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**T**he past few weeks have been busy ones for the IOMS. As an IOMS member, I want to keep you informed of the progress on our agenda for this year.

We have just completed the AOA House of Delegates meeting in Chicago. It was a busy three-day agenda including two meetings with the IOMS Officers, board members, and Delegates to the AOA House. One of our meetings focused on issues before the HOD; the second meeting was directed to the mid-year IOMS Board Meeting. The major new item of business from IOMS to report is the approval of our new Executive Director, Elizabeth Harano. Our previous Executive Director, Kristen Smith, has resigned from the AOA. Kristen will be missed, as she was instrumental in helping form our current strategic plan; but we wish her well in her new endeavors. We are

continuing our management services contract with the AOA for both our staff and Executive Director. Elizabeth Harano is serving as our director and comes with extensive association and legislative experience. We look forward to working with her.

At the national level, Darrel Beehler, DO, was elected as the AOA President.

Dr. Beehler is from our Midwest neighbor, Minnesota; he will certainly represent the issues of the small states within the AOA, as well as being an excellent representative for our profession throughout the country.

Closer to home, PLI Reform remains the most pressing legislative issue. We will continue to represent your interests in the PLI legislative arena by partnering with the AOA on the national level and with ISMS at the state level.

Robert G. Good, DO, chairs our nominating committee; if you have an interest in a board or officer appointment, please contact Dr. Good. We appreciate the interest of many of you in helping our organization to develop new leaders

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## PRESIDENTIAL REPORT

**GARY L. KNEPP, DO**

## AOA House of Delegates Report

**T**he AOA held the annual House of Delegates meeting in Chicago, Illinois on July 18 - 20, 2003. The IOMS delegates who represented you were: Robert G. Good, DO; Gary L. Knepp, DO; Teresa A. Hubka, DO; John Graneto, DO; Earle M. Pescatore, Jr., DO; Thomas W. Kupferer, DO; Ann Habenicht, DO; Rodey Wassef, DO; Anthony Ghidorzi, DO; Donald J. Sefcik, DO; Anthony W. DeLorenzo, DO; Will Beringer, DO, Resident; Toni Green, Student Alternate; Laura Rosch, DO, Alternate; and Nicole Ottens, Student Delegate.

At the opening of the House of Delegates, the Speaker of the House introduced Dr. Gary Knepp, our IOMS President, who welcomed the other delegations to our state of Illinois. Dr. Knepp made recognition of the fact that we are the home state of the American Osteopathic Association.

Several resolutions were discussed, but of primary interest was a resolution from IOMS regarding the collection of State membership dues by the AOA, which would cut the cost of this process and increase membership in the individual state associations.

The entire delegation of the HOD renewed its support of Professional Liability Insurance reform efforts. As a demonstration of that support, the Board of Trustees and Delegates approved a new PLI advocacy campaign, "Every Patient Counts." This campaign will focus on the develop-

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## GREETINGS from the DEAN

It is my distinct pleasure to announce a wonderful new addition to CCOM: The Costin Institute for Osteopathic Medical Educators. Many of you may remember or have heard of our graduate, J. Richard Costin, DO, '50. The entire Costin family is well-known to CCOM with Dr. Richard Costin having served with distinction as the Chair of the MWU board. The Costin Institute is a first for the osteopathic medical profession. It will provide osteopathically based training for DOs and medical educators in osteopathic medical schools and training programs in three areas: academic fellowship, medical department chairmanship, and residency

program directorship.

Each one-year program will comprise 3 to 5 three-day weekends of instruction for a small and select group annually. These groups will do small group-study on the various aspects of the disciplines above. The final weekend of study will be divided into three simultaneous sessions emphasizing the particular track selected by each fellow. An individual project will be required of each fellow, focusing on an aspect of the training program. The successful completion of the program will lead to a certificate that is tentatively scheduled for presentation at the annual joint AOA/ AACOM OME

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Chicago College of Osteopathic Medicine



conference. It is further anticipated that college credits will also be awarded that will be transferable into a masters program of choice.

Dr. Costin serves on the board of the Osteopathic Heritage Foundation of Columbus, Ohio, which has graciously provided the funding for this groundbreaking project. CCOM is very proud to have played a role in the establishment of this greatly needed program for our profession. For further details, please call me

at: (630) 515-6159.

## IOMS Membership Committee Report

This has been an exciting year in the membership recruitment efforts of our association! IOMS has been fortunate to be afforded the AOA Marshall Grant for the past three years, which has assisted us greatly in our efforts to increase membership. Due to this Grant assistance, we have had a 60% increase in membership over this period of time and an increase in the organizations activities, including some of the accomplishments listed below:

- Sponsored the 2002 Winter CME Conference

- Monitored the legislative agencies in Illinois to protect your osteopathic credentials
  - Represented members on State and Regional boards and committees
  - Offered DO referral services to the general public
  - Represented Illinois DOs at the AOA House of Delegates, including post-graduate representation
  - Published the quarterly newsletter
  - Hosted IOMS website at [www.ioms.org](http://www.ioms.org)
  - Published IOMS Membership Directory
- Now in 2003-2004 we are kicking off

two new membership recruitment programs: (1) Recruit a Colleague at 50% the membership fee and receive a \$50 credit towards the annual CME program and (2) Sponsor a Postgraduate program in which sponsorship of 5 post-graduates at \$20 each (\$100 total) will afford you \$50 off the cost of the annual CME program. I urge you to participate in these programs to help grow our association's strength in numbers and voice!!

Fraternally,

**Teresa A. Hubka, DO, FACOG, FACOG**  
Chair, Membership Committee

## PRESIDENTIAL REPORT

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in our profession, especially at the district level. If you have an interest in organizing a district level education or informational meeting, contact your board representative or the IOMS staff, and we will help you set up the meeting. We have budgeted funds this year for dis-

trict meetings that we have not used and I encourage the districts to become more active.

We continue to grow our relationship with CCOM. The students represent the future of our profession and organization; therefore we are investing heavily

in supporting them during their educational years.

Lastly, we are just a few members shy of our total membership goal for the year; so please, reach out to your non-member partners and encourage them to join our dynamic and growing organization.

**T**his year has continued to be an interesting one. Professional Liability Reform passed the House but made little progress in the Senate. The vote on the 'call for discussion' question did not have sufficient votes to avoid a filibuster. Unfortunately this was essentially a partisan vote, and, it appears this will continue to be a Republican versus Democrat issue in most circumstances. Please continue to contact Senator Durbin's office to voice your concern on his position against this important issue.

At the recent House of Delegates Meeting in Chicago, OPAC raised more than \$100,000 over the course of the weekend, with 100% participation from the delegates. The goal this electoral season is to raise \$750,000. I attended a recent meeting in Chicago sponsored by ISMS as the representative from IOMS. A Board Member of the AMA shared with this group that physicians on average donate approximately \$100 per year to political campaigns and political action committees (PAC); lawyers, on the other hand, donate \$1800 per year. This is something that needs to change if we as a group hope to make our voices

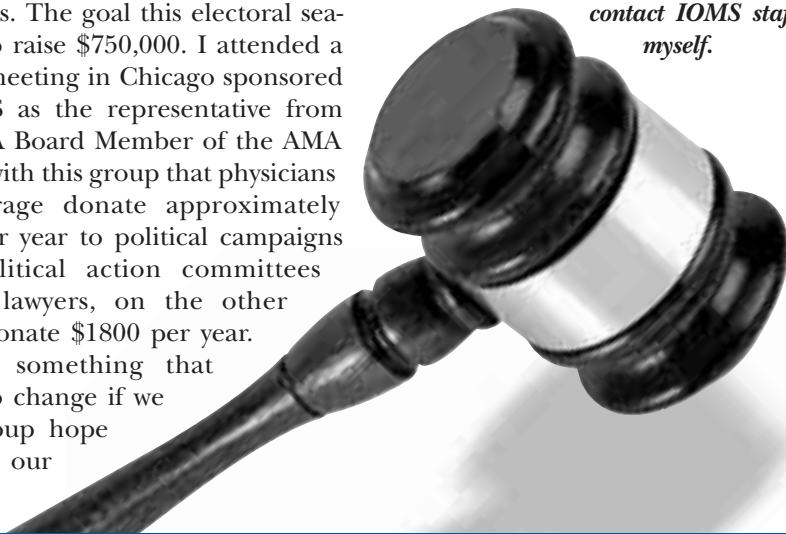
heard in Washington, D.C. and Springfield. I hope everyone will consider contributing to OPAC or the candidate of your choice.

A new website is being developed to promote the involvement of patients, scheduled to be available in September. The URL for the site is [www.everypatientcounts.org](http://www.everypatientcounts.org); however, until the site is launched, it indicates only that Every Patient Counts is 'coming soon'. This site will continue to educate patients about the issues of access and Professional Liability Reform. The AOA will be providing more information about this exciting new site in the near future.

## LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Submitted by  
**EARLE M. PESCATORE, JR., DO**

*If you have any specific legislative needs please do not hesitate to contact IOMS staff or myself.*



## NOMINATIONS NOW BEING ACCEPTED FOR IOMS PHYSICIAN OF THE YEAR

The Illinois Osteopathic Medical Society requests nominations for its prestigious annual Physician of the Year award.

IOMS members in good standing may nominate one or more qualified persons for membership. Nominations must include a copy of the nominee's curriculum vitae. Potential candidates will be selected based on: 1) Nominee's history of maintaining high professional and

ethical standards for the osteopathic profession in the State of Illinois, and 2) Nominee's contributions to the professional community and the community at large. Nominee must be an IOMS member in good standing. Please contact the IOMS headquarters at (312) 202-8174 to request that a Nomination form be faxed or e-mailed to you. All nominations are due by September 30, 2003.

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## PAST PRESIDENT'S *Report*

A wise person once told me that he knew if he liked a physician in 5 minutes, but that it took 5 years to know if he was any good or not. With today's managed care and insurance contracts, patients are being "assigned" physicians or given a restricted list from which to choose. By the time they get to know if their physician has the necessary skills for them, they are already looking for yet another physician as their insurance contract may have changed. Hence, many patients are not getting to that 5-year marker when a relationship of trust has been established with their physician.

This inability to solidify the physician-patient relationship is in great part responsible for the decreasing confidence patients have in their physicians, resulting in increased liability actions and requests for second opinions and specialty care. Certainly, this increases the global cost of medicine and decreases quality of care.

The days of Marcus Welby, DO, have seemingly come and gone in much of the country. Dr. Welby delivered the

babies, cared for the family, admitted the grandparent to the nursing home, and was available at the funeral home. While he asked for appropriate specialty consultations, he was the physician and friend the family relied on. There was a great deal of trust and reliance as generations turned to him. The reward of medicine was the satisfied patient and the continuance of care. Legal action against Dr. Welby was exceedingly uncommon.

Somewhere along the line, financial concerns and lifestyle needs have changed our ability to be true physicians. We have increasingly specialized, developed hospitalists and other physicians who care for our patients during their illnesses, and stopped providing home care. The rewards of medicine have increasingly become financial, as evaluations are based on volume and adherence to protocols, with job satisfaction on the decrease.

Each day is an opportunity to continue the osteopathic tradition by providing compassionate, quality care to pro-

mote our patient's health. We can improve our self-image as Doctors of Osteopathic Medicine by DOing the extra effort, placing value on establishing trust and maintaining patient satisfaction, and serving as examples to the next generation of physicians who will follow us. This will certainly increase the quality of medicine and contribute to decreased global costs.

We must develop professional satisfaction by participating in the advancement of our state's osteopathic organization, the Illinois Osteopathic Medical Society. Clearly, what distinguishes a great profession is the willingness of its members to "give" of their time, talents, and knowledge – sacrificing to benefit all. We need YOU to volunteer in the development of the IOMS, as this society continues to grow and impact osteopathic medicine in Illinois. Give now to your profession! DO more – call us.

**Robert G. Good, DO, FACOI**  
Immediate Past President

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### September 3

Midwestern University/CCOM  
New Students Orientation  
(IOMS remarks by Dr. Knepp)

### September 4

Midwestern University/CCOM  
New Students Welcome  
Barbeque (IOMS co-sponsoring  
event – remarks by Dr. Knepp)

### September 4

IOMS Education Committee  
Conference Call

### September 10

Midwestern University/CCOM  
Student Organizational Fair  
(Dr. Knepp and IOMS staff will  
host exhibit booth)

### September 20-27

National Osteopathic Medicine  
(NOM) Week

### October 1

IOMS Education Committee  
Conference Call

### October 2-4

CCOM's Perrin Clinical  
Refresher Course  
Westin River North Chicago

### October 4

IOMS Board Meeting – Date  
Tentative – IOMS office

### October 12-16

AOA Annual Convention –  
New Orleans Convention  
Center

### October 27

IOMS Executive Committee  
Conference Call

### November 5

IOMS Education Committee  
Conference Call

### November 26

IOMS Executive Committee  
Conference Call

### December 3

IOMS CME Conference Call –  
tentative

### December 4-7

IOMS Winter Scientific Seminar  
– Oak Brook Hills Conference  
Center & Midwestern  
University/CCOM campus

For additional information about the Convention and other AOA Events, visit the AOA web site Calendar of Events at <http://www.aoa-net.org/CME/cmecalendar.htm>



## 2003 IOMS Winter Seminar

**"Autumn is fast approaching and the football season is upon us. That can only mean our yearly educational conference is just around the corner, as well. Please mark your calendars now for this year's meeting - it's shaping up to be our best conference ever."**

— Donald G. Johnston, DO

Forestall the winter doldrums by making plans now to recharge your professional battery – attend the IOMS Winter Scientific Seminar, December 4-7, 2003. This year's speakers will be presenting an informative program with topics to include: Acute Coronary Syndrome; Management of Airway Emergencies; OMT/Sports Medicine; Asthma; and Metabolic Syndrome, to name but a few

of the scheduled offerings. This year's seminar anticipates being approved for 30 hours of AOA Category IA CME credits pending approval from the AOA CCME.

The opening night of the conference is designed to provide you with a perfect setting and opportunity to visit the campus, as Midwestern University's Geriatric Education Center will be hosting an opening night reception scheduled to coincide with to Dr. Robert Kappler's OMT Lecture and Demonstration. Don't miss this time to interact informally with Lab Faculty and take a tour of the campus. However, if you are unable to visit the campus during this 2-hour window, please call the Office of the Dean at (630) 515-6159 to make arrangements to see the campus. Please note that Midwestern University is a private campus and arrangements

do need to be made with the Dean's office prior to your visit.

This year's meeting will be held in the Oak Brook Hills Conference Center, a stunning setting situated on 150 acres, with views of an 18-hole golf course in the exclusive Chicago suburb of Oak Brook. With over 35,000 square feet of conference space, a 150-seat tiered amphitheatre, a fitness center, pools, and two restaurants, all just minutes from Chicago and O'Hare International Airport, you should have no trouble settling in for four days of professional development. Social networking events are also on the calendar and include the Presidential Reception and Banquet Saturday evening. Exhibitors, as well, will participate all day Friday, and will join the membership for lunch that day. Make plans now to attend this engaging and informative event.

## MEDICARE Update

**R**odey Wassef, DO, attended the August 8 CMS Region V Meeting in Chicago. She reported to IOMS staff that the primary focus of the meeting was to remind physicians about the October 16 code set deadline for HIIPA. Dr. Wassef noted that while Region V represents 6 states, only Ohio and Illinois osteopathic medical societies sent physician representatives. In contrast, the six allopathic state

medical societies were in full attendance. Dr. Wassef noted, as a benefit of membership in IOMS, that your interests, questions, and concerns are being represented to the government representatives at these meetings. Though this meeting has traditionally been a quarterly event, it will now be held only twice yearly.

The Medicare representatives used this gathering of physicians as an opportunity to question the attendees about

the new trend of "boutique" medicine where patients pay greatly increased fees to have extended time and care provided – a practice currently seen predominantly in California. The Medicare representatives expressed the government's objections to any forms of tiered medicine, while the physicians present clarified that "boutique" medicine is not in evidence in the Midwest and is not expected in the future.

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ment of a web-based program designed to increase the involvement of patients and DOs in this grassroots campaign. The AOA reaffirmed its commitment urging the enactment of professional liability reforms and the support of legislation containing the six key principles for reform. The entire IOMS delegation

also demonstrated their commitment for PLI reform by announcing 100% personal participation in their contributions to OPAC!!

The elections for the AOA took place and it was announced that Daryl Beehler, DO is to be the next President of the AOA with George Thomas as the

President Elect.

This has been an exciting year for the AOA as 142 East Ontario is now paid in full – the AOA officially owns its headquarters!

Fraternally,  
**Teresa A. Hubka, DO, FACOG, FACOG**

## DOs PARTICIPATE IN PEER REVIEW

**T**he Illinois Foundation for Quality Health Care (IFQHC) is the quality improvement organization (QIO) authorized by the Medicare program to review medical services provided to Medicare beneficiaries in Illinois. Our responsibilities include a review of medical records when requests or referrals are made to the QIO. The review is conducted to determine whether services are medically necessary and are delivered in the most appropriate setting. Where quality concerns are identified, we provide education and feedback to practitioners, providers, and other medical personnel to improve the quality of services delivered.

Our primary purpose is to identify areas where care can be improved and pass that information on to physicians and providers. The peer review is intended to be a collegial interaction that ultimately improves patient care.

Good peer review is dependent on physician participation representing all specialties and doctors obviously play a crucial role in the process. We utilize physician reviewers to perform Medicare concurrent and retrospective review according to the specialty of the physician or setting requiring review. Thus the IFQHC needs several physicians representing each specialty, such as doctors of osteopathic medicine.

IFQHC review deliberations and the names of IFQHC physician reviewers are confidential. The amount of time required to review a medical record varies, but the average is 15 to 30 minutes per record and the number of requests is limited. Reimbursement is based on an hourly rate of \$100.

If you're interested in joining the more than 100 doctors in Illinois working on peer reviews with the IFQHC, please call Sandi Hall at 515-223-2877 or 1-800-383-2856, ext. 2877 with any questions.

Submitted by  
Chris Mortell  
Illinois Foundation for Quality Health Care

## CCOM Corner

**G**reetings from the students at CCOM!

The students at CCOM have been very busy this summer. The MS-II's started their summer taking Step 1 of the COMLEX on June 3 and 4. Even though the boards were difficult, we prevailed! CCOM had a 90.6% pass rate, which was just above the national mean of 90.5%.

While the class of 2006 recuperates from their first year, we are preparing to welcome the class of 2007. They will be 168 members strong. Orientation is September 3-5 and classes begin for them on September 8. The MS-IV's are starting to prepare for Step 2 of the COMLEX and looking into residency programs. The end is



in sight for them!

Over 30 CCOM students attended the House of Delegates meetings in July. The main issue concerning us there was the COMLEX-PE. Although we

as students supported the testing of physical examination skills, we had some reservations about the logistics of this particular test. While the resolution passed, we felt our concerns were heard by the delegates and supported by the Board of Trustees. We are confident our students will excel in this testing format, as they have in all others!

Additionally, our cam-



pus has been undergoing more construction and renovations. The Administration Building received a face-lift, the Student Center is in the midst of remodeling and groundwork is being

laid for another classroom building and atrium. Come by and see us! We also are pleased to have Dr. Teresa Dombrowski, PhD as the new Dean of Student Services. Congratulations to her!

For more information on our students and school, feel free to contact me!

Respectfully,

Nicky Ottens, MS-III  
CCOM Executive Council VP/Treasurer  
COSGP Program Representative  
ACOE-SC National Secretary/Treasurer  
Nicole.Ottens@mwumail.midwestern.edu



## PROGRAM DIRECTOR POSITION

### Bloomington /Normal, Illinois.

Seeking full time program director for developing internship/family practice residency program. Anticipating interns and residents to begin July 2004. Affiliated with the Midwestern University OPTI. Position offers private practice & supervising interns/residents. Competitive salary and benefits.

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## IOMS Mourns Passing of Past President

The IOMS community mourns the passing of Laurence E. Patton, DO, of Morton, Illinois. Dr. Patton served as the President of the IOMS from 1957-58, additionally serving on the Peers Review Board for several years. A graduate of the Kirksville College of Osteopathic Medicine, Dr. Patton is survived by his wife, Hazel, two sons Dr. Larry (and Jackie) and Dr. Allen (and Darlene), his daughter Alice (and Lawrence) Dowling, seven grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. Dr. Patton's son, Larry S. Patton, DO, continued his father's legacy of service to the osteopathic medical profession by also serving as the President of IOMS from 1976-77. Dr. Laurence E. Patton will be long remembered as a family man, a community leader, a physician and a strong advocate for the osteopathic medical profession.



## CHANGE OF ADDRESS FOR DUES PAYMENTS!!!

PLEASE NOTE: Dues payments are now mailed directly to the bank. A pre-addressed envelope with this new address was included with your most recent dues billing. Please be certain to use the following address when returning your dues payment; all other correspondence should continue to be directed to our mailing address at 142 East Ontario. Thank you.

**MAIL DUES PAYMENT TO:**  
Dues Payment Center  
P. O. Box 5984  
Carol Stream, IL 60197-5984

## IOMS BOARD WAIVES DUES FOR ACTIVE MILITARY



At the March 23, 2003 meeting of the IOMS Board of Trustees, a motion was made, seconded, and passed to waive all dues for active military. This informed and timely response was deemed an appropriate move for the IOMS to make in light of the current world situation. Be certain to share this information with fellow IOMS members on active military duty.



**PHYSICIAN GUIDE TO THE AETNA CLASS ACTION LAWSUIT SETTLEMENT**

If you are a physician who filed claims with Aetna or its subsidiaries from August 4, 1990 through May 30, 2003

you are automatically part of the class covered by the settlement agreement for the class action lawsuit pending in Florida Federal Court. This class action, comprised of 700,000 physicians, addresses allegations of bundling, downcoding and carrier misrepresentation of criteria for various treatment and coverage decisions. To read detailed information about this proposed settlement, or to access the requisite Proof of Claim Form, visit the AOA website at [www.aoa-net.org](http://www.aoa-net.org) and click on Socioeconomic Affairs for a Special Update.

**HIPAA DEADLINE LOOMS**

Medicare providers who are not ready to use the HIPAA standard transaction and code sets by Oct. 16 risk not getting paid. Medical practices and other providers are required by HIPAA to use new standard electronic formats for exchanging administrative information (e.g., claims forms) with health plans and insurance companies after October 15, 2003. Also after this date, Medicare will only accept claims submitted electronically; these, too, must be in HIPAA standard formats. To learn more about this complex and important issue directly affecting your osteopathic medical practice, visit the AOA website at [www.aoa-net.org](http://www.aoa-net.org) for a Special Update.

**IOMS Mission Statement**

The purpose of the Illinois Osteopathic Medical Society is to protect, advocate, maintain and support the philosophy of osteopathic medicine for the benefit of the profession and the patients it serves.

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**SAVE THE DATE**

# 2003 Illinois Osteopathic Medical Society

## WINTER SEMINAR

December 4-7, 2003

Oakbrook Hills Conference Center

Oak Brook, Illinois

This program anticipates being approved for  
30 hours Category 1A CME credits pending approval from the AOA CCME.

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### Topics Include

Emergency Update

Trauma and Medical Emergencies

Internal Medicine and Women's Health

Family Practice and Men's Health

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### Hotel Information

Oakbrook Hills Conference Center Hotel

**630-850-5555**

Single room rate: \$149.00

Double room rate: \$149.00

Please mention you are part of the  
IOMS 2003 Winter Convention to receive  
the preferred room rate

Deadline for preferred room rate  
is 11/03/03

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### Registration Information

	Before 11/1/03	After 11/1/03
IOMS or other state society members	<b>\$460</b>	<b>\$510</b>
IOMS students & residents	—	—
Non-members	<b>\$560</b>	<b>\$610</b>
Non-member student & resident	<b>\$25</b>	<b>\$30</b>
Meal ticket package for spouse & guest		<b>\$125</b>

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