

EDITOR'S MESSAGE

Be the Author of the Article You Want to Read

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Many of the articles submitted to Osteopathic Family Physician are about rare conditions and this month we are featuring discussion of these rare disorders submissions along with more typical presentations in the family physician office.

Asthma is common and not many new treatments are available. This review article keeps us up-to-date on the current diagnosis and provides a stepwise treatment approach to asthma. The prevention, assessment, maintenance treatment and treatment of asthma exacerbations are discussed.

Smoking cessation is an important issue in health care. The article this month focuses on the role of the pharmacist in smoking cessation. The article cites several other articles that indicate pharmacists have a role in helping patients stop smoking. Inter-professional education is partly teaching each other what we can do.

Ovarian cancer is not common but not rare. The big problem with ovarian cancer is that it is often not diagnosed before it is an advanced disease. It is difficult to catch early, as we presently do not screen for this condition. The article in this edition discusses an osteopathic approach to this disease including osteopathic manipulative therapy. Not all chemo is created equal and, wow, is that area changing quickly. This article does not discuss chemotherapy in detail.

There is an article looking at obesity in children and rates of influenza. Association is not causation.

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