

Buckeye Osteopathic Resident

O h i o O s t e o p a t h i c A s s o c i a t i o n

PRACTICE OPPORTUNITIES A MOUSE-CLICK AWAY

BE SURE TO VISIT WWW.OHMOO.ORG

Medical Opportunities in Ohio, or MOO for short, is an online physician career system developed collaboratively by the Ohio Osteopathic Association and other healthcare organizations.

Through a centralized, statewide approach MOO provides access to a variety of Ohio career opportunities for physicians and physician employers.

Browse the site by region or employer, and directly communicate your interest in opportunities with Ohio hospitals, health systems, and physician practices.

Designed for simplicity and candidate confidentiality, only in-house recruitment staff can participate as MOO members.

For physicians, MOO allows you to easily manage your practice inquiry either passively or actively. You can search for opportunities and send your CV/resume to employers that interest you; request that MOO automatically send you a notice each time an employer adds an opportunity that matches your specialty or interests; and permit employer members to search you out.

Got to www.ohmoo.org for details or call 800-479-1MOO.



RESIDENTS HAVE VOICE ON OOA BOARD

Gwyn Frambach, DO, a resident at Grandview Hospital & Medical Center in Dayton, serves as the Resident Representative on the Ohio Osteopathic Association Board of Trustees.



She is a 2007 graduate of Ohio University College of Osteopathic Medicine.

If you have issues to bring to the Board's attention, contact Frambach at gf296403@ohio.edu.

YOU'RE INVITED...

Residents are invited to attend OOA District Academy meetings, which are generally held four times a year. Meeting formats vary, but typically offer dinner, continuing medical education, and/or an opportunity to conduct business and social activities for DOs and their guests.

The OOA's 11 District Academies provide professional support to DOs locally and promote osteopathic visibility and outreach within the community.

If you are interested in learning more about your District's activities, call the OOA Central Office to get connected.

KEEP IN TOUCH

The OOA would like to have your home address, please. Call us (800-234-4848, 614-299-2107) or e-mail (jbarnhart@ooanet.org) with the info.

110TH OHIO OSTEOPATHIC CONVENTION

June 19-22, 2008

Columbus Hilton at Easton Town Center

YOUR VOICE IS URGENTLY NEEDED

Each year, the United States Congress and the Ohio General Assembly consider hundreds of prospective laws that govern the daily practice of DOs. Your state and national associations maintain regular contact with elected and appointed officials, and advocacy is an important part of our mission. OOA and AOA staff along with physician volunteers testify at committee hearings and discuss physician concerns through personal contact with legislators.

As a resident--and later as a practicing physician--you need to be an advocate for medical education, your practice, and your patients. In Ohio, we are fighting on the frontline in battles involving practice regulation, Medicaid reimbursement, BWC compensation, tort reform and HMO/insurance company regulation to name a few. These areas are controlled by the states, not the national government.

OOA members, including residents, are encouraged to meet with their state representative and senator to express their views on healthcare issues. There are other ways to make your voice known: register with the Board of Elections and vote; participate in OOA's DO Day at the Statehouse; review pending legislation on the OOA website; and use the exclusive online Tool Kit.

At the national level, DO Day on Capitol Hill is the preeminent opportunity for DOs and students from across the country to gather in Washington, DC, and lobby Members of Congress and their staff face-to-face.

Participation in state and national DO Day events is important for members of the osteopathic community. The time you take to see your legislators demonstrates your dedication to protecting and preserving the cornerstones of osteopathic medicine. Educating lawmakers about osteopathic medicine and the profession's positions on important health policy issues where legislation is crafted—at the State Capital in Columbus and on Capitol Hill in Washington, DC—is vital.

There is strength in numbers. Members of associations can do collectively what individual physicians cannot do alone. Be part of our strength.

www.ooanet.org

FAMILY PRACTICE RESIDENTS WIN AWARDS, SERVE ON BOARD

Josalyn M. Mann, DO, who served as co-chief resident at Doctors Hospital Family Practice, was named Ohio ACOFP Resident of the Year for 2007. The award recognizes her compassion, leadership, and demonstrated commitment to osteopathic philosophy, patient care, and community involvement. Mann was presented the award by Ohio ACOFP President William J. Burke, DO, at a special ceremony.

Mann was also among residents who were honored for their winning academic papers.

Each year, Ohio ACOFP and the Ohio Family Practice Residency Directors who are associated with the Centers for Osteopathic Research & Education (CORE) jointly sponsor a Family Practice Residency Paper competition. The awards for 2007 were made possible by a grant from the Ohio Osteopathic Foundation.

Four awards are presented in two categories (best academic paper and best paper suited for a continuing medical education presentation) and each includes a cash prize: \$1000 first place; and \$500 second place.

The Best CME Paper Award was presented to **Tadd J. Maxfield, DO**, of Cuyahoga Falls General Hospital. He presented his paper, *Obesity and Physician Advice to Achieve Weight Loss*, at the 2007 Ohio Osteopathic Convention.

Other winners were: **Anthony P. Lattavo, DO**, of Doctors Hospital Columbus; **Josalyn M. Mann, DO**, and **Kristin Witte, DO**, of Doctors Hospital Columbus; and **Michael D. Martz, DO**, of Doctors Hospital Columbus.

Residents **Kelly M. Becker, DO**, of St. Joseph Health Center, and **Christopher Marazon, DO**, of Southern Ohio Medical Center, were appointed to serve as resident representatives on the Ohio ACOFP Board of Governors for 2007-2008. This marks Becker's second year on the Board.

NIH OFFERS RESEARCH LOAN REPAYMENT PROGRAM

In an effort to attract health professionals to careers in clinical, pediatric, health disparities, or contraception and infertility research, the National Institutes of Health (NIH) offers five Loan Repayment Programs in those areas.

Through these programs, the NIH repays up to \$35,000 annually of education debt in exchange for a two or three-year commitment to a public health research career at a nonprofit, university, or government organization.

For details, go to www.lrp.nih.gov.

Ohio Osteopathic Association

53 W. Third Avenue • PO Box 8130
Columbus, Ohio 43201
614-299-2107 • 800-234-4848
614-294-0457 fax • www.ooanet.org

Executive Director Jon F. Willis
jwills@ooanet.org
Director of Government Affairs George Dunigan
GFDunigan@aol.com
Director of Membership Joanne H. Barnhart
jbarnhart@ooanet.org
Director of Education Jean A. Eberst
jeberst@ooanet.org
Director of Communications Cheryl Markino
cmarkino@ooanet.org
Administrative Assistant Carol C. Tatman
ctatman@ooanet.org

ADVOCATES NOW ACCEPTING NOMINATIONS

The Advocates for the Ohio Osteopathic Association (AOOA) present the Osteopathic Spirit Award annually at the state Convention in June. Anyone--a physician, professor, mentor, colleague, etc.--who has given time, talent, and spirit to promote the osteopathic profession is eligible.

For a nomination form, contact the OOA Central Office at 800-234-4848 or AOOA Awards Committee Chair Jane Routh at 614-277-0953.

POSTER EXHIBITION SLATED FOR COLUMBUS

The OOA and the Centers for Osteopathic Research & Education (CORE) will hold their annual poster exhibition and competition at the 110th Ohio Osteopathic Convention in Columbus, on Saturday, June 21, 2008.

Students, interns, residents, faculty, medical administrators, and practicing physicians are invited to participate.

Nathanael S. Brady, DO, a Peds resident in Columbus, was among the winners at this year's Exhibition, held at the Annual Convention, June 23, 2007, in Sandusky.

OHIO PROGRAM ASSISTS WITH STUDENT DEBT

Through the Ohio Physician Loan Repayment Program (OPLRP) primary care physicians who agree to practice in a Health Professional Shortage Area (HPSA) or former HPSA for 40 hours weekly receive up to \$80,000 of medical school debt repaid.

Participating physicians must also agree to treat a percentage of Medicaid and Medicare patients equal to the percentage in their service area. The initial contract is for two years of service, then a follow-up contract of either one two-year contract or two one-year contracts. The repayment is paid over four years.

Physicians in Pediatrics, OB/GYN, Family Practice, Internal Medicine, or Psychiatry are eligible.

The deadline for this application cycle is January 15, 2008.

For an application and other details, contact Recruitment and Retention Coordinator Geri Rousculp at 614-644-8496 or visit www.odh.state.oh.us.

VOLUNTEER FOR DISASTER PREPAREDNESS

When a disaster strikes, physicians are often called upon as a critical component of the emergency response plan. That's why the Ohio Medical Reserve Corps (OMRC) is looking for volunteers.

Comprised of medical and public health professionals, the OMRC provides the necessary structure to deploy volunteer personnel in response to natural disasters and emergencies, such as an influenza epidemic, a chemical spill, or an act of terrorism. In addition, volunteers use their medical expertise to supplement existing community public health initiatives.

The OMRC provides volunteers with orientation, practice drills, and other specialized training.

The OMRC is a component of Citizen Corps, a national network of volunteers dedicated to ensuring hometown security. In Ohio, there are currently 74 MRC units serving 69 of the state's 88 counties.

To volunteer or for more information, go to www.serveohio.org or call toll-free 888-767-OHIO.



NEED CONFIDENTIAL HELP?

The Ohio Physicians Health Program (OPHP) is a confidential resource for physicians, residents, medical students, other healthcare professionals, group practices, health systems, hospitals, and family members or colleagues who have concerns about a physician or other healthcare professional's health and well being.

These concerns may include substance use disorders, behavioral health, mental health, stress, burnout, aging, or physical illness. OPHP provides assistance through consultation, identification, intervention, referral, and case management which may include monitoring and recovery documentation.

The OOA has been a contributing organization of OPHP for more than 30 years. David D. Goldberg, DO, former OOA president, serves as vice president of the Columbus-based organization.

For more information call OPHP at 614-841-9690 or visit their website at www.opep.org.

TIPS OFFERS HEALTH POLICY EDUCATION

The Training in Policy Studies (TIPS) is a year-long program for second and third year DO residents preparing for leadership roles in the profession and positions of influence in health policy.

Throughout the academic year, TIPS participants attend four intensive three-day seminars designed to help them become familiar with healthcare policy issues and acquire the necessary skills to participate in policy discussions, serve on committees at the state and federal level, testify, and develop position statements.

Only 10 residents are accepted into the program annually.

New York College of Osteopathic Medicine offers the program in collaboration with AACOM, AOA, and others.

TIPS information is available online at <http://iris.nyit.edu/nycom/tips>.

CONGRATULATIONS...

To the new officers of the Osteopathic Residency Advisory Committee (ORAC): Chair **Shannon Campbell, DO**; Vice-Chair **Daniel Clearfield, DO**; Secretary **Austin Lehr, DO**; and CASC Representative **Rachel Liptak, DO**.

CHANGES AHEAD FOR ECONOMIC HARDSHIP DEFERMENT

Effective October 1, 2007, the College Cost Reduction and Access Act of 2007 (PL 110-84) changed the definition of economic hardship, eliminating the debt-to-income ratio that allowed most medical residents to qualify. PL 110-84 also authorized a new income-based loan repayment program that would not be effective until July 1, 2009. Recent medical school graduates, including the entire class of 2008, would not be covered under either program during this transition period.

Economic hardship deferment eligibility is determined by the borrower's debt-to-income ratio. This ratio, referred to as the 20/220 pathway, is the borrower's federal education debt burden (calculated as the required monthly payment) must be equal to or greater than 20 percent of the borrower's monthly income (the borrower must be employed full-time). The borrower's income minus the education monthly payment must be less than 220 percent of either the minimum wage rate or the federal poverty line for a family of two.

What does this mean for you? AAMC estimates that a medical resident making the average first year stipend of \$43,266, at the current fixed 6.8 percent interest rate, would need approximately \$102,711 in federal education debt to qualify for this deferment.

Under the authority of the US Department of Education Secretary, the 20/220 pathway will continue through at least Fall 2008. The current 20/220 pathway to economic hardship deferment remains in place until a negotiated rule-making process can occur, which will not be completed until then. Therefore, all fourth year medical students and current residents will continue to be eligible for hardship deferment under the 20/220 pathway over the next year.

All federal student loans have a grace period, usually six months, following graduation before entering the repayment phase. At that point, borrowers may apply for a deferment of payments on their education loans for certain reasons, including economic hardship.

ADVOCATES SUPPORT OSTEOPATHIC PROFESSION

Your spouse, partner, parents, siblings, and friends (anyone, really!) are invited to join the Advocates for the Ohio Osteopathic Association (AOOA).

The AOOA, formerly called the Auxiliary, is dedicated to promoting and supporting the osteopathic profession. It used to be that only spouses of osteopathic physicians could join. But when the organization changed its name a few years ago, it also changed membership eligibility.

The AOOA brings recognition to the osteopathic profession through outreach in Ohio communities. Activities include the Yellow Ribbon Program, a suicide prevention campaign; publication of Safety Activity Books; an annual student scholarship award; SPCHEO, a consortium that helps support and develop a health education program for Ohio schools; and the Osteopathic Spirit Award.

To join or find out more, contact Membership Chair Fatema Baumgardner at fatema@columbus.rr.com.



MEDICARE GUIDE AVAILABLE

The revised *Medicare Physician Guide: A Resource for Residents, Practicing Physicians, and Other Health Care Professionals* (9th edition) offers general information about the Medicare program, becoming a Medicare provider, payment policies, reimbursement, evaluation and management documentation, fraud, abuse, inquiries, overpayments, and appeals.

The Guide is available in print and CD-Rom formats. For a copy, visit www.cms.hhs.gov/MLNGenInfo, scroll down to "Related Links Inside CMS" and select "MLN Product Ordering Page."

PLANNING ON MOVING?

The American Association of Colleges of Osteopathic Medicine (AACOM) offers a Discount Moving Service Program. The program is available to all osteopathic affiliated faculty, staff, students and family members. To learn more about the program, visit www.aacom.org/moving.html, call Tom Graver at 800-634-8571 or e-mail Tom.Graver@premier-transfer.com.

The OOA is Here for You 24/7

OHIO OSTEOPATHIC ASSOCIATION

Home | Contact Us

About Us | Calendar | News | Resources | CME | Government | Research | Districts | Students | Interns/Residents

Welcome!

Osteopathic medicine in Ohio is a complete health-care education and delivery system consisting of all licensed physicians (DOs), all health care facilities accredited by the American Osteopathic Association, and the Ohio College of Osteopathic Medical Educators.

DOs represent a percent of the total physicians practicing in Ohio and 60 percent of the state's family physicians.

Advocacy

Find a Physician

Annual Convention

Aug. 21-24, 2008
2008 Annual Ohio Osteopathic Medical & Research Institute
25-11000 St. Charles
Columbus, OH

Sept. 17-18, 2009
2009 Annual Ohio Osteopathic Medical & Research Institute
25-11000 St. Charles
Columbus, OH

Sept. 17-18, 2010
2010 Annual Ohio Osteopathic Medical & Research Institute
25-11000 St. Charles
Columbus, OH

Latest News

- DOs Push Forward on Health Care Reform
- OHIO DOs Receive Award for Quality of Care
- OHIO DOs Receive Award for Quality of Care
- OHIO DOs Receive Award for Quality of Care
- OHIO DOs Receive Award for Quality of Care
- OHIO DOs Receive Award for Quality of Care
- OHIO DOs Receive Award for Quality of Care
- OHIO DOs Receive Award for Quality of Care
- OHIO DOs Receive Award for Quality of Care
- OHIO DOs Receive Award for Quality of Care

Business Partners

DoctorsManagement PowerBuyingProgram
Save the business of medicine in Ohio

For the Public

- What is a DO?
- DOs
- Specialty Boards

Upcoming events

Aug. 21-24, 2008
2008 Annual Ohio Osteopathic Medical & Research Institute
25-11000 St. Charles
Columbus, OH

Sept. 17-18, 2009
2009 Annual Ohio Osteopathic Medical & Research Institute
25-11000 St. Charles
Columbus, OH

Sept. 17-18, 2010
2010 Annual Ohio Osteopathic Medical & Research Institute
25-11000 St. Charles
Columbus, OH

© 2007 OOA :: 22 West Third Avenue, PO Box 630, Columbus, OH 43261 :: Phone: 614-291-2127 | Fax: 614-291-9027

- Learn about pending legislation that impacts you and your patients
- Find CME events near you
- Get Financial Aid resources
- Contact your legislators (using sample letters) with a few mouse clicks
- Learn more about your association
- Stay up-to-date on issues that affect medicine
- Search for DOs in Ohio
- Download fact sheets about the OOA, AOA and OU-COM
- Register for the Mentor Program
- Discover ways to become involved
- Find resources for patient education
- Make donations to OOPAC and the Ohio Osteopathic Foundation
- Find Business Partner information with links to vendor websites
- E-mail staff for assistance during regular OOA office hours
- Coming soon: Members-Only section

www.ooanet.org