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Greetings and Happy New Year! There are some exciting events coming up in the next few months and several key legislative issues that we will be following.

Betsy Mitchell, our dedicated lobbyist in Springfield, will continue to monitor new bills, current issues, and represent our interests. We have partnered with the Illinois Chapter of the American College of Osteopathic Family Physicians to share the costs of this valuable service and ensure Betsy continues to protect our practice rights in Illinois.

The third annual Osteopathic Physician's Day will be held on March 7th in Springfield. Last year's event was very well attended and exceeded all expectations. A surprising 39 legislators attended our reception at the Sangamo Club. We hope that this year's

event will be even more successful. We anticipate that attendees will again be able to obtain 4.5 hours of AOA 1-A CME credit.

The AOA will hold its annual DO Day on the Hill in Washington, D.C. on April 26th, 2007. Last year over 50 representatives from Illinois, along with 750 of their osteopathic peers, rallied at our nation's capitol to support issues such as PLI reform, Medicare SGR reform, and preservation of volunteer medical faculty.

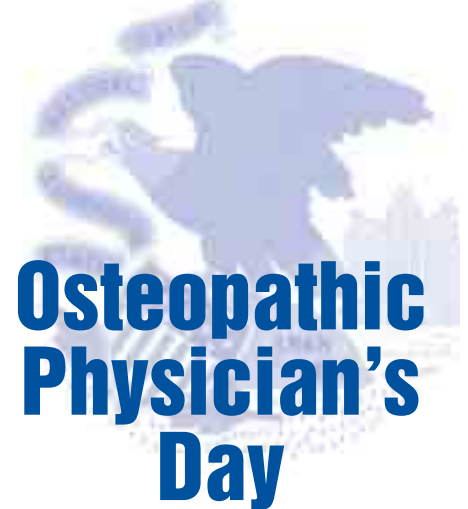
## LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Submitted by  
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District 3 Trustee and Legislative Chair

The AOA House of Delegates will meet in Chicago from July 19th-22nd. Under the leadership of our delegation chair, Teresa Hubka, DO, we expect to again send a full delegation to represent osteopathic physicians in Illinois.

As many of you know, a medical litigation case (P.A. 94-677) has been filed in Cook County that may pose a challenge to the \$500,000 cap on non-economic damages. We will con-

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## Osteopathic Physician's Day

Attend the third annual Osteopathic Physician's Day in Springfield on March 7th and take the opportunity to meet with your state legislator and discuss relevant medical issues. Issues may include medical liability reform, the medical practice act, and patient access to medical care.

Last year, 31 osteopathic students, residents, and physicians attended the educational activities and had the opportunity to lobby with their legislators. A total of 39 legislators and 9 special guests attended the reception at the Sangamo Club. Many legislators were especially excited to meet with medical students.

Once again, we plan to offer 4.5 hours of Category 1-A CME credit, working jointly with ACOFP-IL. Educational sessions will include clinical practice subjects in the morning followed by legislation and public policy issues. Please attend and help us make this the most successful Osteopathic Physician's Day ever. Advance registration for the CME is strongly advised.

To reserve your spot and your lunch (especially if you want to ride on the free charter bus from CCOM campus), please contact [IOMS@IOMS.org](mailto:IOMS@IOMS.org) by March 1st. For additional details about Osteopathic Physicians Day, visit our website at [www.IOMS.org](http://www.IOMS.org).

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# GREETINGS from the DEAN



Two of the most important days of the year for our profession are coming up quickly.

**Osteopathic Physicians Day in Springfield, March 7, 2007**  
**DO Day on the Hill, April 26, 2007**

They both provide opportunities for osteopathic physicians to interact with legislators on the important political issues

of the day affecting physicians and their patients. There is a full orientation incorporated into each "Day" so every physician is well prepared to participate. These "Days" have made a significant statement that DOs are a force in the political process. Specific outcomes such as the reversal in the Medicare reimbursement rates are in no small part due to such efforts. We need you to participate!

So why is the Dean, who deals with educational issues, recommending that you participate in the political process? Because these events are heavily attended by our students. We purposely and intentionally instruct our students about being good citizens. We set the expectation that they will participate in organized medicine and advocate for the best interests of their patients and their profession. What better

way can they learn about citizenship than by seeing citizenship in action? Please call (800) 621-1773 X 8174 or email [IOMS@IOMS.org](mailto:IOMS@IOMS.org) and join us!

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## CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

**Thursday, February 15 - Sunday, February 18**  
**All Day**

**AOA Board of Trustees Mid-Year**

McDevitt Board Room  
AOA Headquarters, Chicago

**Thursday, February 15 • 8AM - 10AM**  
**AOA Bureau of State Government Affairs**

AOA Headquarters, Chicago  
*Welcome to attend in person or via conference call (RSVP to [aspellman@osteopathic.org](mailto:aspellman@osteopathic.org) for call information)*

**Friday, February 23 - Sunday, February 25**  
**Additional Stiles/Laughlin Approaches to Still Functional Techniques**

Indianapolis site to be determined  
20 hours 1-A CME anticipated  
*For additional information, please contact sponsor: Indiana Academy of Osteopathy - ctc: IAO, 3520 Guion Road, Suite 202, Indianapolis, IN 46222. (800) 942-0501 or (317) 926-3009*

**Tuesday, March 6 • 8:00 PM**  
**IOMS Board Meeting and Dinner**  
Sangamo Club, Springfield

**Wednesday, March 7**  
**Osteopathic Physicians Day at the State Capitol, CME Program, & Legislative Reception**

State House Inn, State Capitol Building, & Sangamo Club, Springfield, IL  
*(Contact [IOMS@IOMS.org](mailto:IOMS@IOMS.org) if you wish to go and come back same day on charter bus from CCOM campus)*

**Friday, March 9 • 8:30AM - 3:30PM**  
**Chicago Patient Safety Forum 2007 Annual Scientific Meeting**

*Patient Safety: Moving From Concept to Reality*  
Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Illinois, 300 East Randolph, Chicago, IL  
*For more information, please contact Steve Maxwell: 312-431-9110 or [cpsf@iomc.org](mailto:cpsf@iomc.org).*

**Friday, April 20 - Saturday, April 21**  
**Afternoon Friday, morning & early afternoon Saturday**

**IOMS Spring CME Program**  
AOA Conference Center, AOA Headquarters, Chicago

**Friday, April 20 • Late afternoon**  
**CCOM Bridging Ceremony**  
Seven Bridges, Woodridge

**Thursday, April 26 • All day**  
**DO Day on the Hill**

Washington, DC  
*Register online by March 23rd at: <https://www.do-online.org/index.cfm?PageID=doday>*

**Friday, April 27 • All day**  
**AOA Council on Federal Health Programs**  
Washington, DC

**Thursday, May 24 • Evening**  
**CCOM Graduation Dinner**

**Friday, May 25**  
**CCOM Graduation**  
Congratulations to the new DOs!

**Tuesday, July 17 - Thursday, July 19**  
**AOA Board of Trustees Meeting**  
Fairmont Hotel, Chicago

**Thursday, July 19 • Afternoon**  
**AOA Bureau of State Govt. Affairs**  
Fairmont Hotel, Chicago

**Thursday, July 19 • 5PM and 7:30PM**  
**IOMS Delegation meeting and UFOS Caucus Meeting**

Fairmont Hotel

**Friday, July 20 - Sunday, July 22**  
**AOA House of Delegates**  
Fairmont Hotel, Chicago

**Friday, July 20 • 4PM**  
**IOMS Board of Trustees**  
Fairmont Hotel, Chicago

**Thursday, November 29 - Sunday, December 2**  
**IOMS Annual Winter Scientific Seminar**  
Oak Brook, IL

**Friday, September 28 - Saturday, September 29**  
**AOA Board of Trustees**  
San Diego, CA

**Sunday, September 30 - Thursday, October 4**  
**AOA Convention**  
San Diego, CA

**Friday, November 30 • Evening**  
**Joint SCOPE - OPAC Reception**  
Frank J. McDevitt Board Room  
AOA Headquarters, Chicago, IL

**IOMS Committee Meetings**  
**Executive Committee:** 4th Thursday of each month, 8pm, via teleconference  
**Education Committee:** Last Wednesday of each month, 8pm, via teleconference  
**Membership Committee:** 2nd Monday of February, May, August, November, 8pm, via teleconference  
**All other Committees:** At the call of the chair, generally via teleconference



Thank you for the honor and privilege to serve as President of IOMS for the upcoming year. There will be many challenges for 2007 that will require a team effort to represent the interests of osteopathic physicians in Illinois and the patients that we serve. It is vitally important that DOs become involved during these challenging times.

First, I would like to congratulate Tony DeLorenzo, DO and John Graneto, DO, FACOEP, FACOP for their leadership in the highly successful Winter Conference in Oak Brook. There was a record number of attendees (200 registrants and special guests plus another 20 exhibitors) as well as the continued success of the popular Student Conference. Held in conjunction with the conference was a "Home for the Holidays" theme in which 57 former Chicago Emergency Medicine Residents and their guests reunited for an evening of fellowship and fun. In addition, there was a new Preceptor session under the direction of Don Sefcik, DO, MS, FACOEP, FACOFP and in cooperation with Midwestern University-Chicago College of Osteopathic Medicine, as well as the Past President's Breakfast. This conference continues to grow and IOMS will continue to emphasize CME for its members. **This year IOMS will provide the opportunity for at least 50 CME credits with the addition of a spring conference in April to be held at the AOA building in downtown Chicago.** We welcome Isaac Kirstein, DO, FACOI as the new Chairperson for the Education Committee and look forward to the infusion of his new ideas.

The greatest challenge of IOMS for 2007 will be to mobilize new osteopathic physicians to become members of the organization that represents them while retaining our current loyal members. IOMS is now on stable financial ground, although it requires continued vigilance. Therefore, the primary reason for membership is not the need for dues income, but to engage ourselves in the legislative process to best represent the interests of our

patients. As our lobbyist Betsy Mitchell has said many times, the legislators in Springfield will make laws affecting our practices and our patients whether or not we are there. We can no longer afford to be absent from the table while other groups are influencing the process to their advantage and not in the interests of the patients that we serve. I acknowledge that most of us do not have the time or resources to monitor the ongoing legislation in Springfield. That is why IOMS has our dedicated lobbyist to keep us apprised of important legislation.

## PRESIDENTIAL REPORT

DONALD G. JOHNSTON, DO

One of the most important issues for 2007 will be an anticipated challenge to the malpractice caps that were passed in 2005. Physicians have not seen a dramatic cut in malpractice premiums following the reforms, and one of the reasons given is this anticipated

challenge of the enacted laws. Illinois is still a crisis state making recruitment of physicians difficult, if not impossible. It is in the best interests of the patients that we serve to ensure that a healthy work environment exists for physicians in Illinois. The Legislative Committee, under the continued leadership of Harry Lausen, DO, has several experienced members to monitor important legislation, including Immediate Past President Earle Pescatore, Jr., DO, MHA, FACOG, as well as two other Past Presidents, Robert Good, DO, FACOI, FAAFP and Gary Knepp, DO, FACOFP. In addition, our Executive Director, Elizabeth Harano, has a long-time interest in the political process and keeps a watchful eye on matters that affect DOs in Illinois.

A high priority will be on membership. Your participation as a member is vital, even if you are not able to serve on committees. I have heard many people question what they get for their membership dues. In addition to the many member benefits, the malpractice issue alone helps to offset the cost of annual dues. I know the expenses I have for different insurance policies—life, disability, health, dental, home, malpractice, etc. \$400 for IOMS dues is a relatively small amount to pay for the resolve that malpractice costs will be minimized for our practices. Together, we DO make a difference!

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## Subject: The trial lawyers want more

From: Illinois Civil Justice League [adomite@icjl.org]  
Sent: Friday, January 19, 2007 1:37 PM  
To: Elizabeth Harano  
Subject: The trial lawyers want more

Thursday, January 18, 2006

Dear Friend:

As we begin 2007, Illinois' business owners and health care providers continue to be burdened by a lawsuit system that is still imbalanced heavily in favor of the trial lawyers.

And yet the trial lawyers want more.

They want to reverse the popular medical liability reforms that were enacted in 2005.

They want to increase their ability to bring frivolous lawsuits from around the country into Illinois courts.

They even recently compared their fight against lawsuit reform to the "Crusades."

The only way to stop the trial lawyers is to grow our grassroots coalition in support of common sense lawsuit reform.

I urge you to view our new ad: "Faces of Illinois Lawsuit Abuse"...and then to forward the ad to as many of your contacts as possible.

This ad highlights the real victims of lawsuit abuse—the small business owners and employers in our state.

Our access to quality, affordable health care also has been threatened. It was your grassroots effort to demand common sense medical liability reforms that made enactment of those reforms possible in 2005.

We need to do the same thing in 2007.

Please visit <http://www.illinoisjusticeproject.com/refer/> to view the ad and fill out the "email-to-a-friend" form to forward the ad to 10, 20 or even more family, friends and colleagues.

Our goal is to get 20,000 people across the state to view this ad during the next week.

The clout and political power of trial lawyers in Illinois is enormous...the only way to achieve reform is to keep growing our grassroots coalition. That is why your continued support is so important.

Please view our new ad today.

Lawsuit reform is about fairness. It's about protecting Illinois employers, workers and consumers. It's about protecting our health care system—including doctors and hospitals, so they can continue to care for Illinois residents. It's about creating a legal system with a level playing field—instead of one that is imbalanced heavily in favor of trial lawyers.

Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,

Ed Murnane  
President  
Illinois Civil Justice League

## Immediate Past President's Report



It was a pleasure to serve all of you for the past year as your president of the Illinois Osteopathic Medical Society. This is my first report as the Immediate Past President. I am currently working as the IOMS

representative on the Steering Committee for All Kids. I hope most of you have begun to realize this is more than a program limited to pediatrics. This program is changing Medicaid in the State of Illinois. Eventually, all Medicaid patients will have an assigned primary care physician. The patient will have an opportunity to choose this physician but one will be assigned if they do not choose. Physicians who choose to participate will continue to have control over their panel of Medicaid patients. It will be important for physicians who want to participate in the new programs to enroll. If you have specific questions about the program, we can help you get answers.

I began recently serving on the Council for Continuing Medical Education for the American Osteopathic Association. At a recent meeting I attended in Washington, DC, there seemed to be some confusion about the changes in CME. To maintain membership in the AOA we all need to complete 120 hours over a 3-year cycle. Thirty of these hours must be Category 1(A). Category 1(A) hours are considered to be formal osteopathic teaching hours. The IOMS offers a number of opportunities to obtain these hours every year. The scientific convention in December, Osteopathic Physician Day and our new Spring Combined Meeting with the Chicago College of Osteopathic Medicine all provide an opportunity to obtain these hours. These meetings also offer a chance for networking with osteopathic colleagues, rekindling relationships with classmates and opportunities to enjoy the cities where the programs are offered.

Those physicians that have board certification through the AOA will also need 50 hours of specialty hours over the three-

year cycle. If you have further questions about the specifics of this requirement, I would encourage you to contact your specific specialty board or specialty college.

Finally, most of us have requirements for CME for our state license. In Illinois the requirement is 150 hours over three years. The state requires 60 hours to be Category 1 (formal education). By meeting this requirement in Illinois you will be eligible for the AOA CME Certificate of Excellence. This certificate is evidence to your patients that you have spent the time and energy to remain current in health-care.

If you desire a more detailed discussion of these items, I would refer you to JAOA Volume 106, No 2, February 2006 pages 85 to 95.

Respectfully Submitted,

**Earle M. Pescatore, Jr., DO, MHA, FACOG**

## 2006 AOA House of Delegates



IOMS leadership once again actively participated in the AOA House of Delegates this past July 2006. Earle Pescatore, DO, in his role as IOMS President welcomed the other state delegates to our city—"the Home of the

AOA." John Strosnider, DO, the newly elected President of the AOA, gave an inspirational inaugural address on getting Back to the Basics in our osteopathic profession.

Another point of pride for our delegation was our increased visibility we experienced while wearing our new IOMS logo pocket crests and the personally designed IOMS chair back covers, made by Kathleen and Chuck Naegele. Each of these new identifiers gave us greater recognition within the House of Delegates. Thank you to Chuck and Kathy for your innovative

thoughts and hard work—we have now set our mark for next year!!

Illinois was successful at obtaining unanimous approval of Resolution 258, sponsored by IOMS, which will enforce the AOA's existing policy requiring divisional (state osteopathic or military) society membership for appointees on all AOA Bureaus, Councils and Committees. This will increase our membership of those interested in becoming involved within the AOA.

Congratulations to all IOMS members that have now been selected for positions within the AOA Bureaus, Councils and Committees!! Progress has been made since currently we are the third largest state within the United Federation of Osteopathic Societies (UFOS). Only through our IOMS membership within the AOA does our standing within the UFOS hold strong, therefore strong Membership is the KEY. This needs to be

an ongoing mission for our Society!!

As plans are developing for the 2007 House of Delegates, please let me know if you are interested in serving on our delegation or have any resolutions that you would like IOMS to consider and support. Also, if you have a long-term interest in being recommended for involvement on an AOA bureau, council, or committee, HOD reference committee, and within the UFOS please contact me through Elizabeth Harano.

Remember to get or stay involved in supporting your osteopathic profession by participating in the DO Day on the Hill in Washington DC on Thursday April 26th. Register now by contacting Leann Fox at [lfox@osteopathic.org](mailto:lfox@osteopathic.org).

Submitted by

**Teresa A. Hubka, DO, FACOG dist., FACOG**  
IOMS Delegation Chairperson

## Report from the Executive Director



our newly elected officers and trustees, who were approved by acclamation at the December 1, 2006 General

Membership Meeting are:

### PRESIDENT

**Donald G. Johnston, DO**

Dr. Johnston has served on the Board for more than seven years as Trustee from District 4 and most recently as President Elect. He has also served as Chair of the Education committee 2001-2005. An orthopedic surgeon from Mattoon, he graduated from Kansas City University of Medicine and Bioscience College of Osteopathic Medicine. He and his wife Lisa have one son and one daughter, and he serves as the volunteer full-time boys basketball coach for St. John's Lutheran School.

### PRESIDENT ELECT

**Anthony W. DeLorenzo, DO**

Dr. DeLorenzo has been on the Board for more than six years, first as an At-Large Trustee and from 2003-06 as District 1 Trustee. He has been Program Chair, developing the 2004 and 2005 Winter Conferences and various OMT workshops in that role, and in 2006 stepped up as Chair of the Education Committee. He received the Distinguished Service Award in 2005. An internist from Hinsdale, he is an Associate Professor for CCOM. Dr. DeLorenzo completed coursework in medical acupuncture through UCLA School of Medicine and is a charter member of the IL Chapter of the American Academy of Medical Acupuncture. He graduated from the University of North Texas Health Sciences Center at Ft. Worth. He and his wife Regina have a son. He is the lead developer of LIFEMINE—Personal Health Organizer, “a basic operating system for gathering and storing health related information.”

### TREASURER

**Rodey Wassef, DO, MPH, FACFP**

Dr. Wassef has served on the Board for more than ten years, including terms as Trustee from District 1, and has served on each of the three IOMS standing committees. For the past several years she has been the IOMS representative to the CMS HIPAA Region V Task Force. The Membership Chair in 2006, she was instrumental in St. James Hospital expanding membership for their House Staff. She is also active in the ACOFP. A family physician practicing out of St.

James Hospital, she graduated from Midwestern University-Chicago College of Osteopathic Medicine. She is married to Larry Watts and resides in Frankfort.

### IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT

**Earle M. Pescatore, Jr., DO, MHA, FACOG**

Dr. Pescatore has been a member of the Board since December 2002, when he was elected Trustee from District 2. He has served as Chair of the Legislative Committee until becoming President, and is a Public Policy Fellow. An urogynecologist in Rockford, Dr. Pescatore previously practiced in Ohio, and during his Naval service, on Guam and Okinawa. A graduate of Nova Southeastern College of Osteopathic Medicine, he and his wife Keli have a son and daughter.

#### Trustee District 1

**Isaac Kirstein, DO, FACOI – Chicago**

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A huge “thank you” to our dedicated outgoing Board members: Immediate Past President Thomas W. Kupferer, DO, FACOFP of Murphysboro; At Large Trustee and past Treasurer John W. Graneto, DO, FACOEP, FACOP of Chicago; At Large Trustee and a past president Scott Rusco, DO, of Palos Heights; Postgraduate Trustee Amanda Richardson, DO, of New Castle, IN; and Student Trustee John Lavelle of Downers Grove.

#### Your IOMS Staff – Closing 2006 and Opening 2007

Your IOMS staff is closing the books on the extremely successful 2006 Winter Scientific Seminar and IOMS Convention, with its numerous related activities:

- *Presidential Banquet and Dance with its commemorative Program Book,*
- *Awards presentations,*
- *Silent Auction,*
- *Special Emergency Medicine Residency Reunion Reception,*
- *Raffle (this year top winner was a ZUNE),*
- *General Membership Meeting,*

- *Board Meeting and new member orientation,*
- *Student Program,*
- *Illinois DMEs/Program Directors Meeting,*
- *An Exhibit Hall and outside sponsorships,*
- *30 hours of outstanding continuing medical education programming and the*
- *Welcoming of VIP guests including:*
  - *AOA President Elect Peter B. Ajluni, DO, FACOS, FAOAO;*
  - *ACOFPP President Thomas Told, DO, FACOFP dist.;*
  - *ACOEP President Paula Willoughby-DeJesus, DO, ACOEP;*
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  - *Illinois State Senator Dale Righter, JD;*
  - *ISMS Vice President Steven Malkin, MD;*
  - *Advocates to the AOA Vice President Linda Adams and Past President Shelly Wieting;*
  - *and*
  - *ACOFPP Auxiliary President Mollie Told.*

**Be sure to Save the Dates for 2007 — November 29 to December 2!**

Looking forward to 2007, we are working closely with IOMS' core standing committees. We are exploring several new Membership benefits (watch your mailboxes!); working with the Legislative Committee on the March 7th Osteopathic Physicians Day at the State Capitol, a no-cost to members Legislative lobby day and reception that will also offer the option of up to 4 1/2 hours of Category 1-A CME at incentive pricing; and working with your Education Committee on plans for a new Spring CME in downtown Chicago in addition to another outstanding Winter CME.

We are really thrilled about the future for IOMS. With our balanced budget, net increase in assets, outstanding leadership, engaged student doctors, and—for the first time in more than a year—a full staff (including new account director Jonathan Webb, MPH; finance specialist Angela Wilkins; and Project Coordinator Megan Renehan) and back-up from our AOA colleagues, we know IOMS members will be pleased with their IOMS in 2007!

Don't hesitate to call or write if you have any questions: 800.621.1773, ext. 8174 or [IOMS@IOMS.org](mailto:IOMS@IOMS.org).

Respectfully submitted,  
**Elizabeth Forkins Harano**  
Executive Director.

# CCOM Corner



Enthusiasm, excitement, and innovation are always brewing amongst the students at CCOM. Earlier this year, AOA President John A. Strosnider, DO put forth the challenge to move our profession from a good to a great

profession. Students of the CCOM community have truly internalized this message and have taken positive actions towards improving our profession.

A new committee has been chartered by the CCOM Student Council. The Osteopathic Awareness Committee is solely dedicated to spreading the knowledge of Osteopathy through varying mediums. On February 28, 2007, our students will be participating in the Wellness Day at the College of DuPage. Health professionals from around the state will be attending to provide individuals with information on health care. The College of DuPage has never had osteopathic representation at this event, but we are looking forward to meeting with individuals to share our enthusiasm for Osteopathy.

In that same spirit of growth in the osteopathic profession, on January 12, 2007, CCOM students went to the Daniel Hale Williams Preparatory School of Medicine (DHW) to help 7th graders with their science fair projects. DHW is a Chicago public school which offers a six-year college preparatory math and science curriculum for students interested in pur-

suing a career in the fields of medicine. Many of these bright students come from under-represented minority groups in the medical field. CCOM students have also been given the honor to act as judges in the school's Science Fair. Not only is this a wonderful opportunity to share our experiences with potential medical students, but it is a chance for CCOM students to inspire these young minds to become future osteopathic physicians.

This year, many of our students went to Kissimmee, FL to take part in the Student Osteopathic Medical Association's Unity Project. During the winter break, students volunteered at Give Kids the World Village, a non-profit resort that gives children with serious illnesses and their families an opportunity to enjoy a visit to central Florida's attractions. Volunteer activities ranged from driving the village train, welcoming families, and even painting maintenance. The students who attended this project served with giving hearts and represented CCOM proudly.

With the efforts of our Dean, Karen J. Nichols, DO, FACOI we had the honor of having Stanley W. Borg, DO present to our students about how he, as a family practice physician, became a leader in the medical profession. Dr. Borg is vice president of Clinical Operations at the Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Illinois, one of the largest health insurance companies in the nation. Dr. Borg told us about the paths that led him to his current position, but also noted that he con-

tinues to practice in clinics. It was enlightening to see how hard work and dedication can lead to great consequences.

It is well known that the educators at CCOM strive to provide students with excellent medical knowledge. In addition to our academic studies, Dr. Nichols has provided OMS-2 students the opportunity to expand our cultural knowledge through a series of spirituality panels throughout the year. Various religious leaders throughout the community have presented their respective religious beliefs, traditions, and the impact their religion has on health care. Guest speakers represent the faiths of Judaism, Christianity, Hinduism, Buddhism, and more. This opportunity allows CCOM students to gain perspective into how an individual's faith can affect health care preferences, allowing us to better take care of the individual as a whole.

In support of the AOA and our profession, the CCOM theme for the year is "Back to the Basics of Osteopathy." With this in mind, there will be a CCOM formal in the spring with an essay contest. This contest will ask students to express what they think the foundations of Osteopathy are and what we can do on an individual, state, and national level in order to strengthen our profession. The winner of this contest will be honored at the formal on March 9, 2007.

Students are gearing up for the upcoming events in the spring, including Osteopathic Physicians Day at the State Capitol, and DO Day on the Hill in Washington, D.C. Students had an informative and thoroughly enjoyable experience at the student program of the IOMS Winter Scientific Seminar, and desire to continue learning and taking part in the growth of Osteopathy through the upcoming events.

*The Osteopathic Awareness Committee is solely dedicated to spreading the knowledge of Osteopathy through varying mediums.*

Respectfully Submitted,

Jennie H. Kwon, OMS-II  
Student Trustee

# fyi

*The Chicago Sun-Times* reported on 12/11/06 that an Illinois law designed to increase competition in the professional liability insurance market, 65% of

which was dominated by a single provider, is working—that provider has cut rates by 5.2%, four other providers have lowered their base rates, and more insurance companies are planning to expand into Illinois.

### Getting an NPI is free—not having one can be costly.

Failure to prepare could result in a disruption in cash flow.

Will you be ready to use your NPI?

Time is running out!

# npi

To date, over 1.6M providers have obtained an NPI. Now, only 120 days are left to implement the NPI into business

practices prior to the compliance date. A recent survey of the health care industry, conducted by the Workgroup for Electronic Data Interchange (WEDI), indicates that

providers should have already obtained an NPI and be focusing on implementation and testing with health plans and clearinghouses. If you have not obtained your NPI by now, you should do so immediately so that you can begin the implementation and testing process.

### Reminder to Supply Legacy Identifiers on NPI Application

CMS continues to urge providers to include legacy identifiers, as well as associated provider identifier type(s), on their NPI applications. This will help all health plans, including Medicare, to get ready for May 23, 2007. If reporting a Medicaid legacy number, include the associated state name. If providers have already been assigned NPIs, CMS asks them to go back into the NPPES and update their information with their legacy identifiers if they did not include those identifiers when they applied for NPIs. Providers should make sure that these legacy identifiers are the ones used to bill for services and should be sure that the NPPES is updated with this information for all health plans. This information is critical for health plans and health care clearinghouses in the development of crosswalks to aid in the transition to the NPI.

### New MLN Matters Article Available

A new Special Edition MLN Matters article is now posted on the CMS website with important implementation information for Medicare providers, as well as informa-

tion that may be helpful for all health care providers. You can view this article by visiting [http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MLN\\_MattersArticles/downloads/SE0679.pdf](http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MLN_MattersArticles/downloads/SE0679.pdf) on the CMS website.



### Still Confused?

Not sure what an NPI is and how you can get it, share it and use it? As always, more information and education on the NPI can be found at the CMS NPI page [www.cms.hhs.gov/NationalProvIdentStand](http://www.cms.hhs.gov/NationalProvIdentStand) on the CMS website. Providers can apply for an NPI online at <https://nppes.cms.hhs.gov> or can call the NPI enumerator to request a paper application at 1-800-465-3203.

FYI is compiled by Elizabeth Harano, your IOMS Executive Director

## Snapshots from the WINTER SCIENTIFIC SEMINAR Banquet and Conference



Anthony DeLorenzo, DO, with LifeMine: a personal health organizer. He led development of this system.



Immediate Past President Dr. Pescatore presenting Distinguished Service Award to two-time Past President Gary L. Knepp, DO, FACOFP



Mrs. Jo Ann Sefcik; Nicky Ottens, DO, PGY-2; Julie Sees, OMS-4; and Tana Drefcinski, CCOM Education Coordinator

## HELP FOR MEDICAID PATIENTS WITH CHRONIC ILLNESS

By Dr. Fredric D. Leary

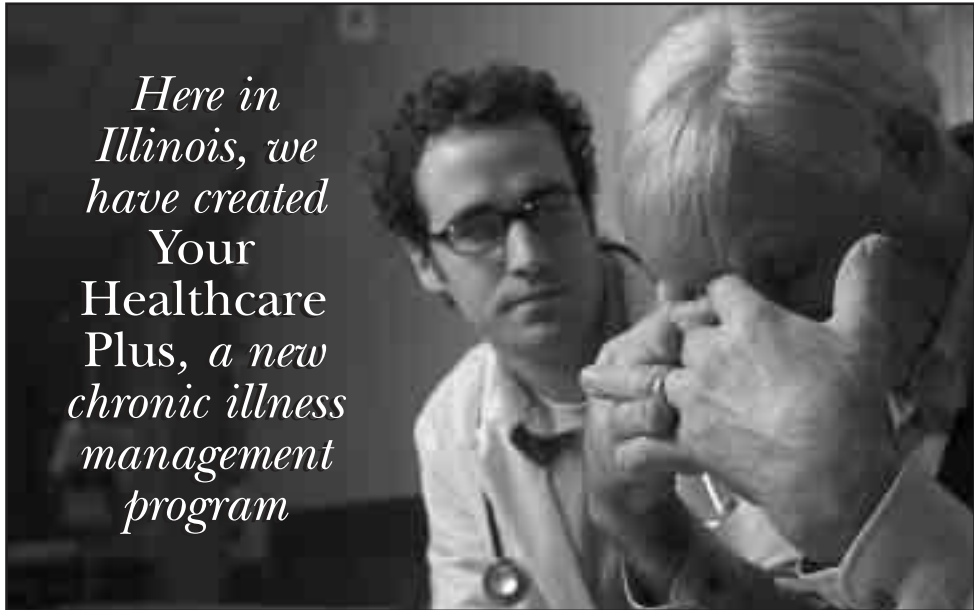
**M**any people live with chronic illnesses that need daily attention, such as asthma or diabetes. But in today's busy world, it can be hard to keep track of when you need to refill a prescription, or when it's time for a checkup. Here in Illinois, we have created *Your Healthcare Plus*, a new chronic illness management program designed to help Illinois families learn new ways to take charge of their illness, so they can live longer, healthier lives.

Through *Your Healthcare Plus*, Illinois-based nurses and social workers team up to provide patient education and coaching to reinforce the doctor's orders. They help remind people with asthma to get a flu vaccination every year, or educate patients with diabetes about the importance of long-term blood sugar control and ways to control blood pressure. *Your Healthcare Plus* also seeks to improve the patient/physician relationship by helping participants find a primary care physician,

assisting patients with setting and keeping appointments, arranging transportation to doctor's appointments, and facilitating communication between the primary doctor and other specialists.

design *Your Healthcare Plus*, to suit the needs of Illinois physicians as well as Medicaid beneficiaries.

Chronic illness management helps people gain better control over their disease, and better control over their lives. *Your Healthcare Plus* is delivered statewide by the Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services and McKesson Health Solutions, and is available to nearly 170,000 eligible adults and children who receive Medicaid in Illinois. I want to encourage families who are interested in helping themselves or their loved ones to get more information about the program.



*Here in Illinois, we have created Your Healthcare Plus, a new chronic illness management program*

We know how important our doctors are in providing the best possible care to our patients. That's why, over the last year, we met with practitioners and professional organizations throughout Illinois to help

*Dr. Fredric D. Leary is the Illinois Medical Director for Your Healthcare Plus and is past-president of the Illinois Academy of Family Physicians.*



*Karaoke at the Banquet (l to r): Drs. Knepp, Naegele, Nichols, Hubka, Capitelli, Good, Lausen, Johnston; Jonathan Webb; and Drs. Kupferer and Sejcik*



*The crowd cheers for the Karaoke Singers (to keep singing?!)*



*SOMA President Kerri Kulovitz, OMS-2; Nicole Chiampas, OMS-2; and District 2 Trustee Nicky Ottens, DO with "first daughter" Allison Johnston in front*



*Dr. Nichols—Dean of the Dance Floor!*

## Important New Information for All Physicians: An Overview of Illinois Health Connect

The Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services (formerly the Illinois Department of Public Aid) is moving to a Primary Care Case Management (PCCM) model for most medical program (Medicaid and All Kids) clients. This model of health care delivery is also known as the “medical home model” and has been shown to enhance primary and preventive care services. Twenty-nine other states have adopted similar programs for their clients and have shown a gradual decrease in ED usage, an increase in primary care and preventive services (such as immunizations) for patients, and decreased costs. In Illinois, this program has been named *Illinois Health Connect* and is being administered by Automated Health Systems.

Overall, 1.2 million patients, including 800,000 children enrolled in All Kids, 300,00 adults enrolled in FamilyCare and 107,000 elderly or disabled adults, are eligible for Illinois Health Connect and will choose one Primary Care Provider (PCP) to act as their “medical home.” Physicians willing to provide a medical home for patients must enroll as an Illinois Health

Connect PCP. They can specify how many patients they want in their panel from 1 to 1,800 and limit the panel based on existing patients, age limits, zip codes or gender. PCPs will receive a prospective monthly management fee in addition to the fee-for-service reimbursements for each visit. Primary care physicians who do not enroll will no longer be able to provide primary care to their HFS patients without a referral.

PCPs will provide referrals for patients to see specialists. Referrals are registered with HFS so claims by specialists will be paid. Referrals are NOT reviewed for medical necessity or “pre-authorized”. Patients will NOT require a referral to receive care in the ED. Labs, diagnostic studies, PT/OT/ST will NOT require referrals.

Specialists do not need to enroll but will need to verify that a referral has been registered by the PCP before submitting a claim for services. Automated Health Systems is also developing a Resource Referral Network that will assist PCPs in identifying specialty providers who are willing to care

for their patients enrolled in Illinois Health Connect. Specialists who would like to be included in the Resource Referral Network can contact Automated Health Systems to complete the application.

In January 2006, Reimbursement rates for maternal child health codes were increased by 60-100%. The State has pledged to a 30-day reimbursement cycle for pediatric claims and a 60-day reimbursement cycle for adult claims. Most providers have seen a substantial boost in paid claims over the past few months.

HFS has also implemented a parallel program for Disease Management called Your Healthcare Plus. This program is administered by McKesson Health Solutions and will target 165,000 Medicaid patients who have the highest utilization of services and specific medical conditions. Patients will receive a health assessment and educational intervention from a team of clinicians, social workers and pharmacists.

To learn more or to enroll as a PCP call 1-877-912-1999 or visit the website at [www.illinoishealthconnect.com](http://www.illinoishealthconnect.com).

## AOA Bureau of Federal Health Programs

**I** just returned January 21st from Washington DC where I represented ACOOG and IOMS at the BFHP. This is the legislative and advocacy arm of the AOA. During this meeting, recommendations and changes were made to the proposed agenda for the 110th Congress. The agenda items are the following for the 2007 year:

- 1) Improve patient safety and enhance the quality of the health care delivery system,
- 2) Improve access to appropriate medical care for all patients,
- 3) Ensure inclusion of osteopathic medicine in all health care delivery systems and medical policymaking bodies,
- 4) Promote and protect physicians’ ability to care for patients,
- 5) Ensure the appropriate consideration of osteopathic graduate medical education (OGME) programs in physician workforce planning and financing,

- 6) Work to reform and enhance physician payment policies,
- 7) Resolve the problem of fair and affordable professional liability insurance (PLI) and
- 8) Develop and maintain bipartisan government relations within the Administration and the 110th Congress.

Several reports were given from a panel of Congressional Staff Members on plans for the 110th Congress. Unfortunately PLI reform, as it has been proposed in the past, did not make any headway in the 109th Congress and has not become a focus for the 110th Congress. The AOA is looking into other measures for PLI reform such as health courts and general insurance reform. Pay for Performance, a top priority in the development of quality measures of health care, will require strong physician commitment and involvement in the development of these meas-

ure sets. We will continue to monitor and voice our concerns with P4P and PLI reform.

The AOA has also partnered with the National Library of Medicine of the National Institutes of Health to disseminate accurate medical information to patients on various health conditions. Currently patients turn to the Internet and are prey to misinformation. Physicians can promote appropriate information for patients by recommending [MedlinePlus.gov](http://MedlinePlus.gov), a free, comprehensive, authoritative, up-to-date health information website. The AOA is supportive of this program.

Fraternally yours,

**Teresa A. Hubka DO, FACOOG (Dist), FACOG**

# IOMS Membership Committee Report



Every organization longs for more members and more money. As such, two of the hardest committees in any organization are those that deal with fundraising initiatives and membership drives. It is always a challenge to reach out to new perspective members, convince them of their need to be a member of an organization and continue to keep old members by meeting their needs

in a relevant and efficient manner. IOMS is no exception to this process. In a world of committees, organizations, clubs, professional associations, political associations, philanthropic causes and extracurricular interest groups there is no lack of groups wanting more members. As such, we are constantly being berated with "Join Now!" propaganda, to the point where we have grown calloused to the initiatives set out by these organizations and their attempts to bring in new members. This abundance of membership drives makes it hard for us to focus on which groups we want and/or need to belong to, which groups are a worthwhile investment of our time and money, and which groups really care about us as members and are going to move forward with us in the future.

Our goal this year for the Membership Committee is to increase our new members and retain our old members. But then again, every organization has that goal. The real trick is going to be figuring out a way to think outside the box—to find novel and fresh ways to meet and recruit new members; to not just acquire new members for a sake of increasing our numbers, but to involve those new members so they too feel a sense of pride and commitment to IOMS and the osteopathic profession. We as a Membership Committee want those numbers to mean something to IOMS and to those new members.

It has been said that any group is "only as strong as its weakest link." Heeding that warning, we mustn't lose sight of the important role and value our current members have to IOMS. We must continue to reach out to them on a district level. Meeting with them, interacting with them and discussing the particular issues that are important to them and their practice and continuing to meet their needs as a state society.

This year, we hope to maximize the efforts put forth by the AOA's 1880 or Bust

campaign and its goals to increase membership at a state and national level. We also plan to see the implementation of Resolution No.258 (submitted by IOMS at the July 2006 House of Delegates), which would require all AOA committee and bureau members, as well as all osteopathic DMEs and program directors, to be members of their state societies.


Additionally, we seek to find new avenues to reach new members. One such venue starts early in the physician's career—with the residents and young physicians (See New Member Interview section). If we can reach them early in their careers and create an interest in and sense of accountability to their profession, not only will IOMS benefit, but so will our profession as a whole.

We have our work cut out for us this year, but we are eager to get started!

Respectfully submitted,

Nicky Ottens, DO  
IOMS Membership Committee Chair

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## Report from our State Capitol Lobbyist



### MEDICAL PRACTICE ACT EXTENDED FOR TWO YEARS

In 2006, Senate Bill 2608 was introduced by Senator Haine (D, Alton) to provide a 10-year extension to the Illinois Medical Practice Act. The Act was scheduled to sunset on December 31, 2006. During discussions with the administration and legislative leaders, physicians supported no major changes to the act. During the Spring Session, the bill passed unanimously in the Senate, but was not acted upon by the House; instead it was held for consideration until the Fall Veto Session following Election Day in November 2006. While the bill was in the House, SB 2608 was sponsored by Speaker Madigan and amended to sunset the Illinois Practice Act on December 31, 2008, instead of January 1, 2017 as initially introduced. The Speaker of the House made it clear that he had some concerns and he plans to address these concerns over the next two years.

On December 29, 2006, the Governor signed Senate Bill 2608 into law, which simply extends the sunset of the Illinois Medical Practice Act to December 31, 2008. It is now Public Act 94-1075. Over the next two years, the physician organizations will remain very focused on extending the sunset of this Act in a manner that is not detrimental to the practice of medicine in Illinois.

### DO LOBBY DAY 2007

**Wednesday, March 7, 2007** is DO Day at the Capitol in Springfield, Illinois. Why should you attend? Quite simply, when you take time from your valuable schedule, it sends a loud and concise message to your legislators that what you have to say is essential. Legislators value hearing from you who provide valuable medical services to the people of Illinois. At the same time, it gives you the much-needed opportunity to have face time with legislators in order to describe osteopathic medicine.

Following a CME opportunity, we begin the Lobby Day with a description of what is going on at the Capitol that day and how it is affecting your profession. Speakers will include legislative experts from the Academy of Family Physicians, the Illinois State Medical Society, and public officials. Materials will be provided for you to distribute to your legislators. You will even be provided with a brief outline on the most effective methods of communicating with your legislators. You will then head to the Capitol (across the street from the hotel) to discuss with your legislators the issues of the day. Following your visits, we will have a de-briefing session.

From 5 to 7:00 p.m. IOMS will host a Legislative Reception at the Sangamo Club. All legislators will be invited to attend this event. Last year nearly 40 legislators stopped by our event. It was a wonderful and worthwhile evening. To register for this event, contact IOMS headquarters at (800) 621-1773, ext. 8174 or [IOMS@IOMS.org](mailto:IOMS@IOMS.org).

### 2007 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

On Monday, January 8, 2007, the Constitutional Officers were sworn into office and the 95th Illinois General Assembly took the oath of office on Wednesday, January 10, 2007 at noon in Springfield. Due to the refurbishing at the Capitol, full session days for the House and Senate are scheduled to begin at the end of January and run through the end of May. Indications from the Veto Session last fall may illustrate that this year's session could be full of debate and non-agreement between the Senate and House.

As this article is being written, very few pieces of legislation have been introduced, but we do know that the Physical Therapists may be looking again to introduce legislation to allow them to provide services without a referral. In addition, the nurses licensing will sunset at the end of this year so the legislature will review the all acts pertaining to nurses. Stay tuned for a description of the legislation introduced which could have some impact on you as a D O.

### ADVOCACY, GET INVOLVED...

To remain a visible and viable organization in the legislative process, advocacy at the local level must be an integral part of your organization. As we begin a new legislative cycle, now is a good time to contact your legislators, especially if you have a new legislator from your area. Get to know them and become their expert on medical issues. If you are unsure who your legislators are please find out by going to the Illinois State Board of Elections web site:

- <http://www.elections.il.gov/>
- Finding districts and elected officials

Respectfully submitted,

Betsy D. Mitchell, MPA  
Betsy D. Mitchell & Associates  
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## Call for **IOMS** Delegates



The AOA House of Delegates convenes July 20 through 22, 2007, in Chicago, Illinois at the Fairmont Hotel. The meetings prove to be very rewarding! Come and experience the policy making process of the AOA and interact with representatives from all states, specialty colleges, and student organizations.

Our delegation is composed of members of our Board of Trustees, chairs of committees, interested member physicians, students, and resident members.

IOMS has had a total of 13 delegates with alternates that serve to represent YOU—our state society's membership. If you are interested in serving and are both an AOA and IOMS member in good stand-

ing, then contact Teresa Hubka, DO, delegation chair, through IOMS headquarters email: [IOMS@IOMS.org](mailto:IOMS@IOMS.org) or by phone (312) 202-8174. Please send your CV and a brief statement as to why you would like to serve.

Fraternally yours,

**Teresa A. Hubka DO, FACOOG Dist, FACOG**  
IOMS Delegation Chair

## DOs in the News

### Alzheimer's on TV

**Anthony De Lorenzo, DO**, was interviewed for a segment on Alzheimer's disease for "Chicago Philippine Report TV", a local Filipino talk show. The show ran on Ch.48 (WFBT) on Sunday, December 31 from 12:00-2:00 p.m. According to the AOA communications staff, Dr. De Lorenzo did a great job of mentioning osteopathic medicine as he explained ways to prevent memory loss and dementia in those suffering from Alzheimer's.

### Alumni Profiles

**Robert Good, DO, FACOI, FAAFP** and his wife, Brenda, were profiled in a recent issue of the alumni magazine for the University of Northern Iowa, where they met in 1972 as undergraduates. Brenda is Director of Administration and Finance for the Radio and Television Center at Eastern Illinois University. Dr. Good is Medical Director at Carle Foundation Physician Services and practices IM at Carle Clinic's Mattoon site. The article notes that Dr. Good is a past president of the Illinois Osteopathic Medical Society.

### CCOM and Weiss Hospital both tap Hubka

**Teresa Hubka, DO, FACOOG dist., FACOG**, is Chair of the Ob/Gyn Dept. at MWU in Chicago. As Residency Program Director, Dr. Hubka coordinates the ob/gyn rotations. She was recently named Medical Director of Weiss Wellness and Women's Health Services at Louis A. Weiss Memorial Hospital-Vanguard Health Systems. (source: *DMU Magazine*)

### Chicago Tribune on Physicians' Distance from Patients

**Karen J. Nichols, DO, MS, FACOI**, Dean of the Midwestern University Chicago College of Osteopathic Medicine in Downers Grove, IL, was featured in the Careerbuilder section of Sunday's Chicago Tribune on January 21st. Responding to the notion that health care workers can become immune to suffering and learn to distance themselves from patients, Dr. Nichols promoted the osteopathic medical philosophy by stating, "The old adage applies here: The secret of caring for the patient is caring for the person." Dr. Nichols went on to explain that studies show patients are more compliant with medications and recommended treatments when they perceive that their physician cares for them as an individual. (source: *Chicago Tribune*)

### Wedding Bells

**Sandra Pavic, DO**, board certified in family medicine, will be married in Spring 2007 to Oscar Gokesmer. (source: *DMU Magazine*)

### FDA Panel Nomination

**Earle M. Pescatore, Jr., DO, MHA, FACOG**, was nominated by the AOA to serve on the Food & Drug Administration Obstetrics and Gynecology Devices Panel. In his nomination letter, AOA President John Strosnider, DO wrote: "...Dr. Pescatore's background and experience would be valuable to the work of the advisory committee. Dr. Pescatore is a board certified physician in obstetrics and gynecology.

He is in private practice with the Rock Valley Women's Health Center. Dr. Pescatore provides comprehensive health care to his patients. Dr. Pescatore would also offer a distinctive medical perspective. As you know, osteopathic physicians are fully licensed to prescribe medication and perform surgery. Additionally, they treat their patients with a unique approach to care that focuses on an injury or illness in the context of the "whole person." They also receive comprehensive instruction in musculoskeletal diagnosis and treatment, which gives D.O.s an extra tool in enhancing the health of their patients. ..." (source: Dr. Strosnider's letter)

### Congratulations – Missouri's gain is our loss

IOMS offers congratulations and best wishes to member **Jeffrey A. Suzewits, DO, MPH, FAAFP**, formerly of Springfield, IL, on his appointment as Associate Professor in the Dept. of Family Medicine, Preventive Medicine and Community Health and as Associate Dean for Clinical Educational Affairs & OPTIK at Kirksville College of Osteopathic Medicine of A. T. Still University in Missouri.

Have you become a Fellow in your specialty college recently? Opened a new practice? Married? Been interviewed by your local media? Share these and any other kinds of your good news with [IOMS@IOMS.org](mailto:IOMS@IOMS.org).

# IOMS New Member Interview



**Dr. Michael Nuyles**  
Interviewed by District 2 Trustee, Dr. Nicky Ottens

**Background:** Illinois native, born & raised on Chicago's south side. Marquette Park area to be specific.

**Undergrad:** Illinois Benedictine University, Lisle, IL. Majored in Biochemistry.

**Med School:** Chicago College of Osteopathic Medicine

**Internship & Residency:** Chicago College of Osteopathic Medicine (CCOM/MWU) currently a PGY-2 in Internal Medicine. Currently training at St. James Olympia Fields Hospital, Olympia Fields, IL.

**Future Aspirations:** Interventional cardiology fellowship

**How did you first hear about IOMS?**

During the freshman year of medical school's orientation, IOMS was there to greet us and welcome us into the profession. They were very active with us as students and truly showed their interest in us early on.

**What got you involved as an IOMS member?** Dr. Matzura, the Chair of Internal Medicine Dept and Program Director for Internal Medicine got all of our internal medicine residents involved. She has emphasized to us the importance of this organization in our training here in Illinois, as well as, aiding in our future involvement as osteopathic physicians in the state.

**How do you think we can get more residents involved with IOMS?** By interacting more with the residents and engaging us like they did when we were students. A lot of our residents training here are from outside of Illinois or CCOM and are not as aware of IOMS as those of us who were first introduced to them in medical school.

**Why do you think it's important to be involved with your state osteopathic society?** State societies have a huge influence on the state legislature that affects our practice rights. Their influence can directly affect my future practice.

**What issues are most important to us as a state? To you as a resident training here?** Malpractice, malpractice, malpractice. Even as a resident, it is in the back of our minds. It dictates where and how we can practice. It even affects the type of medicine we are now being taught. Unfortunately, defensive medicine is becoming a stronger undertow within our training. And it creates a great discordance with our patient's access to quality health care.

**Any future plans for your role in IOMS?** I'd loved to get more involved. I think that residents need to be more active in their state societies and the AOA. It's important for us to step up into our maturing role(s) as professionals in the osteopathic community.

Thank you Dr. Nuyles for your candor! We look forward to your involvement in IOMS!



Dr. Nicky Ottens  
District 2 Trustee

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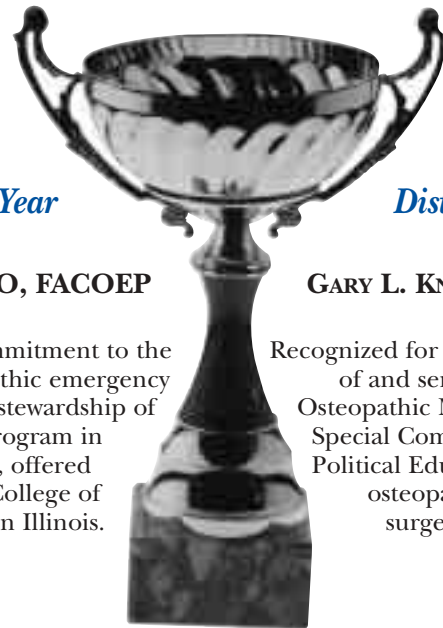
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tinue to follow this case and keep you informed if it is heard in front of the Illinois Supreme Court.

Illinois lawmakers agreed to only extend the Illinois Medical Practice Act for 2 years. There will likely be efforts for allied health professionals to expand their practice rights. These issues may include expanded prescription rights or independent practice rights.

Two medical liability reform bills have been introduced this year in Washington, D.C. The “Medical Care Access Protection Act of 2007” and the “Healthy Mothers and Healthy Babies Access to Care Act of 2007” are both modeled on successful Texas legislation introduced in 2003.

The deadline for getting the NPI is May 23, 2007. The NPI will be necessary to receive reimbursement from Medicare and most other insurance providers. You can apply online at <https://nppes.cms.hhs.gov> or you can call 1-800-465-3203.

### Important issues for your consideration:

- 1) The Illinois Medical Practice Act has only been extended for 2 years. We will continue to monitor potential changes to our practice rights and threats to patient safety.
- 2) Medical litigation reform may be challenged in Illinois. Your representatives will follow this case that seeks to overturn the \$500,000 cap on non-economic damages.
- 3) Get your NPI before the upcoming deadline. Apply online at <https://nppes.cms.hhs.gov> or you can call 1-800-465-3203.
- 4) Urge your legislators to support the “Medical Care Access Protection Act of 2007” and the “Healthy Mothers and Healthy Babies Access to Care Act of 2007.”
- 5) Remember to submit a donation to SCOPE. SCOPE is our state’s Osteopathic Political Action Committee.
- 6) Attend Osteopathic Physician’s Day on March 7th in Springfield. Be present, be heard, and affect change.
- 7) DO Day on Capitol Hill will take place on April 26, 2007 in Washington, D.C. Registration is open at DO-online.
- 8) The AOA House of Delegates will be held in Chicago from July 19th-22nd.

## 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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