

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK



Osteopathically Yours

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2016 - 2017 ACOFP President

As I wind down my years as ACOFP President, I'd like to thank you for your support and to recap some of the initiatives that ACOFP will continue to support this year.

During my inauguration speech nearly a year ago, I talked about my philosophy as ACOFP president - "DO all the good you can DO." That sentence starts and ends with a "DO."

As I spoke of it then, it came from a partial quote from John Wesley, the leader of the Methodist movement where he said:

"Do all the good you can. By all the means you can. In all the ways you can. In all the places you can. At all times you can. To all the people you can. As long as ever you can."

So I still challenge all of you to not hide the light of osteopathy. Please seek out others who you may inspire and that they may see the shining light of our profession.

In March during the 2017 ACOFP convention, I will pass torch to Dr. Rodney Wiseman, a family physician in private practice from Pearland, Texas, located outside of Houston.

Among his many honors, Dr. Wiseman is a past recipient of the ACOFP Osteopathic Family Physician of the Year Award and the Texas Society of the ACOFP Family Physician of the Year Award and the Texas Osteopathic Medical Association Distinguished Service Award.

Also, Dr. Wiseman served in the U.S. Army as a combat medic with the 101st Airborne in Vietnam and was awarded the Bronze Star.

So it's clear I leave the ACOFP in capable hands.

It has been a pleasure meeting many of you as your president during my travels to state societies and college. Thank you for the opportunity to serve you.

ACOFP President Travel

One of the honors of being an ACOFP president is traveling to state societies and osteopathic colleges where I met so many dedicated professionals, residents and students. Looking back, I traveled to 15 destinations to induct new state presidents, meet students and attend osteopathic meetings.

State Societies: Ohio ACOFP, Oklahoma ACOFP, Maine ACOFP, Florida ACOFP, Indiana ACOFP, Oregon ACOFP, North Carolina ACOFP, Missouri ACOFP.

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Osteopathic Colleges and Student Chapters: Oklahoma State University, Kansas City University 100 Year Celebration, Liberty University COM Student Association ACOFP, Touro COM, Lincoln Memorial University COM Graduation, LECOM Bradenton School and Student Chapter, Alabama COM, Campbell University COM, Edward Via COM - Auburn Campus, West Virginia SOM.

Groups and Events: DO Day on the Hill, Primary Care Summit, Society of Teachers of Family Medicine - Precepting Summit, San Juan Secretary of Health, President of Puerto Rico University System, Mayor of San Juan, Puerto Rico District Governor for Rotary, Grand Master of Masons in Puerto Rico, Promotional Video for Tour Puerto Rico, Mayor's Office Atlanta, Working Party AAFP, Congress of Delegates AAFP, AOA Winter Meeting, Student Chapter Family Medicine Sponsor and Chairs of Family Medicine.

Practice Transformation Toolkit

The ACOFP has developed a Practice Transformation Toolkit. This kit defines CMS Quality Payment Program (QPP) categories and how to report effectively.

This year you must report on Quality, Advancing Care Information, Clinical Practice Improvement Activities, and Resource Use for a Composite Performance Score (CPS). The CPS is used by CMS to calculate your Payment Modifier that is the penalty or incentive payment you will receive on each Medicare Part B patient. The maximum penalty or incentive is four percent. Penalties and incentives will reach nine percent in 2020.

That's why the ACOFP created this kit. I will help you complete each of these categories to maximize payment. The kit's six sections offer the best-of-the-best information on each topic. It also includes the steps and deadlines needed to complete each category and CMS links about registration for a National Provider Identifier (NPI) number. Here you can set up an account through the CMS Enterprise Portal where you can view your CMS quality score twice per year.

Single GME Accreditation System Update

We are now less than 10 months away from the ACGME deadline to have our osteopathic family residency programs apply for ACGME accreditation. The ACOFP Committee on Education and Evaluation is reaching out to all programs that have not applied and is working with those who have received conditional pre-accreditation status.

Of 158 osteopathic-only programs, 46 programs have applied for Single Accreditation System. ACOFP's phone campaign results have indicated that out of the remaining 112 programs, 62 are working on the application. The remaining programs that are uncertain. ACOFP leadership is working with them and will offer assistance in the application process.

Family Medicine for American's Health

The ACOFP continues to partner with Family Medicine for America's Health, a consortium of family medicine groups, which includes the ACOFP. Health is Primary is the communications campaign to advocate for values of family medicine, demonstrate the benefits of primary care, and engage patients in our health care system. Its aim is to build a primary care system that reflects the values of family medicine, puts patients at the center of their care and improve health of all Americans.

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