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Primary Election is Tuesday, August 4 - Every Vote Counts

This Tuesday is the Arizona primary election and several primary races for the state legislature will be very close. We need to ensure the election of those candidates who share our concerns about the future of healthcare and improved access to quality care in Arizona.

If you haven't already mailed in your ballot, please take it to your polling place on Tuesday, August 4. Your vote can make a difference in a close race.

Exercise your right to vote!



AOMA Earns ACCME Accreditation

The Arizona Osteopathic Medical Association has received provisional accreditation as a provider of continuing medical education from the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME). As one of only three state osteopathic associations in the U.S., this is a tremendous accomplishment.

AOMA has been an accredited sponsor of AOA continuing medical education since 1993. As a dually-accredited provider, AOMA is now authorized to provide both AOA Category 1 A credits and *AMA PRA*



Category 1 Credits™ for all its CME activities.

Resources for COVID-19 Testing

Maricopa County Public Health Department released updated guidelines for PPE use and patient testing.

PPE Update - download HCF Guidance

Due to the level of community transmission of COVID-19 in Maricopa County, healthcare providers are more likely to encounter asymptomatic or pre-symptomatic patients with COVID-19. If COVID-19 is not suspected in a patient presenting for care (based on symptom and exposure history), healthcare providers should follow Standard Precautions (and Transmission-Based Precautions, if required based on the suspected diagnosis). They should also:

- Wear a medical-grade face mask at all times while in the healthcare facility.
- Wear eye protection in addition to their face mask to ensure the eyes, nose, and mouth are all protected from splashes and sprays of infectious materials from others.

As always, if COVID-19 is suspected or confirmed in a patient presenting for care, healthcare providers should use standard, droplet, and contact precautions, plus eye protection when treating the patient. An N95 respirator (or equivalent) should be used when performing or in the room during an aerosol-generating procedure.

Patient Testing - download Testing Flyer

In order to provide good service to your patients and speed up the case investigation and contact tracing process, Maricopa County has created the attached flyer (one page front and back, Spanish and English) that provides critical information about what patients should do while they wait for their test results. This covers isolation guidance, notifying close contacts, and how people can support public health in investigations and contact tracing.

Please incorporate this flyer into your process so everyone who gets tested for COVID-19 gets these instructions to prevent additional exposures and help us track cases.

The goal of using the flyer is to increase the speed and efficiency of investigations and contact tracing. It gives people a place to enter their case information while they are waiting for test results or immediately after they learn they are positive. This also standardizes the information people are receiving across the County. We hope that you will provide this information to any Maricopa County residents whom you are testing for COVID-19.

Patients Who Refuse to Wear a Mask: Responses That Won't Get You Sued

Your waiting room is filled with mask-wearing individuals, except for one person. Your staff offers a mask to this person, citing your office policy of requiring masks for all persons in order to prevent asymptomatic COVID spread, and the patient refuses to put it on.

What can you/should you/must you do? Are you required to see a patient who refuses to wear a mask? If you ask the patient to leave without being seen, can you be accused of patient abandonment? If you allow the patient to stay, could you be liable for negligence for exposing others to a deadly illness?¹

For some practical answers, read the entire article at: <https://www.medscape.com/viewarticle/933606>

¹Medscape Family Medicine ©2020 WedMD, LLC July 9, 2020^{efox}

Free MAT Training

Medications for Addiction Treatment (MAT) of Substance Use Disorders involves a combination of a medications that targets the brain, and psychosocial interventions (e.g., counseling, skills development) aimed at improving treatment outcomes. Research shows that medications and therapy together may be more successful than either treatment method alone.

When: Saturday, August 8, 2020 7:30 am to 5:00 pm
Who: MDs, DOs, NPs, PAs (and their support staff may benefit)
Where: Via Telemedicine portal
Cost: Free, but space is limited
Register: https://protect-us.mimecast.com/s/KBBdCR67XLuQkoH9t_M?domain=aztelemedicine.zoom.us

Presented by the Providers Clinical Support System, North Country Health Care, Northern Arizona Area Health Education Center, Arizona Area Health Education Centers, and the Arizona Telemedicine Program, this program is made possible in part by SAMHSA grant no.1H79TI081968.

Physicians require eight hours of training to apply to the Drug Enforcement Agency for a waiver to prescribe buprenorphine, one of three medications approved by the FDA for the treatment of opioid use disorder.

Physician Assistants & Advanced Practice Registered Nurses (APRN) (NP/CNM/CNS/CRNA) must complete 24 hours of specialized training to prescribe buprenorphine, one of three medications approved by the FDA for the treatment of opioid use disorder. The training includes 8 hours of MAT waiver training and an additional 16 hours of training.

The additional 16 hours can be completed on-line at <https://pcssnow.org/education-training/mat-training/>refox

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Health Innovations Workshop

Do you have an idea to improve health or the delivery of healthcare? The Health Entrepreneurship Accelerator Lab (HEALab) at Arizona State University, Coplex, and the Maricopa County Medical Society can help. This two-day, interactive workshop is focused on providing existing healthcare practitioners with entrepreneurial aspirations the information and resources necessary to turn their ideas into reality. Learn how to identify problems and ideate solutions, develop a business model, navigate legal issues, and launch your venture. Attendees can earn 6 continuing health education credit hours for CME or NCPD.

What: The Health Entrepreneurship Accelerator Lab (HEALab)

When: Friday, August 7, 2020 2 pm to 6 pm & Saturday, August 8, 2020 8 am to 12 pm

Where: Via ZOOM

Cost: \$275

Register: <https://www.eiseverywhere.com/hie-workshop>

6th Annual Flagstaff Osteopathic Medical Conference Expanded!

The Flagstaff Osteopathic Medical Conference (FOMC) has gone virtual!

The 6th Annual FOMC has expanded to one and one-half days:

Saturday, August 15 and Sunday, August 16, 2020 presented as a livestreaming event via ZOOM.

Registration is available at www.az-osteo.org/FOMC. Cost is \$50 for AOMA Members and \$120 for Non members.

The AOMA designates this program for a maximum of **12.0 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 has been approved for *AMA PRA 1 CreditsTM*.



Register at

www.az-osteo.org/FOMC

AOMA 40th Annual Fall Seminar - Come Together and Dig On!

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 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. Application will also be filed for AAFP prescribed credits. This activity will be submitted for *AMA PRA Category 1 creditsTM*. Full agenda is pending.

Save \$100! Register online by October 6, 2020 at www.az-osteo.org/Fall2020refox



Annual Clinical Case Competition and Poster Forum

The coronavirus pandemic didn't keep the 12th Annual AOMA Clinical Case Competition and Poster Forum from forging ahead. For the first time ever, all presentations were conducted virtually on Saturday, April 4, 2020.

Posters were evaluated by a panel of judges. Cash prizes of \$250 were awarded to winners in each of the three student categories.

First Place winners in each category were:

- Student Case: Lauren Krance, OMS III
- Student Research: Usman Beg, OMS II
- Student Performance/Population Improvement Project: Sara Brundage, OMS III
- Resident: Justina Truong, DO, PGY4

Three student clinical research cases were selected and presented during the AOMA Annual Convention. The Clinical Case Competition, sponsored by Midwestern University AZCOM and A.T. Still University SOMA, was viewed and judged virtually. The First Place winner was Elizabeth St. Laurent, OMS IV. She received a \$250 cash award.

Congratulations to all the students and residents who participated in this year's program.

Thank you to the Committee Chairs and all the judges who participated - we could not have done this without you.

Charles Finch, DO, Chair
Tracy Middleton, DO, Co-Chair
Christine Morgan, EdD, Co-Chair
Denise Sackett, DO, Co-Chair
Tom Bennett, DO
Stanley Brysacz, DO
Tala Dajani, MD
Dana Devine, DO
William Devine, DO
Richard Dobrusin, DO
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William Peppo, DO
Barbara Prah-Wix, DO
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Lawrence Sands, DO, MPH
Tony Tullot, MD
Gene Winfield, DO
Bonnie Wong, DO
Kate Worden, DO
Gloria Yueh, PhD
Michael Zawada PhD

All cash awards were funded through a grant from the HonorHealth Foundation.

To view all the poster entries and list of winners in each category, go to www.az-osteo.org/PosterForum.refox

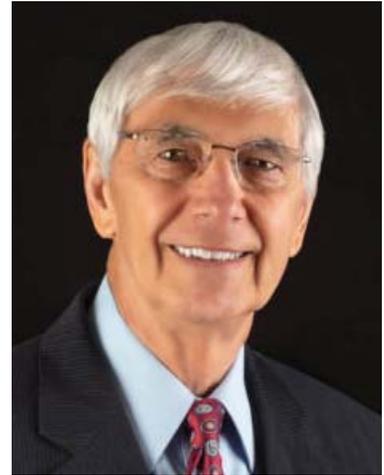
Meet the New AOA President

Thomas L. Ely, DO, FACOFP, FAAFP, was inaugurated as the 124th president of the American Osteopathic Association on July 18, 2020.

President Ely is an AOA board-certified osteopathic family physician and fellow of the American College of Osteopathic Family Physicians and the American Academy of Family Physicians. A member of the AOA since 1980, Dr. Ely was elected to the AOA's Board of Trustees in 2006 and has been a delegate representing Tennessee in the AOA's House of Delegates since 1998.

Dr. Ely is past president of the Tennessee Osteopathic Medical Association and a member of the American College of Osteopathic Family Physicians. He was appointed to the Tennessee Board of Osteopathic Examination (licensure board) for 9 years.

Congratulations, Dr. Ely.



August is National Immunization Awareness Month

National Immunization Awareness Month (NIAM) highlights the importance of vaccinations for people of all ages. We encourage you to promote the importance of immunizations to your patients, employees, and co-workers.

For vaccine resources go to <https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/events/niam/index.html>_{refox}



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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.

Join AOMA

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 a \$100 credit. Go to www.az-osteo.org/Recruit

Arizona Vaccine News



AzDHS

CDC Immunization Schedules

2020 T.I.P.S. Training is ONLINE

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

- 6th Annual Flagstaff Osteopathic Medical Conference/Virtual Event** - August 15 & 16, 2020
- AOMA Board of Trustees Meeting** - November 6, 2020 - Virtual Event
- AOMA 40th Annual Fall Seminar** - November 6 - 8, 2020 - Virtual Event
- AOMA House of Delegates** - November 7, 2020 - Virtual Event refox



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