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Election Wrap Up

What a roller coaster ride! In terms of 2020's history-making general election. At this time of this publication, the Arizona Secretary of State hasn't issued official results yet. Election officials have until November 23, 2020 to finalize local results and the secretary of state certifies statewide results on November 30, 2020. Early on, it looked like the Arizona House would shift to Democratic party control, but based on the latest vote counts updated on November 12, 2020, it will most likely stand pat with 31 Republicans and 29 Democrats. The Arizona Senate is expected to retain its Republican majority, with a 16 Republicans/14 Democrats split.

With 99% of ballots counted, [download](#) a list of the projected winners of all 90 legislative seats [here](#).

Two controversial statewide ballot initiatives are projected to pass:

- Proposition 207 – Smart and Safe Arizona Act (Legalization of Recreational Marijuana)
- Proposition 208 – Invest in Education Act (Tax increase for K-12 Education)

The First Regular Legislative Session of the 55th Arizona Legislature doesn't begin until January 2021, but legislation impacting the practice of medicine is already in the works. AOMA is your best ally in monitoring the activities of those who govern and regulate health care in Arizona. Stay tuned!

[AOMA 40th Annual Fall Seminar - Livestreaming is in the Books](#)

While we had hoped we could have "come together" in Tucson for the 40th Annual Fall Seminar, we "dug on" during the livestreaming event with more than 200 physicians and medical students in attendance. The AOMA Professional Education Committee, chaired by Dr. Lori Kemper, presented an exceptional program offering a wide variety of topics. Thank you to all our speakers for the excellent lectures on the timely, high-quality content.

Thank you to our sponsors, Pfizer and Mutual Insurance Company of Arizona, and advertisers Ensemble Real Estate Solutions, Health Current, Sofi, and WestPac Wealth Partners for contributing to the success of this virtual event.

While we didn't have an exhibit hall, we did have a little fun in recognizing our sponsors and advertisers with the "Question of the Day" drawing, awarding three \$50 VISA gift cards each day. Attendees who submitted the correct answer were entered into the daily prize drawings. Congratulations to Dr. Dave Bruce, Dr. Brad Croft, Dr. Roy Frieband, Dr. Michael Herrera, Dr. Deb Hudak, Dr. Robert Luberto, Dr. Patrick Marsh, Dr. Barb Tilben, and Dr. Bonnie Watson McDonald.



Missed the livestreaming event?

You may still register for on demand playback of the AOMA 40th Annual Fall Seminar until December 1, 2020.

Go to www.az-osteo.org/fall2020 to sign up.

The fourth annual Stump the Doc competition was entertaining and informative. It was a close contest, between Midwestern University Arizona College of Osteopathic Medicine (AZCOM) and A.T. Still University School of Osteopathic Medicine in Arizona (SOMA). Congratulations to AZCOM for taking home the coveted Golden Femur Award in the virtual Femur Feud competition. The teams took on some interesting topics and shared their medical knowledge.

| STUMP THE DOC The Categories | | | |
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| The Littles | Nothing to Sneeze At | You've Gotta Have Heart | Something the Bat Dragged In |
| Don't Bug Me | Perchance to Dream | The Eyes (and Ears) Have It | A Breath of Fresh Air |
| Nature or Nurture | Have an Open Mind | The Enemy of My Friend is My Enemy | Follow the Yellow Brick Road |
| Just One Little Pill | Here Comes the Judge | Dig On! | Words of the Lightning Bone Setter |
| We've Come a Long Way, Baby! | Raw Nerve | The Monster Within | I'm Not Gonna Miss My Shot |

Thank you to the faculty coaches Dr. William Peppo (AZCOM), Dr. Denise Sackett (SOMA) and Dr. Christine Morgan (SOMA) and the teams of student doctors. Representing SOMA were John Berberich, OMS III; Amy Lee, OMS III; Jayna Patel, OMS IV; and Luke Ong, OMS III. The AZCOM team members were Priyanka Atit, OMS IV; Dylan Rudd, OMS III; Kyle Sherwin, OMS III; and Hannah Wilson, OMS III.

Thanks also to our judges for the competition: Dr. Aaron Allgood, Dr. Estelle Farrell, and Dr. Michelle Mifflin.

Online Attestation: If you wish to receive CME credit for attending the Fall Seminar, you must complete the online attestation on the event platform. Deadline to submit is December 15, 2020.

Mark your calendars for the AOMA 41st Annual Fall Seminar, November 5-7, 2021 at the El Conquistador Tucson.

Pfizer-BioNTech Vaccine Achieves Success in Phase 3 Study

On Monday, November 9, 2020 Pfizer and BioNTech announced their mRNA-based vaccine candidate, BNT162b2, against SARS-CoV-2 has demonstrated evidence of efficacy against COVID-19 in participants without prior evidence of SARS-CoV-2 infection, based on the first interim efficacy analysis conducted on November 8, 2020 by an external, independent Data Monitoring Committee (DMC) from the Phase 3 clinical study.

In this first interim efficacy analysis, the vaccine candidate was found to be more than 90% effective in preventing COVID19 disease in participants without evidence of prior SARS-CoV-2 infection. The DMC has not reported any serious safety concerns and recommends that the study continue to collect additional safety and efficacy data as planned.

Pfizer reiterated they are moving at the speed of science, and efficacy is just one of the three areas where they must demonstrate success before a potential vaccine can be approved. More data on safety and manufacturing consistently at the highest quality standards still needs to be collected.

The study continues to collect additional efficacy and safety data, and it is currently estimated that a median of two months of safety data following the second (and final) dose of the vaccine candidate will be available by the third week of November. This is the amount of safety data specified by the FDA in its guidance for potential Emergency Use Authorization.

Along with the efficacy data generated from the clinical trial, Pfizer and BioNTech are working to prepare the necessary safety and manufacturing data to submit to the FDA to demonstrate the safety and quality of the vaccine product produced.

Based on current projections we expect to produce globally up to 50 million vaccine doses in 2020 and up to 1.3 billion doses in 2021.

Pfizer and BioNTech plan to submit data from the full Phase 3 trial for scientific peer-review publication.

Read the full press release [here](#).



Update: Statements Regarding Misrepresentation of Osteopathic Medicine

Facts matter, and responsible journalism must include an accurate portrayal of our profession, devoid of political influence or narrative. The AOA continues its ongoing efforts to set the record straight when faced with inaccuracies about the profession. On Wednesday, AOA released a [joint statement with the AMA](#) about the recent misrepresentations of osteopathic physicians. In addition, AOA CEO Kevin Klauer, DO, EJD, discussed the scope of the osteopathic medical profession, including

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DOs distinct approach to care and tremendous growth, in a *MedPage Today* Op-Ed on Monday. Read the full article [here](#).



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In Memoriam

Maurice “Dale” Parry, DO, (86) of Anthem, AZ, passed away August 29, 2020, from natural causes. He was born in Cedar City, Utah, to Gronway and Afton Parry. In his youth, he attended Cedar City High School and graduated from Menlo Park School for Boys in California. Dale served a full-time mission for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints in the Swiss-Austrian mission, where he spoke German and French. Dr. Parry earned an undergraduate degree in German Literature from Pomona College in Claremont, California and a Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine at Still College of Osteopathic Medicine and Surgery Des Moines, Iowa in 1968. He worked in various clinics and rotations before settling in Page, Arizona. In Page, Dr. Parry was a family medicine physician at the Lake Powell Clinic before joining the Page Family Physicians Group.

Dr. Parry opened a private family practice in Kingman, Arizona and later worked for the VA Clinic there for over ten years. He was an FAA Senior Medical Examiner for many years and President of the Arizona Osteopathic Medical Association from 1989-1990.



Dr. Parry was a wonderful man who had a passion for his hobbies and interests. He loved anything associated with airplanes and flying. He was an excellent snow skier and he skied well into his golden years. Dr. Parry was a skilled violinist who practiced and performed every song from the heart. He was Concertmaster for the Page Community Orchestra, the Southwest Symphony, and the Mohave Community Orchestra.

Dr. Parry is survived by his spouse Lorraine Slack Parry, and their children and grandchildren. He is also

survived by two sisters, Toni Rennings of Mesquite, Nevada, and Carol Ann Nyman of Cedar City, Utah. He is preceded in death by his parents, Afton Leone Parry and Gronway Parry, as well as a brother, Gronway Robert Parry.

[AMA Announces Vaccine-specific CPT Codes for COVID Immunizations](#)

The American Medical Association (AMA) today published an update to the Current Procedural Terminology (CPT®) code set that includes new vaccine-specific codes to report immunizations for the novel coronavirus (SARS-CoV-2). Download the announcement [here](#).

For quick reference:

The new Category I CPT codes and long descriptors for the vaccine products are:

- 91300 Severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2) (Coronavirus disease [COVID-19]) vaccine, mRNA-LNP, spike protein, preservative free, 30 mcg/0.3mL dosage, diluent reconstituted, for intramuscular use
- 91301 Severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2) (Coronavirus disease [COVID-19]) vaccine, mRNA-LNP, spike protein, preservative free, 100 mcg/0.5mL dosage, for intramuscular use

The new vaccine administration CPT codes and long descriptors are:

- 0001A Immunization administration by intramuscular injection of severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2) (Coronavirus disease [COVID-19]) vaccine, mRNA-LNP, spike protein, preservative free, 30 mcg/0.3mL dosage, diluent reconstituted; first dose
- 0002A Immunization administration by intramuscular injection of severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2) (Coronavirus disease [COVID-19]) vaccine, mRNA-LNP, spike protein, preservative free, 30 mcg/0.3mL dosage, diluent reconstituted; second dose
- 0011A Immunization administration by intramuscular injection of Severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2) (Coronavirus disease [COVID-19]) vaccine, mRNA-LNP, spike protein, preservative free, 100 mcg/0.5mL dosage; first dose
- 0012A Immunization administration by intramuscular injection of Severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2) (Coronavirus disease [COVID-19]) vaccine, mRNA-LNP, spike protein, preservative free, 100 mcg/0.5mL dosage; second dose

Questions on CPT coding and content should be directed to the CPT Network, the authoritative source for CPT coding answers. Also, consult the AMA online library of [COVID-19 CPT coding and guidance](#).

[New Virtual Wellness Sessions](#)

As part of Virtual OMED 2020, the AOA offered several on-demand sessions from wellness experts. Nine of these sessions are still available online. View these wellness sessions on [YouTube](#), and check out more resources on the [AOA Wellness Hub](#) to help combat stress, loneliness and stiff muscles.



[Birdies Mean Bucks for Arizona Osteopathic Charities](#)

You can make Arizona Osteopathic Charities a big bucks winner by making a pledge in the Birdies for Charity competition at the 2020 Waste Management Phoenix Open. Arizona Osteopathic Charities will receive every penny of collected pledges. To make a pledge online go to birdiesforcharityaz.com.



[Giving Tuesday is December 1](#)

The spirit of Giving Tuesday is generosity and gives everyone the power to make a positive change in the lives of others. It's a fundamental value anyone can act on. #GivingTuesday emphasizes opportunities to give back to communities and causes in safe ways that allow for social connection and kindness even while practicing physical distancing.



We can show our generosity in a variety of ways during Giving Tuesday, whether it's helping a neighbor, advocating for an issue, sharing a skill, or giving to causes, every act of generosity counts.

Please consider supporting the work of the [Arizona Osteopathic Charities](http://ArizonaOsteopathicCharities.org) through an online donation at www.azdocharities.org.

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Please encourage others to share kindness and be generous during this time, as well! **Thank you!**

A promotional advertisement for SoFi. The background is a solid red color. In the top right corner is the SoFi logo, which consists of a grid of white dots above the word "SoFi" in white. The main text is in white: "Feeling stuck with your current private student loans?". Below this, in smaller white text, it says "Members receive a 0.25% rate discount when refinancing with SoFi". At the bottom left, there is a blue button with the text "Learn More" in white. The bottom right of the ad shows a photograph of a laptop on a desk with a coffee cup, and the laptop screen displays a website with charts and graphs.

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AzDHS Vaccine Newsletter

CDC Immunization Schedules

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is ONLINE

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

AOMA Board of Trustees Meeting - February 6, 2021

AOMA 99th Annual Convention - April 7-11, 2021

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