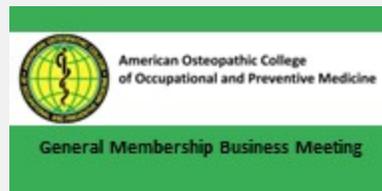




American Osteopathic College
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AOCOPM News, December 2023



General Membership Business Meeting, January 25, 2024

AOCOPM's General Membership Business Meeting will be held via Zoom at 7 PM Central Time, January 25, 2024. Members will be emailed a Zoom invitation.



Seeking Certified Medical Examiners for Developing and Reviewing National Registry Medical Examiner Certification Test Questions

Global Skills X-Change (GSX), a contractor for the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA), is currently seeking certified medical examiners (ME) on FMCSA's National Registry of Certified Medical Examiners (National Registry) with extensive knowledge related to conducting physical qualification examinations of interstate commercial motor vehicle drivers to assist with tasks related to ME certification testing. GSX recently completed a project for FMCSA with the support of ME participants, resulting in an update to the Detailed Content Outline (DCO) for the National Registry ME Certification Test. The DCO is the blueprint for the National Registry ME Certification Test and outlines the topic areas included on the test.

Details are posted in the [Community Forum](#). You must login to aocopm.org to view.



MRO Course Updated

The OPAM Workshop: Medical Review Officer Training Course: Toxicology Testing and the MRO, A Physician's Role in the Prevention and Treatment of Substance Abuse has been updated with new material and is still available at [AOA Online Learning](#). AOCOPM Members still receive \$100 off using the coupon code available in the [Member Center](#). If you signed up for the course in the last year, you have already been added to the new course roster and have access to the new material.



VA Exposure Ed App

VA is excited to announce the launch of Exposure Ed 2.0! Exposure Ed is a free mobile app that provides health care providers with easily accessible information and resources on military exposures and related VA policies and programs. The app is available for both Android and iOS devices.

Features of the Exposure Ed app allow health care providers to:

- Search for information about military exposures and related VA policies and programs using the following filters - Exposures, Conflicts, and Date/Location of military service;
- Build notes during medical appointments or consultations and distribute them to patients via e-mail or printing;
- Identify the location of patients' local VA facilities;
- Obtain guidance in the following areas - Questions to ask Veterans, Creating a care plan, Risk communication tips, and Useful resources;
- Access helpful websites with information on exposures, health care options, and VA policies and programs.

Exposure Ed 2.0 launched on November 27, 2023, and with the user enhancements that have been applied to this version, providers can expect the following:

- Nearby VA facilities are now easier to find: The app now incorporates Location Services, enabling users to easily find the nearest VA facilities to their current location, improving access to care and resources.
- VA contact information: Health care providers can now conveniently locate points of contact at VA to share with patients, streamlining the communication and coordination of care for Veterans.
- Recent announcements from VA HOME: Version 2.0 provides access to recent announcements from HOME regarding military exposure issues, including recently published HOME newsletters. This ensures that users stay informed about crucial updates in a timely manner.
- PACT Act Information: Providers can easily access information on benefits provided by the PACT Act and the purpose of Toxic Exposure Screening.

To learn more about the app and to download it on your mobile device, please visit [Exposure Ed | VA Mobile](#).



What if a Single GLP-1 Shot Could Last for Months?

by Clarissa Brincat

Stanford engineers have developed an injectable hydrogel depot that releases GLP-1 slowly as the hydrogel gradually "melts away like a sugar cube dissolving in water, molecule by molecule," said Eric Appel, PhD, the project's principal investigator and an associate professor of materials science and engineering at Stanford.

https://www.medscape.com/viewarticle/what-if-single-glp-1-shot-could-last-months-2023a1000vdn?ecd=WNL_trdarlt_pos1_231214_etid6159083&uac=436105AR&impID=6159083



Registration is Open for the 2024 Midyear Educational Conference and the Basic Course in Occ Med, Part I

[2024 Midyear Educational Conference and OPAM Workshop](#)

HYBRID: Online via Zoom and in Person

Sam Houston State University College of Osteopathic Medicine, Conroe, TX

- Midyear Conference, Thursday-Sunday, March 21-24, 2024
- OPAM Workshop: Basic Course in Occupational Medicine, Part I, Wednesday, March 20, 2024

[Registration Form](#)

STUDENTS: [Invitation to Present Research](#)

Are you planning to attend the 2024 Midyear Educational Conference? [Subscriber Poll](#)



Video Challenge - Deadline is December 31st

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 <https://www.aocopm.org/video-challenge>



Fellow and Distinguished Fellow Application

AOCOPM is accepting applications for Fellows and Distinguished Fellows:

- Fellow status is an honor bestowed upon an active member who has fulfilled established requirements and has served the AOCOPM in a dutiful and unselfish manner.
- Distinguished Fellow is an honor bestowed on College Fellows who have exhibited exemplary and long years of service to AOCOPM by attendance at College Conferences, plus academic service and contributions, continued AOCOPM service at the national level, service and support of governance and various committee structures, and/or research and professional leadership.

<https://www.aocopm.org/fellow-faculty-requirements>



Submit a Nomination for an AOA Advocacy Award

The American Osteopathic Association is currently [accepting nominations](#) for several awards designed to recognize excellence in public policy and professional advocacy on behalf of the osteopathic profession. Awards will be presented during the AOA's DO Day 2024. The AOA's success in advocacy couldn't have been accomplished without the dedicated support from our members and our affiliates. Below are the award categories:

- Individual Excellence in Advocacy Award
- Organizational Excellence in Advocacy Award
- Excellence in Media Award
- Excellence in Journalism Award
- Congressional Champion of Osteopathic Medicine Award

To learn more about the award categories and to nominate yourself or an individual or organization for one of the awards listed above, [please complete the online submission form](#). All nominations need to be submitted by 5:00 p.m. CST on Wednesday, Jan. 17, 2024.



DO Day on Capitol Hill 2024 – Call for Speakers and Presentations

The AOA is currently looking for seasoned osteopathic physician and student advocates to speak and present at DO Day on Capitol Hill 2024! If you have a topic that you would like to present at DO Day, [let us know by applying today!](#) DO Day attendees will have the option to participate in person or join the virtual conference to earn CME, build leadership skills and represent the voice of your profession. Be sure to save the date for DO Day 2024:

- April 13-14, 2024 | Virtual Conference
- April 17-18, 2024 | In-Person Congressional Meetings

We hope that you will join us for the osteopathic profession's largest public policy and advocacy events of the year. Be the catalyst for change that makes a difference in health policy.



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