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CMS Quality Payment Program Webinars

Have questions about your MIPS Score? The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) is offering a free webinar for small practices.

Maximizing Your MIPS Score: Advice for Solo and Small Group Practices

**Tuesday, September 15, 2020** 3:30 - 4:30 pm ET (12:30 - 1:30 pm Arizona time)

**Thursday, September 17, 2020** 11:00 am - 12:00 pm ET (8:00 - 9:00 am Arizona time)

For more information and to register, click on the dates above.


Call for Abstracts - AOMA 99th Annual Convention
The Arizona Osteopathic Medical Association (AOMA) will hold its 99th Annual Convention April 7-11, 2021 in Scottsdale, Arizona. It promises to be a memorable Convention as AOMA kicks off its 100th Anniversary with the theme 100 Years of Healing.

The AOMA Professional Education Committee invites you to be a part of celebrating the history of AOMA and submit an abstract for a lecture at the Convention. Lectures are 55 or 85 minutes in length including 5 to 10 minutes for questions.

Abstracts submitted for consideration must meet the following criteria:

- The abstract must be submitted by an active member of the Arizona Osteopathic Medical Association
- Physician lecturer must be board certified in his/her specialty
- The lecture must incorporate osteopathic practices and principles
- Abstract and CV must be emailed to Teresa Roland, AOMA Director of Education, at teresa@az-osteo.org by October 20, 2020.

The Committee will notify all abstract authors by October 30, 2020 as to whether or not their submission was selected. Download the criteria for abstract submission at www.az-osteo.org/abstract.

2020 AOMA Legislative Report

The 2020 AOMA Legislative Report is now available to AOMA members. The report provides important information about the abbreviated 2020 legislative session and related legislative activities.

Read about our successful advocacy efforts, the importance of stakeholder partnerships, the impact of COVID-19 related executive orders from the Governor's office, and what we expect for the next session.

Access to this comprehensive summary is exclusive to AOMA members and is one of the many benefits of membership. Login is required to view the report.

CDC Changes Coronavirus Testing Guidelines To Exclude Asymptomatic People
The New York Times (8/25) reports the CDC “quietly modified its coronavirus testing guidelines this week to exclude people who do not have symptoms of COVID-19 – even if they have been recently exposed to the virus.” Some “questioned the revision, pointing to the importance of identifying infections in the small window immediately before the onset of symptoms, when many individuals appear to be most contagious.”

Telemedicine Training Livestream Conference

On September 14, 2020 the Arizona Telemedicine Program will present a livestreaming training Developing a Telemedicine Program.

This conference is designed to give a broad overview of a variety of telemedicine topics to include:

- Clinical services
- Telecommunications and infrastructure development and operations
- Distance education
- Evaluation
- Business aspects
- Equipment demonstration virtual tour

The registration fee to participate is $300 but is waived for Southwest Telehealth Resource Center network members and Arizona, New Mexico, Utah, Colorado, and Nevada residents. Register at https://telemedicine.arizona.edu/

For more information contact Melanie Esher-Blair at 520-626-6103 or mesher@telemedicine.arizona.edu

Virtual Flagstaff Osteopathic Medical Conference a Great Success

More than 150 physicians and other healthcare providers participated in the 6th Annual Flagstaff Osteopathic Medical Conference (FOMC) which we livestreamed on August 15 and 16, 2020.

This year's conference featured an expanded 12 hour CME agenda. Thank you to R. Zane Kelley, DO, for his leadership and assistance in coordinating this event. AOMA thanks all the speakers who contributed to the
diverse and dynamic program! We look forward to the 2021 FOMC.

**AOMA 40th Annual Fall Seminar - Livestreaming!**

Plan to attend the new and improved AOMA 40th Annual Fall Seminar

- Expanded two and one-half days: November 6-8, 2020
- CME hours available increased to 20
- Virtual livestreaming event

The theme for the Fall Seminar is **Come Together and Dig On!** AOMA designates this program for 20.0 hours of AOA Category 1-A CME credits and will report CME credits commensurate with the extent of the physician's participation in this activity. This activity is approved for *AMA PRA Category 1 credits™*. Application will be filed for AAFP prescribed credits. Full agenda is pending.

**Save $100!** Register online by October 6, 2020 at [www.az-osteo.org/Fall2020](http://www.az-osteo.org/Fall2020)

**AOMA Office Closure - Labor Day**

In observance of the Labor Day holiday, the AOMA office will be closed on Monday, September 7, 2020 and will reopen on Tuesday, September 8, 2020 at 8:00 am.

Enjoy the holiday weekend and be safe.
Patients are Looking for YOU!

Update Your Profile!

One of the benefits of AOMA membership is the Find a Physician public directory search. Make sure your practice information is up to date by logging in to your member profile on the AOMA website. When you do, prospective patients and potential referring physicians will be able to find you.

Not an AOMA Member?
Join today and be a part of the 99-year tradition of the Arizona Osteopathic Medical Association!

Membership in AOMA is an affordable vehicle to keep abreast of national and local issues, protect your professional practice, enhance your specialized skills, further your career, and be a part of the future of osteopathic medicine in Arizona.

Refer a new AOMA member and receive at $100 credit. Go to www.az-osteo.org/Recruit

AOMA Calendar of Events- www.az-osteo.org

AOMA Board of Trustees Meeting - Saturday, October 24, 2020 - Virtual Meeting
AOMA 40th Annual Fall Seminar - November 6 - 8, 2020 - Virtual Event

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