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A Message from the President

Greetings to All AOCOPM Members and Friends,

Thank you for the honor to serve as President of AOCOPM 2023. One of the comments that continues to surface on the Evaluation Surveys is the appreciation of the collegiality within the College. In addition to collegiality, we have a wealth of experience and knowledge within the membership of AOCOPM. We recently approved through the Board of Trustees a document to the AOA that included the following statement:

“Our certificate holders include the Chief Health and Medical Officer of NASA, the Acting Senior Regional Flight Surgeon of the Federal Aviation Administration, the former medical directors of American Airlines, Chevron, General Motors, and Proctor and Gamble, the first flag officer in the US Uniformed Services and the former Surgeon General of the United States Coast Guard.”

Therefore, in addition to our goal to provide quality educational conferences, we want to build on the collegiality by being resources for each other through knowing who has experience in various areas. With that in mind, we are asking each of you to add to your member profile a more detailed description of your practice area and strengths. (Please see article by Ronda later in Newsletter with detailed direction.)

We also hope each of you will become involved on Committees of interest and involved in the Leadership within your Divisions or on the Board of Trustees. (For example, we presently need a Secretary for each Division.) Jeffrey, our Executive Director, sends out Surveys each year asking members to list their interests in serving. We found on the CME Committee that with new members came ideas for expansion of topics and Speakers for our CME conferences!

Thank you for supporting the College and we look forward to your input and seeing you at the next CME meeting!

Naomi

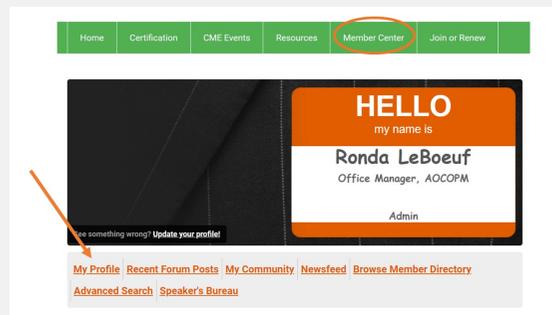
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Dr. Murray Goldstein Receives the William D. Miller Award

Murray Goldstein, DO, MPH, Retired Osteopathic Physician, Leader and Commissioned Officer in the U.S. Public Health System, recently received the [William D. Miller Award](#) at the 2023 AACOM Educating Leaders Conference in recognition of his extraordinary contributions to the advancement of the osteopathic profession. Dr. Goldstein is the Special Advisor to the AOCOPM Board of Trustees.

Congratulations, Dr. Goldstein!



Experience and Expertise Attribute added to College Database

AOCOPM members may find the member directory to be more useful as we make it searchable by subject-matter expertise. For example, if you want to connect with someone who is familiar with bus driver physicals, you may do an [advanced search](#) of the database for the word "bus", and you will find a member who knows all about them (Hint: She's your current AOCOPM President.) However, for this added benefit to happen, we need our members to add the information to the "member profile" as described below.

Directions: Login to the [Member Center](#), click My Profile, then click Edit Profile to add to your profile information. (A new box has been added named "Practice Strengths.") Add a brief (max 200 character) description of your areas of strengths and experience (past or present) to your profile in the text box labeled "Practice Strengths."

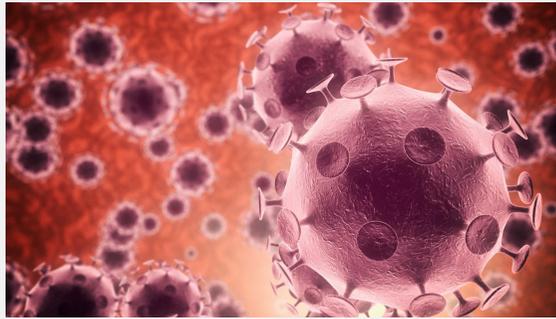


Midyear 2023 Available at AOA Online Learning

The 2023 Midyear Educational Conference is now available as a course at AOA Online Learning.

24.5 AOA Category 1-A CME Credits. Cost: \$595.00. -- Course Discount Codes for AOCOPM Members: <https://www.aocopm.org/course-discount-codes>.

Register here: <https://aoaonlinelearning.osteopathic.org/course/view.php?id=566>



FDA Approves First Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV) Vaccine

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration approved Arexvy, the first respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) vaccine approved for use in the United States. Arexvy is approved for the prevention of lower respiratory tract disease caused by RSV in individuals 60 years of age and older.

<https://www.fda.gov/news-events/press-announcements/fda-approves-first-respiratory-syncytial-virus-rsv-vaccine>



DOT Publishes Drug Testing Rule

The Department of Transportation (DOT) published a final rule (effective June 1, 2023) that, among other items, authorizes employers to use oral fluid drug testing as an alternative testing methodology to urine drug testing. The final rule also: harmonizes with pertinent section of the HHS oral fluid Mandatory Guidelines, clarifies certain Part 40 provisions that cover urine drug testing procedures, removes provisions that are no longer necessary, adds eight new definitions, clarifying language to definitions and web links, and updates provisions to address issues that have risen in recent years.

Link to Rule: https://www.transportation.gov/odapc/frpubs?utm_source=sendinblue&utm_campaign=DOT_notification_05022023&utm_medium=email



Sharps Injuries Among Medical Trainees and Attending Physicians

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Purpose: Sharps injuries are a particularly concerning occupational hazard faced by physicians and are largely preventable. This study compared the proportion and rate of sharps injuries among medical trainees to those among attending physicians by sharps injury characteristics.

Read more: https://journals.lww.com/academicmedicine/Abstract/9900/Sharps_Injuries_Among_Medical_Trainees_and.374.aspx



Interested in Speaking at One of AOCOPM's Educational Conferences?

We welcome your knowledge and experience! Read about speaking for AOCOPM and submit your own proposal! You may also submit a topic to be presented by someone else. --Just email the completed [PDF document](#) to ronda@aocopm.org.

<https://www.aocopm.org/speaker-interest>

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