



2009 Report Card to Members
What Have We Done for You Lately?

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

- 2008 Winter Scientific Seminar – December 4 - 7, 2008 at the new Westin Lombard Yorktown Center. 30 hrs. *Member Discount = \$200.*
- Spring CME Practice of Medicine 2009: Long Term Care – April 3-4, 2009 – AOA Conference Center, Chicago. Co-sponsored with Chicago COM. 12 hrs. *Member Discount = 25%.*
- Summer CME Primary Care Update – August 8-9, 2009 – Sheraton Four Points, Fairview Heights – 16 hrs. Co-sponsored with ACOFP-IL. *Member Discount = 25%.*

Government Advocacy To the State of Illinois:

- Led successful drive to ensure renewal of State licensure law without interruptions, ensuring protection for all IL physicians and our patients.
- Contracted with an experienced on-site lobbyist in Springfield to represent osteopathic physicians to our elected officials. Co-sponsored with ACOFP-IL.
- Sponsored annual Osteopathic Physicians Day at the State Capitol with DOs, osteopathic medical students, & supporters from all across the state. Comprehensive briefing session. Successfully lobbied for patient protections under lay midwives proposal, timelier payment for Medicaid patients. Hosted popular legislative reception at the Sangamo Club, Springfield. *No cost to members. Free bus transportation from CCOM.*
- Continue to work with State licensing agency to ensure equal treatment of osteopathic physicians and board certifications on the mandatory online Physicians Profile.
- Worked with City of Chicago HR recruiters to correct physician job requirement that would have – inadvertently - eliminated all DOs from contention for City physician positions.
- 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 and more on legislation affecting all physicians.
- Coordinated with the osteopathic state political action fund.
- Honored Legislators of the Year: State Representative David Leitch (R-Peoria) and State Representative Dan Reitz (D-Sparta).
- Monitored patient safety coalitions and Medicaid stakeholders groups for impacts of interest to DO's.

And to the Nation:

- Sent one of the largest delegations of any state to AOA's DO Day on the Hill to address federal issues for osteopathic physicians.
- Worked with AOA Washington, DC staff on several federal issues, including Consumers Checkbook physician privacy lawsuit.

Professional Support

- Published *Illinois Insights* Newsletter and www.IOMS.org.
- Posted annual Members' Directory online 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.
- Continuing the Membership Challenge contest, every entrant a winner of at least \$50 dues credit and 1st 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; new this year, President is from IOMS.
- AOA Board of Trustees: new President-Elect of AOA and Resident Trustee both from Illinois!
- AOA key Councils, Bureaus – House Reference Committees; Finance; Osteopathic Specialists; State Government Affairs; Education; Accreditation boards for Colleges, Hospitals, and CME providers; Women's Health; Palliative Care; Membership; Minority Health Issues; Young Physicians; Interns and Residents 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 Licensing Help & Reimbursements Training

- Providing CME programs on coding and billing, esp. OMT/OMM.
- Represented IL DOs to national osteopathic meetings 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.
- Participated in St. James Hospital Residents Orientation.
- Participated in, helped sponsor ORAC-IL new residents event.
- Expanded resource area on www.IOMS.org website.

Support for Osteopathic Medical Students

- Sponsored *free* the Big Brother/Sister mentoring dinner.
- Offered *free* Student Workshop during Winter CME.
- Initiated the *cash prize* Student Textbook Awards.
- 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.

Join us in 2009-10 to be part of next year's successes!
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