



American Osteopathic College
of Occupational & Preventive Medicine

AOCOPM News, August 2023



AOA House of Delegates Report

AOCOPM delegate, Dr. Naomi Wriston, who served on the Committee on Public Affairs, reported that most resolutions from that committee were statements of AOA support of public health concerns such as Disaster Preparedness and Healthy People 2030. Lengthy discussion was held in Committee on End-of-Life actions by Physicians and Over the Counter access to Birth Control Pill. She admired the diligence of the Committee members in reviewing each concept and wording for each Resolution submitted. As a member of the Constitution and Bylaws Committee, Dr. Belland aided in the review of 22 amendments and motions pertaining to the AOA Bylaws. Resolution H-212-A/2023, Marketing Osteopathic Board Certification, a resolution submitted by AOCOPM, was debated, and referred to the Educational Committee for Action.

Drs. Wriston, Belland and Philippi, as well as Executive Director, Jeffrey LeBoeuf, paid close attention and communicated often during the floor discussion of resolutions (appropriate use of texting!) to make certain that issues relevant to AOCOPM members (and Texas members for Dr. Belland) were addressed. Dr. Wriston and Dr. Belland spoke eloquently on the house floor, advocating for the referral of a critical resolution on In-Flight Medical Kits (IFMK) to AOCOPM. AOCOPM's alternate delegate, Dr. Alan Philippi, as a first-time attendee, was impressed with the organization of the meeting and how efficiently it was run.



OMED23 Mentoring Opportunity

AOCOPM has two opportunities to support the Student Track within the [OMED23](#) program on SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7:

- 12:30-1:30 pm Residency Mix & Mingle
Pairing OMS III and IV with program faculty and residents in various specialties to discuss residency application, interview tips, and PGY life.
- 12:30-1:30 pm Mentor Café
OMED participating specialties are invited for mentoring roundtables with OMS I and II.

The students are so appreciative of the support they receive from everyone in the osteopathic profession, and they need to hear from early-career physicians who can give up-to-date guidance. Please let me know if you are interested: ronda@aocopm.org



The ACGME invites comments from the community of interest regarding the proposed Requirements.

The proposed ACGME fellowship requirements for Correctional (Carceral) Medicine are now posted on the ACGME website for a 45-day period of review and comment.

<https://www.acgme.org/programs-and-institutions/programs/review-and-comment>



DOT FMCSA NRCME Course, October 5, 2023

The OPAM Workshop: Department of Transportation, Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, National Registry of Certified Medical Examiners' Course will be offered live (in person and via Zoom) as a pre-conference workshop before OMED23, Thursday, October 5, 2023, in Orlando, Florida.

Registration is separate from that of OMED23: \$450 AOCOPM members, \$550 non-members. As this is an all-day workshop, a lunch will be provided, and the cost is included in the registration fee.

More information and registration link:

<https://www.aocopm.org/opam-workshop-dot-fmcsa-nrcme>



OSHA Announces Revision to 29 CFR 1926.95 (PPE Use in Construction)

OSHA is proposing to revise its personal protective equipment standard in construction to explicitly require that the equipment must fit properly. The agency requests comments regarding the proposed revision. Submit comments and attachments, as well as hearing requests and other information, by September 18, 2023.



AOA selects Kathleen S. Creason, MBA, as next CEO

CHICAGO – July 11, 2023 – The American Osteopathic Association (AOA), the professional membership organization for the nation's more than 178,000 osteopathic physicians (DOs) and medical students, is pleased to announce that after an extensive national search, its Board of Trustees has appointed Kathleen S. Creason, MBA, as Chief Executive Officer. Creason has served as the AOA's Interim CEO for the past six months and brings nearly two decades of leadership experience within the osteopathic profession to the role. Previously, she served as Executive Director of the American Osteopathic Information Association (AOIA) and prior to that as Executive Director of the Osteopathic Physicians & Surgeons of California.

<https://osteopathic.org/2023/07/11/aoa-selects-kathleen-s-creason-mba-as-next-ceo/>



Video Challenge!

Get creative and enter our first ever video competition!

The AOCOPM is inviting you to produce an informative video on something related to occupational and preventive medicine:

- Be informative
- 6-10 minutes in length
- Open to all! Don't have to be an AOCOPM member to participate
- Winner will receive a cash reward!
- Deadline December 31, 2023

For more information and to enter the contest, go to

www.aocopm.org/video-challenge



AOCOPM Members Get \$100 Discount on OMED23 Registration

You won't want to miss AOCOPM's offerings at OMED23:

- [AOCOPM Agenda at OMED23](#)
- Register for OMED: <https://registration.experientevent.com/ShowAOA231>
- AOCOPM Members can receive \$100 off the full paid rate. Login to the member center to obtain the discount code: <https://aocopm.memberclicks.net/course-discount-codes>



Ongoing avian influenza outbreaks in animals pose risk to humans

Situation analysis and advice to countries from FAO, WHO, WOAH

The current outbreaks of avian influenza (also called “bird flu”) have caused devastation in animal populations, including poultry, wild birds, and some mammals, and harmed farmers’ livelihoods and the food trade. Although largely affecting animals, these outbreaks pose ongoing risks to humans.

<https://www.who.int/news/item/12-07-2023-ongoing-avian-influenza-outbreaks-in-animals-pose-risk-to-humans>



Measles no longer just a kids' disease

via STAT, by Helen Branswell

There is a growing body of adults who have no immunity against measles, experts say. In fact, since the year 2000, about 40% of measles cases in the U.S. have been in adults, with about one-quarter in people aged 20 to 29.

<https://www.statnews.com/2023/08/02/adult-measles-infection/>

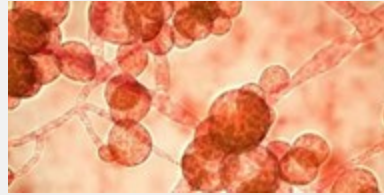


Weight management program improves asthma control, life quality in patients with obesity

via Healio, by Isabella Hornick

Among adults with difficult asthma and obesity, more improvement in asthma control and quality of life was found with a weight management program vs. usual care at week 16, according to results published in CHEST.

<https://www.healio.com/news/pulmonology/20230802/weight-management-program-improves-asthma-control-life-quality-in-patients-with-obesity>



Physicians should 'think fungus' amid rising infections, CDC expert says

via Becker's Healthcare, by Ashleigh Hollowell

Fungal infections have been on the rise since COVID-19's inception, but public health tracking tools, tests, and data systems in the U.S. are not quite where they need to be yet. However, there are some tools which are being used to track specific emerging fungal infections – like *Candida auris* – which the CDC began tracking in 2018. This, along with other indicators, including environmental factors like climate change, are signaling that the emergence of new, severe fungal-caused infections is expected to continue.

https://www.beckershospitalreview.com/public-health/fungal-infections-are-on-the-rise-but-the-tools-to-track-them-are-lagging.html?origin=QualityE&utm_source=QualityE&utm_medium=email&utm_content=newsletter&oly_enc_id=4689J1163145A4Y



Exercise Recommendations

via Becker's Healthcare, by F. Perry Wilson, MD, MSCE

The clearest finding from the study is that anything is better than nothing.

https://www.medscape.com/viewarticle/994976?ecd=wnl_dne4_230809_MSCPEDIT_etid5731168&uac=349327MR&impID=5731168#vp_1

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