



## 2008 Report Card to Members

### Providing Outstanding Service to IL's Osteopathic Family

52 hours of 1-A Continuing Medical Education across the state, so you can get all your required hours in IL at member discounts

- 2007 Winter Scientific Seminar – November 29 - December 2, 2007. DoubleTree Hotel, Oak Brook – tracks on pediatrics, disaster planning, OMT, cutting edge medicine, and more. 30 hrs. *Member Discount = \$200.*
- Spring CME in the City – April 4-5, 2008 – AOA Conference Center, Chicago – End of Life Care. Co-sponsored with Chicago COM. 12 hrs. *Member Discount = 25%.*
- Summer CME Primary Care Update – August 1-2, 2008 – Sheraton Four Points, Fairview Heights – 10 hrs. Diabetes, Hypertension, Pain Management, Patient Centered Medical Home, OMT and more, Follow up/ER Patient, more. 8 hrs. Co-sponsored with ACOFP-IL. *Member Discount = 25%.*

#### Government Advocacy     To the State of Illinois:

- Worked with State licensing agency to fix mandatory Physicians online Profile so that osteopathic boards be included!
- Contracted with an experienced on-site lobbyist in Springfield to represent osteopathic physicians to our elected officials.
- Sponsored annual Osteopathic Physicians Day at the State Capitol with DOs, osteopathic medical students, & supporters from all across the state. Comprehensive briefing session. Lobbied for patient protections under lay midwives proposal, timelier payment for Medicaid patients, and the Medical Practice Act. Hosted popular legislative reception at the Sangamo Club, Springfield. *No cost to members. Free bus transportation.*
- Published timely State Legislative Alerts via e-mail to IL DOs.
- Represented Illinois DOs to government agencies and Collaborated with AOA State Government Affairs, the American College of Osteopathic Family Physicians–IL, Illinois State Medical Society, Illinois Academy of Family Physicians, Illinois Civic Justice League on legislation affecting all physicians.
- Coordinated with the osteopathic state political action fund.
- Honored House and Senate Legislators of the Year: Senator Dave Syverson (Rockford) and Rep. Julie Hamos (Evanston).
- Participated in the AOA's Advocacy for Healthy Partnerships.
- Monitored patient safety coalitions and Medicaid stakeholders groups for impacts of interest to DO's.

#### And to the Nation:

- Sent strong IOMS delegation to AOA's DO Day on the Hill to address federal issues for osteopathic physicians.
- Participated in US Senator Dick Durbin Press Conference calling on White House to sign Medicare bill (HR 6331) that halted cuts of 10.6% to Medicare providers, with ISMS, IAFP, AARP-IL.
- Worked with AOA Washington, DC staff on several federal issues, including Consumers Checkbook physician privacy lawsuit.

- On behalf of the more than 3,000 DOs and students in IL, thanked Sen. Durbin, Sen. Obama and 14 of 19 US Representatives from IL for support of HR 6331, including successful veto override.

#### Professional Support

- Published *Illinois Insights* Newsletter and [www.IOMS.org](http://www.IOMS.org).
- Distributed annual *members' only* Directory to help you keep in touch with your professional colleagues and utilize for referrals.
- Offered "Find A DO" Referral System to assist public seeking an IOMS osteopathic physician in their area.
- Kicked off the Membership Challenge contest, every entrant a winner of at least \$50 dues credit and 1<sup>st</sup> place prize worth \$549.

#### Membership Representation to Government & Profession

- Illinois State Licensing and Disciplinary Boards
- AOA House of Delegates
- Midwestern University OPTI, Governing Board; Kirksville OPTI
- The American Osteopathic Foundation Board
- AOA key Councils, Bureaus – House Reference Committees; Osteopathic Specialists; State Government Affairs; Education; Accreditation boards for Colleges, Hospitals, and CME providers; Women's Health; Membership; Young Physicians; Interns and Residents Bureau; and Students Bureau
- ISMS Government Affairs & Workers Comp Committees, Council on Membership and Advocacy
- Chicago End-of-Life Care Coalition
- The Carrier Advisory Committee to Region 5 CMS Director
- Medicare Payment Advisory Committee
- Illinois Foundation for Quality Health Care
- Rural Health Committee

#### State and Socioeconomic Affairs

- Provided assistance with reimbursement from third parties.
- Represented IL DOs to national osteopathic meeting on coding & reimbursements, the Osteopathic Carrier Advisory Panel.
- Answered questions about medical licensing and legislative/regulatory activities affecting your practice.

#### Support for Postgraduates in Training

- Dedicated Board and Delegation seats for Residents/Interns.
- Participated in St. James Hospital Interns Orientation Program.
- Expanded resource area on IOMS.org website.

#### Support for Osteopathic Medical Students

- Sponsored *free* the Big Brother/Sister mentoring dinner.
- Offered *free* Student Workshop during Winter CME.
- Sponsored Student of the Year Award with *cash prize*.
- Dedicated Board, Delegation, & Committee seats for Students.
- Sponsored SOMA contingent in Chicago St. Patrick's Day Parade.
- Participated in CCOM activities: White Coat Ceremony, Student Orientation Day, Student Organizations Expo, Bridging Ceremony.
- Supported new Advocates Student Chapter initiative.

Join us in 2008-09 to be part of next year's successes!  
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