

# Illinois Osteopathic Medical Society



2004 - 2005 Report Card to Members  
Celebrating 50 Years of Full Practice Rights for IL DOs  
*How can you afford NOT to belong?*

## Continuing Medical Education – Category 1-A:

- 2004 Winter Scientific Seminar - December 2-5, 2004. Hyatt Regency, Oak Brook, IL - 31.5 hours. *Member Discount = \$200.*  
Expanded in 2004 to include accredited CME for your PA's
- Non-surgical Treatment of Carpal Tunnel Syndrome – An Osteopathic Approach – An OMT Workshop - April 23, 2005. CCOM, Downers Grove, IL - 3 hours. *Member Discount = 33%.*
- OMT for Upper Extremity Problems – An OMT Workshop – April 23, 2005. CCOM, Downers Grove, IL - 3 hours. *Member Discount = 33%.*

Workshops supported by an OMT Grant from the AOA

## Government Advocacy:

### To the State of Illinois:

- Contracted with an experienced on-site lobbyist in Springfield to represent IOMS and ACOFP-IL to our elected officials.
- Sponsored the successful *Osteopathic Physicians Day at the State Capitol* with over 40 DOs, osteopathic medical students, & supporters from all across the state. Reached out to more than 30 state legislators, including meetings with leadership, on issues such as medical malpractice reform and other health care issues. *All at no cost to members.*
- Produced comprehensive briefing session for lobby day attendees, with speakers from IOMS, American Osteopathic Association, Illinois State Medical Society, and the Illinois Academy of Family Physicians.
- Published timely State Legislative Alerts via e-mail to IL DOs.
- Represented Illinois DOs to government agencies and collaborated with the American Osteopathic Association, the American College of Osteopathic Family Physicians – IL Chapter, the Illinois State Medical Society, the Illinois Civic Justice League and others on medical malpractice reform efforts.
- Reinvigorated our political action fund (PAC) – called SCOPE: Special Committee on Osteopathic Political Education.
- Honored Legislator of the Year: Rep. Beth Coulson (R-17<sup>th</sup>).
- Monitored legislation of interest to DO's.

### To the Nation:

- Sent IOMS delegation to AOA's DO Day on the Hill to address federal issues for osteopathic physicians.
- Sent delegation to President Bush's January 5<sup>th</sup> address in Collinsville; at White House staff request, shared DOs' perspective with White House speechwriters.
- Sponsored voter questionnaire for US Senate Candidates from Illinois in 2004, published replies in Illinois *Insights* newsletter.

### Professional Support:

- Published *free* quarterly *Insights* Newsletter and E-newsletter
- Distributed annual *members' only* Directory to help you keep in touch with your professional colleagues and utilize for referrals
- Provided classified ads for the newsletter, special member rate
- Offered "Find A DO" Referral System to assist public seeking an IOMS osteopathic physician in their area and for use as a physician-to-physician referral service
- Created networking opportunities for DOs and students
- Maintained a dynamic website at: [www.ioms.org](http://www.ioms.org).

### Membership Representation to Government & Profession:

- Illinois State Licensing and Disciplinary Boards
- AOA House of Delegates
- Midwestern University OPTI, Governing Board
- The American Osteopathic Foundation Board and Program Administration Committee
- ISMS (MD colleagues) Govt. Affairs & Workers Comp Committees, Council on Membership and Advocacy
- The Southern Illinois Healthcare Policy Committee
- Chicago End-of-Life Care Coalition
- The HCFA and HIPAA Region 5 Task Force
- Medicare Payment Advisory Committee
- The Advisory Panel on Medicare Education
- Illinois Foundation for Quality Health Care
- Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) Region 5 Physician Association
- Rural Health Committee
- AOA Committees – Women's Health, Membership, Young Physicians, Unity Blue Ribbon, Federal Health Programs

### State and Socioeconomic Affairs:

- Offered confidential assistance on Medicare/Medicaid, fraud and abuse, managed care and physicians reimbursement.
- Provided assistance with reimbursement from third parties.
- Made available answers to questions about medical licensing and legislative/regulatory activities affecting your practice.

### Resident/Intern Programs

- Offered *free* Resident/Intern Workshop during Winter CME
- Dedicated Board and Delegation seats for Residents/Interns

### Student Activities:

- Participated in student-related activities, including White Coat Ceremony, Student Orientation Day, Student Organizations Expo, Bridging Ceremony, and other CCOM events.
- Offered *free* Student Workshop during Winter CME.
- Sponsored Student of the Year Award.
- Dedicated Board and Delegation seats for Students

Join us in 2005-2006 to achieve next year's successes!  
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