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AOMA 95th Annual Convention is Right Around the Corner!

The AOMA 95th Annual Convention is April 19 to 23, 2017 at the Hilton Scottsdale Resort & Villas. The five-day CME event is designated for **38.25** hours of AOA Category 1-A credit. Application will also be submitted for AAFP prescribed credits.



Register online at www.az-oste.org/2017Conv. Or call the AOMA office at 602-266-6699.

[Download the agenda.](#)

New PBS Documentary Spotlights Women in Osteopathic Medicine

Inspired by a book by Thomas Quinn, DO, a new documentary from WEDU PBS in Tampa, Florida, tells the story of women in osteopathic medicine. AOMA Past President Karen Nichols, DO, and the first woman president of the American Osteopathic Association is featured in the documentary titled **The Feminine Touch: The Struggle for Equality in Medicine**.

The documentary will air on April 20, 2017, in the Tampa area and may later be picked up by other PBS affiliates. View the trailer on the AOMA [website](#) or go to www.wedu.org

AOMA House of Delegates - Resolutions

The AOMA House of Delegates next meeting will be at the [AOMA Annual Convention](#), Friday April 21, 2017 from 4 to 6 p.m. AOMA members are welcome to attend.

At this meeting, the House of Delegates will be considering three resolutions and proposed changes to the AOMA bylaws. Please visit the AOMA House of Delegates [webpage](#) for information about them. If you have any questions or comments you would like to share, please contact the AOMA office at 602-266-6699 or email communications@az-oste.org.

Legislative Session Winding Down – Bills of Interest Still Active

With the exception of budget bills, the legislative committees have finished hearing bills this year. There are 15-20 bills of interest AOMA is [tracking](#), which await final adjudication. Most notably, [SB 1441 insurers; health providers; claims mediation](#), sponsored by Senator Debbie Lesko still needs approval in the House of Representatives and a final vote in the Senate. If signed into law, SB 1441 will protect consumers from surprise billing through the development of a new mediation/arbitration process by the Arizona Department of Insurance. AOMA, through leadership of the Arizona Medical Association, and other physician associations, are working to address some remaining concerns with the bill.

Other bills of interest include [SB 1028](#) the continuation of the osteopathic licensing board and [SB 1435](#), which adds fingerprinting requirements for new osteopathic physicians and physicians who will be seeking the new multi-compact license. For more information, please contact the AOMA office at 602-266-6699 or by email to communications@az-oste.org.

Implementation Update: Prescription Opioid Initial Fill Limitation

On October 24, 2016, Governor Doug Ducey issued [Executive Order 2016-06](#) which limits the initial opioid prescription for adults as well as the initial and refill opioid prescriptions for children through the Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System (AHCCCS) and the Arizona Department of Administration (ADOA). AHCCCS issued a draft policy for a two-week public comment period in December 2016 and subsequently held a stakeholder session on January 11, 2017. Based on this collective feedback, AHCCCS has finalized its policy which is available here:

- [310-V Prescription Medications/Pharmacy Services, G. 7-Day Supply Limit Of Prescription Opioid Medications-Contractor Requirements \(pages 10-11\)](#)
- [Policy 310-V, Exhibit 310-V-2, 7-Day Supply Limit Of Prescription Opioid Medications Exclusions Specifications](#)
- [Policy 310-V, Exhibit 310-V-3, ICD-10-CM Diagnosis Code Description](#)

Interested in providing feedback on AHCCCS pharmacy-related issues, including how to combat the opioid epidemic? Please email AHCCCS directly at AHCCCSPharmacyDept@azahcccs.gov. AHCCCS will be issuing Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) publication here based on questions received.

Attention Workers' Comp Providers - Important Changes to Chronic Pain Management

The Industrial Commission of Arizona (Commission) has adopted the Work Loss Data Institute's Official Disability Guidelines (ODG) as the standard reference for evidence based medicine within the context of Arizona's workers' compensation system. The use of ODG for the management of chronic pain and the use of opioids for all stages of pain management went into effect on October 1, 2016. Physicians who are requesting preauthorization for medical treatment or services related to the management of chronic pain should be using the MRO-1 Preauthorization and Payer Decision form. For those treating injured workers, please use the following links for information related to the treatment guidelines for workers' compensation:

- ODG Drug Formulary: https://www.azica.gov/sites/default/files/media/ODG%20Appendix%20A%20February%202017_1.pdf
- To obtain an Order Form for ODG Subscription Licenses: http://www.worklossdata.com/store/p1/ODG_Online_Access.html At check-out, there is a text box labeled **Coupon Code**. Enter **ODGAZ** in it to receive a **50% discount** on the spot.
- **Preauthorization Request and Payer Decision Form (MRO-1):** <https://www.azica.gov/forms/mro7701>
- For Article 13, Treatment Guideline Rules: https://www.azica.gov/sites/default/files/media/MRO_20_5_Article13_0.pdf
- Medical Resources for Providers: <https://www.azica.gov/resources/medical-provider>
- Medical Resource Office: mro@azica.gov

In Memoriam

Paul M. Steingard, DO, FACFP, 87, a pioneer in sports medicine, passed on February 27, 2017. Dr. Steingard, the Phoenix Suns' first team physician, spent his career advocating for the profession and was well known for providing free physicals to Arizona children in need. Born on June 12, 1929, Dr. Steingard graduated from the Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine in 1954 and opened a family practice in the city a year later. He moved to Phoenix in 1962. During his years of practice, the beloved DO was affectionately known as "Dr. Welby" by patients and staff, referring to the popular television series, "Marcus Welby, MD."



In 1968, Dr. Steingard became the first team physician for the Phoenix Suns, serving in that role for 23 years and later becoming Team Physician Emeritus. He was also a team physician for the Phoenix Roadrunners Hockey Team, Grand Canyon University, Phoenix College and for the country of Kenya in the 1984 Olympics.

Dr. Steingard embodied the philosophy of osteopathic medicine in his community. When a physician shortage had Phoenix public schools searching for a provider to give physicals to student athletes in the 1960s, Dr. Steingard offered underserved high school students free physicals. He provided those free checkups to high school athletes for more than 40 years. That work with students led him to

found Team Osteopathic Physicals for Students (TOPS) in partnership with the Arizona Osteopathic Association in 1992. Dr. Steingard believed pre-season sports physicals could save lives by alerting athletes of cardiac irregularities. The TOPS program now provides over 2,000 annual free sports physicals, including EKGs and ECHOs.

Dr. Steingard received countless awards for his humanitarian contributions, including the 2001 Dr. John H. Clark Leadership Award from the Federation of State Medical Boards, Arizona Osteopathic Medical Association's Lifetime Achievement Award in 2013, and the Distinguished Service Award for the National Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association in 1994. He served three terms as president of the Arizona Board of Osteopathic Examiners in Medicine and Surgery and served on the board for 10 years. He was a fellow of the American Osteopathic Academy of Sports Medicine and a fellow of the American College of Sports Medicine.

Dr. Steingard is survived by his wife, four children, two of whom are DOs, and 11 grandchildren. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to TOPS and the Arizona Osteopathic Charities.

Thomas J. Miller, DO, a remarkable father, husband, athlete, physician, and surgeon, passed away peacefully in Durham, NC on February 23, 2017. Tom was just shy of his 100th birthday, June 17. He is survived by his wife of 54 years, Jean Miller, and his children Jim, Nancy, Valerie and Meredith, grandchildren Wade, Ruddman, Maya, James, Aubrey, Sydelle, Luke and Lance, and great grandchildren Cullen, Torin, Tallulaha, Wyder, Izabella and Mavin.

In 1917, he started life in Columbus, Ohio, graduated from Ohio State in 1935 and later from the Kirksville College of Osteopathy. He furthered his studies in Vienna and Barcelona.

Whether riding his horse, or flying his Piper Cub on floats or skis into lakes to see patients, he was well known as the "flying doctor". After five years in Ashland, Maine and subsequent residencies, he moved to Portland, Maine and became the Chairman of the Colon and Rectal Department at the Osteopathic Hospital of Maine. He was the first physician in New England to utilize a flexible fiberoptic colonoscope. In the mid 1970's, he joined the Air Force and served in Turkey for two years. He was recruited to develop a colon/rectal service at Mesa General Hospital in Arizona where he later became Chairman of the Staff. He retired at age 75 and moved to Castine as a seasonal resident.

His athletic accomplishments include golf, tennis player, skier, runner, cyclist, sailor, and fencer. In the 1970's, he became a world class duathlete. This highly competitive event combines running+cycling+running. Traveling all over the world as a member of the USA Triathlon/Duathlon Team, Tom held the world record for his age group for ten years. He also competed in many marathons and held the record time for the 60 year old age group in the Boston Marathon. USAA Triathlon Association awarded him their Life Time Achievement Award in 2011.

He enjoyed playing his trombone in bands in Arizona and Castine, Maine. He also played a cello and serenaded his wife with delightful music as she prepared dinner. His artistic accomplishments are well memorialized with his large, free-form wooden sculptures and exquisite stained glass windows.

Arrangements for a celebration of life are unfolding. Jean can be reached at jeanmiller05@gmail.com.

SOMA Student Receives National Student DO of the Year

Daniel Ebbs, OMS IV at ATSU-SOMA has been named the National Student DO of the Year by the American Association of Colleges of Osteopathic Medicine (AACOM) Council of Osteopathic Student Government Presidents (COSGP). The National Student DO of the Year award is presented each year to one osteopathic medical student who demonstrates superior leadership capabilities, robust research experience, and a strong commitment to community service.

Student Doctor Ebbs has a broad range of experience and achievements in leadership, policy, and service from throughout his medical student career and beyond. He served as a student delegate to the AOMA House of Delegates and as student trustee on the AOMA Board of Trustees and received the 2016 AOMA Student Distinguished Service Award. He served as president of both the Student Osteopathic Medical Association (SOMA) and the Gold Humanism Honors Society (GHHS), as well as founded the ATSU-SOMA Annual Resolutions Committee. Congratulations, Student Doctor Ebbs!

ATSU Osteopathic Medicine Center Opens in Arizona

A. T. Still University will host the grand opening and tour of its new Osteopathic Medicine Center Arizona providing osteopathic manipulative treatment and wellness approach to patients of all ages, with a focus on special needs children and the underserved.

Tuesday, April 18, 2017

4:00 pm to 7:00 pm
5845 E Still Circle Suite 109
Mesa, Arizona 85206
RSVP to Lois "Jake" Squires at 480-219-6048 or lsquires@atsu.edu

2017 National Infant Immunization Week

National Infant Immunization Week (NIIW) is an annual observance to highlight the importance of protecting infants from vaccine-preventable diseases and celebrate the achievements of immunization programs and their partners in promoting healthy communities. Learn more about NIIW at <https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/events/niiw/overview.html>



April 22-29, 2017

VFC Re-Enrollment Now Open

The Arizona Department of Health Services Vaccines for Children (VFC) re-enrollment period is now open. Each year, providers must renew their Provider Agreement for the Receipt of VFC Vaccine. Instead of using paper forms, you will complete your 2017 re-enrollment online within the Arizona State Immunization Information System (ASIS). For more information, download the [2017 re-enrollment letter](#) or contact the Arizona State Immunization Program, at 602-364-3642 and 602-364-3899 or e-mail us at: ArizonaVFC@azdhs.gov or ASISHelpDesk@azdhs.gov.

Arizona Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics Receives Honor

Congratulations to the Arizona Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) on being named the medium size Outstanding Chapter at the AAP Annual Leadership Forum. The award recognizes excellence in child health initiatives, chapter engagement activities, membership retention and recruitment, financial management, and chapter management and governance.

Arizona Symposium on Children with Special Health Care Needs

Raising Special Kids presents the **Partners in Care 2017: Arizona Symposium on Children with Special Health Care Needs.**

Friday, April 7, 2017
7:00 am to 4:15 pm
The Camby Hotel
2401 E Camelback Road
Phoenix, Arizona 85016



Visit www.partnersincare2017.com to register and for more information.

[Download the event program here.](#)

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Arizona Vaccine News



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

AOMA 95th Annual Convention - April 19 - 23, 2017

AOMA Board of Trustees Meeting - April 19, 2017

AOMA House of Delegates Meeting - April 21, 2017

AOMA Board of Trustees Meeting - June 24, 2017

3rd Annual Flagstaff Osteopathic Medical Conference - August 19, 2017

AOMA 37th Annual Fall Seminar - November 11 & 12, 2017



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