least $106,000, said the Association of American Medical Colleges. Under the new requirements, a resident with the same salary qualifies with a debt of $80,100, the AAMC said.

Roughly two-thirds of first-year residents qualified for economic hardship loan deferments under the old requirements, the AAMC said. At press time in mid-November, it had yet to calculate how many more residents would qualify under the new formula.

Policy watchers said lowering the eligibility requirements fell within the Department of Education’s rule-making authority and speculated that pressure from the medical community contributed to the change.

The deferment program was eliminated October 1, just days after President George Bush signed the College Cost Reduction and Access Act. This new legislation created an income-based repayment plan to replace the deferment program, but it is not slated to start until July 1, 2009. That left a 21-month gap without any program aimed at helping residents with large debts and small incomes. The Department of Education may resolve the lack of overlap between the two programs in its final rule or permanently reinstate deferment, experts said. (Source: Redacted from the December 3 article)
Congress Approves Six Month Delay in Medicare Payment Cuts
Impending Cut Replaced with 0.5% Increase

The United States Congress has approved the “Medicare, Medicaid, and SCHIP Extension Act of 2007” (S. 2499), legislation that prevents the scheduled 10.1 percent cut in Medicare physician payments and extends authorization for the State Children’s Health Insurance Program (SCHIP). The Senate approved the legislation by voice vote on December 18. The House quickly approved the legislation on December 19. President Bush is expected to sign the legislation into law later this week.

The final compromise bill falls far short of the policy objectives advanced by the American Osteopathic Association and other physician organizations over the past year and falls well short of the provisions included in the House approved “Children’s Health and Medicare Protection Act of 2007” (H.R. 3162). However, the legislation prevents the application of the largest single year cut in the history of the Medicare program. While we are disappointed with the final package, we are optimistic that we can build upon recent negotiations to advance more meaningful legislation in the first six months of 2008.

The following is a summary of the major provisions included in the “Medicare, Medicaid, and SCHIP Extension Act of 2007” (S. 2499):

- Physician Payment—Prevent scheduled 10.1% cut in Medicare physician reimbursements. Replaces scheduled cut with a 0.5% increase through June 30, 2008.
- SCHIP—Extends SCHIP funding through March 31, 2009. Imposes a six-month delay on implementation of proposed administrative regulations relating to school-based services and rehabilitation services.
- Work Geographic Adjustment—Extends the work geographic index (GPCI) floor of 1.0 through June 30, 2008.
- Medicare Scarcity Payments—Extends provisions that provide a 5% bonus payment to physicians practicing in physician shortage areas through June 30, 2008.
- PQRI—Extends the physician quality reporting system and revises the Physician Assistance and Quality Initiative fund (more details once we see legislative language).
- Therapy Caps—Extends exceptions to therapy cap through June 30, 2008.
- Medicare Advantage Stabilization Fund—Removes $1.5 billion in 2012.
- Inpatient Rehabilitation Facility (IRF) Services—Permanently freezes the inpatient rehabilitation services compliance threshold at 60%, effective for cost reporting periods starting July 1, 2006, and allows co-morbid conditions to count toward this threshold.
- Military Physicians—Permits physicians in the armed services to engage in substitute billing arrangements for longer than 60 days when they are ordered to active duty.

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January 2008/AAO’s website: http://www.academyofosteopathy.org
Normalization of Muscle Function
by Jay B. Danto, DO, ABHM, C-SPOMM

From the Introduction:

... I want to proudly announce that it is a “techniques” book. Some of my colleagues frown on teaching techniques, but “techniques” have historically been the building blocks of any kind of treatment or healing practice. There is no one technique that I have found to be a panacea and consequently, that is why I present many different “techniques.” “Techniques in medicine are the paths upon which a physician can travel upon to discover the many facets that create a picture of the human body.”

In the first chapter, I have summarized the basic treatment techniques and their history in practice. This book is not intended to completely replace other references that focus on an individual technique, but it is intended to be a practical reference for physicians both experienced and new to holistic medical treatment of the musculoskeletal system.

This book combined with the companion guidebook and CD provide the physician with a powerful set of tools. When a patient with pain complaints presents in your practice, you can have them go through the guidebook to try and find the pain referral drawings that most closely resemble what they are experiencing.

Jay B. Danto, DO

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19th Osteopathic Winter Seminar and National Clinical Update
Pinellas County Osteopathic Med Society
St. Pete Beach, FL
CME: 27 Category 1A (anticipated)
Contact: Dr. Kenneth Webster
727/581-9069

January 25-27, 2008
Brain Parenchyma, Nuclei, and Fluid
Director: Bruno Chikly, MD, DO (Hon)
AZCOM
Glendale, AZ
CME: 24.5 Category 1A (anticipated)
Contact: The Cranial Academy
317/594-0411
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February 14-17, 2008
Ophthalmologic principles and their relationship to osteopathy in the cranial field
Indiana Academy of Osteopathy
Indianapolis, IN
CME: 26 Category 1A (anticipated)
Contact: IAO
317/926-3009
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February 20-24, 2008
Midwinter Basic Course in Osteopathy in the Cranial Field
Director: Ralph W. Thieme, DO
Albuquerque, NM
CME: 40 Category 1A (anticipated)
Contact: Judy Staser, Exec. Secy.
Phone: 817/926-7705
www.sctf.com

May 9-11, 2008
Crash Recovery, The Long Road Home. Treating Victims of Motor Vehicles Accidents and Brain Injury
Director: Maud H. Nerman, DO
Carte Madera, CA
CME: 17 Category 1A (anticipated)
Contact: The Cranial Academy
317/594-0411
www.cranialacademy.org

May 15-19, 2008
Osteopathy in the Cranial Field (40-hour basic course)
Sutherland Cranial Teaching Foundation
Director: Dan Moore
Downers Grove, IL
CME: 40 Category 1A
Contact: Judy Staser, Exec. Secy.
Phone: 817/926-7705
www.sctf.com

May 16-18, 2008
Functional Methods Course: Part 1
Director: Harry Friedman, DO, FAAO
Los Gatos, CA
Contact: Harry Friedman, DO, FAAO
www.sfimms.com to register

June 14-18, 2008
June Basic Course
The Cranial Academy
Director: TBD
Indianapolis, IN
CME: 40 Category 1A (anticipated)
Contact: The Cranial Academy
317/594-0411
www.cranialacademy.org

June 19-22, 2008
Annual Conference: Dynamic Concepts in Facial Development
The Cranial Academy
Directors: Eric J. Dolgin, DO, FCA and Tasha Turzo, DO
Hilton Hotel
Indianapolis, IN
Contact: The Cranial Academy
317/594-0411
www.cranialacademy.org

August 8-10, 2008
The Face (20-hour intermediate course)
Sutherland Cranial Teaching Foundation
Director: Doug Vick, DO
Indianapolis, IN
CME: 20 Category 1A
Contact: Judy Staser, Exec. Secy.
Phone: 817/926-7705
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October, 2008 (Date TBD)
An Osteopathic Approach to Chronic Pain-Endocrine Immune II
Sutherland Cranial Teaching Foundation
Director: Hugh Ettlinger, DO, FAAO
Biddeford, ME
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OMT Management of Key Lesions
• Identifying the most disruptive somatic dysfunction
• Appropriately sequencing your OMT treatment

January 18-20, 2008
Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine / GA
Suwanee, GA

Course Description: Level II

The course will present current information suggesting the importance and benefits of finding the Key (most disruptive) somatic dysfunction and then treating the remaining somatic dysfunction in an appropriate and individualized sequence for that specific patient.

Because of the total body changes occurring once the Key is effectively treated with OMT, sacral, pelvis, spinal and rib cage mechanics will be reviewed so that all the participants will be on the “same evaluation page” for accessing and observing the total body changes with the sequenced OMT.

During the course, each participant will screen multiple partners and treat them according to their unique sequence.

The interpretation of the screening data will be frequently discussed during the course. Case histories will be utilized to illustrate the importance of sequencing.

Course Objectives:
• Be able to discuss the basis for finding the Key and sequencing OMT
• Be able to perform a screening examination
• Be able to appropriately interpret the findings derived from the screening examination
• Be able to document the total body changes following the effective treatment of each key dysfunction

Prerequisites:
The participant should have a basic understanding of functional anatomy

CME:
The program anticipates being approved for 20 hours of AOA Category 1-A CME credit pending approval by the AOA CCME.

Program Time Table:
Friday, January 18 ........................................... 8:00 am - 5:30 pm
Saturday, January 19 ....................................... 8:00 am - 5:30 pm
Sunday, January 20 ......................................... 8:00 am - 12:30 pm
Each day includes (2) 15 minute breaks

Course Location:
PCOM/GA
625 Old Peachtree Rd. NW
Suwanee, GA 30024
website: http://www.pcom.edu

Hotel Accommodations:
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OMT Management of Key Lesions
January 18-20, 2008

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West Coast: June 6-8 – COMP

CME:
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Course Description:
There are three separate opportunities to attend this valuable hands-on OMM workshop. This course is specifically designed to integrate Facilitated Positional Release (FPR) as well as innovative new approaches for the normalization and treatment of dysfunctions that the physician will see in his/her office. It will also include Dr. Schiowitz’s approach to the treatment of the extremities. Many new techniques will be demonstrated that will make the practicing physician more effective as well as more efficient both in time and effort expanded. This course is designed only for experienced osteopathic physicians with knowledge of FPR who want to advance and enhance their skills.

Program Time Table:
Friday ............................................................. 8:00 am - 5:30 pm
Saturday ........................................................... 8:00 am - 5:30 pm
Sunday .................................................................. 8:00 am - 12:30 noon

Prerequisites:
The participant should have a basic understanding of functional anatomy. Knowledge of and experience with FPR is advised.

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AAO Newsletter/21
Fluid Techniques for Interosseous and Embryological Articulations of the Thorax: Specific Evaluations and Treatment

March 26, 2008
Hotel InterContinental, Addison, TX

Course description: Level III

This course offers innovative and effective tools for evaluating and treating the main articulations of the thorax utilizing an osteopathic fluid manipulative model.

Participants will first review anatomical relationships in the thorax and will be introduced to a step-by-step evaluation protocol of thoracic articulations. A specific non-invasive articulation rhythm will then be used to release mechanical osteopathic lesions of the thorax. We will use a fluid rhythm combined with an innovative fascia approach, (and?) normalize articular fluid spaces around an osseous segment to treat mechanical osteopathic dysfunctions.

This introductory course can easily be integrated into your practice and will help you normalize thoracic interosseous (i.e. sternochondral, chondrocostal, costovertebral, costotransverse, etc..) and intraosseous embryological articulations (i.e. sternebrae, sternal plates, sternal and acromial head of clavicles, etc..). The concepts of this course can be directly applied to any interosseous and embryological articulations or sutures in the body.

Course Objectives:
1. Evaluate mechanical dysfunction of the physiological and embryologic thoracic articulations.
2. Normalize thoracic interosseous articulations utilizing a specific noninvasive articulation rhythm
3. Treat thoracic intraosseous embryological articulations

Pre-Convocation Course Limited Registration

CME:
The program anticipates being approved for 4 hours of AOA Category 1-A CME credit pending approval by the AOA CCME.

Program Time Table:
Wednesday, March 26..............................1:00 pm - 5:30 pm

Course Location:
Hotel InterContinental
15201 Dallas Parkway, Addison TX 75001

Hotel Accommodations:
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Reservation Phone #: 972/386-6000
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No group reservations on-line

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March 26, 2008

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Osteopathic Approaches in Pulmonology: the Lungs and Airways

Post Convocation Course

March 30 - April 1, 2008
Hotel InterContinental, Addison, TX

Program Chair
Kenneth J. Lossing, DO

Course Description: Level 4

For over the last 20 years, Dr Lossing has been traveling the world, studying visceral approaches, and applying them in his practice. Out of that 20 + year experience, has come the idea for this new osteopathic series, "Osteopathic approaches in the Foregut, the Midgut, the Hindgut, Hepatology, Cardiology, Urology and Nephrology, Gynecology, Pulmonology, Cranial Nerve Dysfunction, and Endocrinology.

This brand new course will show state of the art diagnostic and treatment approaches to the respiratory system. From the beginning of osteopathy to today, we have seen treatment of the pulmonary system through structural manipulation, cranial technique, direct treatment on the lungs and airways (mechanical technique), functional approaches (combination of mechanical technique with inherent forces), inherent forces (synchronization), and lymphatic techniques. These diagnostic and treatment approaches have been combined and cross correlated.

This course is carefully designed to take the best of all approaches, and sequence them in the proper order to arrive at being able to actually change the viscoelasticity of the lung parenyma itself!

Course Objectives:

• Understand the biodynamic embryology of the respiratory system and the application of those forces by the adult body in health and disease, along with their application in treatment.
• Palpation, diagnosis and treatment of the neurology associated with the respiratory system.
• Palpation, diagnosis and treatment of the musculoskeletal system associated with the respiratory system.
• Palpation, diagnosis and treatment of the lymphatic's associated with the respiratory system.
• Palpation, diagnosis and treatment of the pleura, lung parenchyma, and airways of the respiratory system.
• Cross correlation of #1-5.

Program Time Table:

Sunday, March 30 ..........................1:00 pm - 5:30 pm
Monday, March 31 ..........................8:30 am - 6:30 pm
Tuesday, April 1 ..........................8:30 am - 6:30 pm
(Sunday includes (2) 15 minute breaks and Monday - Tuesday a (1.5) hour lunch each day) and (2) 15 minute breaks

Prerequisites:
The participant should have a basic understanding of functional anatomy and (1) cranial course

CME:
The program anticipates being approved for 20 hours of AOA Category 1-A CME credit pending approval by the AOA CCME.

Registration Form
Osteopathic Approaches in Pulmonology
March 30 - April 1, 2008

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The Twig Unbent: An Osteopathic Approach to Common Orthopedic Problems in Children

May 16-18, 2008
University of New England College of Osteopathic Medicine
Biddeford, ME

Program Chair
Jane Carreiro, DO

Course Description: Level 3
This course presents osteopathic manipulative approach to common orthopedic problems in children. Topics are presented with a discussion of the pathophysiology using the structure function models, age associated particulars of biomechanics, and osteopathic manipulative considerations. This course is a good clinical introduction to balanced ligamentous techniques.

Course Objectives:
Participants will enhance their understanding of common musculoskeletal problems in children within the context of osteopathic medicine. Participants will be able to use osteopathic manipulative techniques in their pediatric patients.

Prerequisites:
Basic understanding on functional anatomy. A source to review your anatomy is <www.anatomy.tv/default.aspx> and One Level I course or equivalent

CME:
The program anticipates being approved for 20 hours of AOA Category 1-A CME credit pending approval by the AOA CCME.

Program Time Table:
Friday, May 16.................................8:00 am - 5:30 pm
Saturday, May 17 .................................8:00 am - 5:30 pm
Sunday, May 18 .................................8:00 am - 12:30 pm
(Friday & Saturday include (2) 15 minute breaks and a (1) hour lunch; Sunday includes a 30 minute break)

Course Location:
University of New England College of Osteopathic Medicine
11 Hills Beach Road
Biddeford, ME 04005
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Hotel Accommodations:
For hotel possibilities, visit:
www.expedia.com; www.travelocity.com;
www.priceline.com; or www.BizRate.com

REGISTRATION FORM
Common Orthopedic Problems in Children
May 16-18, 2008

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I require a vegetarian meal □

(AAO makes every attempt to provide snacks/meals that will meet participant’s needs. We cannot, however, guarantee to satisfy all requests.)

REGISTRATION RATES
ON OR BEFORE 4/16/08  AFTER 4/16/08
AAO Member $550 $650
Intern/Resident/Student $450 $550
AAO Non-Member $775 $875

Membership application can be completed on line at www.academyofosteopathy.org/membershipinfo

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