



American Osteopathic College
of Occupational & Preventive Medicine

AOCOPM News, October 2023



A Message from Your President

You were well represented at OMED 2023 by your AOCOPM officers, Division leaders and Trustees. The AOCOPM program included a range of topics, such as Artificial Intelligence, Transgender Regulatory Overview, Management of Cannabis Disorder and Occupational Toxicology on the Flightline. Several members of the College lectured on their areas of expertise. The lectures were well attended and presented the opportunity for Occupational, Preventive and Aerospace Medicine to be introduced to students and others who were attending [OMED](#). In addition, Dr. Schwaid, former president of AOCOPM, met with medical students as a mentor of our Specialty. And our OMS-3 student doctors Agarwal and Luthra were great ambassadors for AOCOPM at the Exhibition Booth.

Below is a Survey to express your interest in participating in and leading AOCOPM. At OMED, I was able to ask some of you to consider becoming officers of AOCOPM or to serve on the Board of Trustees. One doctor stated he had not considered this previously because no one had ever approached him. Please consider this your personal invitation to contribute either via committee participation, via Division leadership to help the President-Elect put together programs, via becoming a Trustee on the Board or via offering to become an Officer of AOCOPM. Hopefully, when the Survey comes in, we will be able to present a good slate in November to carry AOCOPM into the future.

Thank you for the opportunity to represent you as AOCOPM President during 2023!

Naomi F. Wriston, DO, MS, FAOCOPM
President, AOCOPM



Call for Volunteers and Nominations

The ability of AOCOPM to successfully fulfill its mission depends on the time and talents of dedicated volunteer members. Please take a few minutes to familiarize yourself with the open positions and consider applying to serve on a committee or nominating yourself or a colleague for the Board of Directors. The Call for Volunteers and Nominations will stay open until November 15, 2023. All AOCOPM members in good standing are invited to participate in the survey:

https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2024AOCOPM_Nominations



AOBPM Update

On Thursday, October 5, 2023, the AOA Board of Trustees met and authorized the American Osteopathic Board of Preventive Medicine (AOBPM) to continue to provide initial and recertification examinations to qualified candidates. More information can be found at <https://certification.osteopathic.org/preventive-medicine/all-exams/#/>.

The American Osteopathic College of Occupational and Preventive Medicine (AOCOPM) wishes to thank the AOA Board of Trustees, AOA Executive Director, Kathleen Creason, MBA, CEO, and Senior Vice President, Osteopathic Engagement, Maura Biszewski, for their important roles in this decision. We also want to thank the Chair of AOBPM, Daniel K. Berry, DO, PhD, FACOPM-d and his entire Board for their leadership and collaboration with our college's leadership. AOCOPM is committed to supporting current and future diplomates of AOBPM by helping to market AOA AOBPM certification to all those who are qualified.

Look for another, more expansive, article on AOA board certification and our plans to promote this important credential in an upcoming edition of our AOCOPM newsletter.



Save the Date!

[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](#)

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



2023 Goldstein Lecture

You are invited to attend the UNTHSC 2023 Goldstein Lecture at 11 am CDT on Thursday, November 2, 2023.

Dr. Francesco Cerritelli will present “The Brain-Body Interaction in the Context of Osteopathic Manipulative Medicine”, which will be delivered via Zoom.

The Goldstein Lecture was created by the Osteopathic Research Center to honor the many contributions of Murray Goldstein, DO, MPH, in advancing the osteopathic profession and osteopathic research. You may read more about Dr. Goldstein and Dr. Cerritelli on the event registration page listed below.

While there is no cost to attend the lecture, we do ask that you register in advance by visiting <https://www.unthsc.edu/texas-college-of-osteopathic-medicine/events/dr-francesco-cerritelli-to-present-2023-goldstein-lecture-november-2/>. This will help us ensure that we have the appropriate capacity in the Zoom room.

Please feel free to share this link with colleagues and/or students at your institutions.

If you have any questions concerning registration, please contact Cathleen.kearns@unthsc.edu.



Is Occupational and Environmental Medicine the Happiest Specialty?

via HealthCareers, by Emily O'Brien

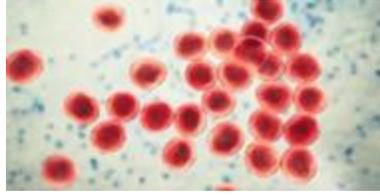
The growing field of occupational and environmental medicine (OEM) offers physicians the chance to practice without the headaches typically associated with traditional settings.

Physicians in this specialty focus on how health affects work and work affects health, enhancing the well-being of workers through clinical care, prevention, disability management, research, and education. An important resource to corporations, group practices, hospitals, and educational institutions, OEM physicians conduct health screenings for job candidates and employees. Additional career opportunities lie in federal and state government service and epidemiologic, toxicologic, and clinical research. As a subspecialty of preventive medicine, these physicians explore physical, chemical, biological, psychological, safety, and ergonomic hazards. They also evaluate and treat common hazards, such as popcorn lung, SARS outbreaks, asbestos, Hep B/HIV exposure, and water contamination.

A career in OEM brings an abundance of benefits, most notably its renowned praise for good work-life steadiness with high satisfaction and low burnout rates. It offers a good balance of clinical and administrative work and the ability to impact populations and costs by preventing disease and injury, and it's intellectually stimulating. According to [Medscape's 2022 Physician Burnout and Depression Report](#), which shows overall burnout increasing by 5 percent across all specialties, Public Health and Preventive Medicine (which includes Environmental and Occupational Medicine) had the lowest burnout rate at 26 percent.

more:

<https://www.healthcareers.com/career-resources/on-the-job/is-occupational-and-environmental-medicine-the-happiest-specialty>



New Antibiotic Could Combat Multidrug-Resistant Superbugs

via Medscape, by Aude Lecrubier

Antibiotic resistance is a major public health problem. Few new molecules are in development, but a new antibiotic called clovibactin brings hope. This drug, isolated from bacteria that haven't previously been studied, seems to be capable of combating multidrug-resistant "superbugs" thanks to unusual mechanisms of action. The drug was discovered and has been studied by scientists from Utrecht University in the Netherlands, the University of Bonn in Germany, the German Center for Infection Research, Northeastern University in Boston, and NovoBiotic Pharmaceuticals in Cambridge, Massachusetts.

https://www.medscape.com/viewarticle/996504?ecd=WNL_trdalrt_pos1_230915_etid5858638&uac=349327MR&impID=5858638



OMED23 Available Virtually

If you missed out on the live version of OMED23, you can still access [AOCOPM's content](#) via the virtual platform until December 31st. Registration will stay open until December 15th.

Register for OMED23: <https://registration.experientevent.com/ShowAOA231>



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

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

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