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[AOMA Leadership Attends Virtual Advocacy Day](#)

On Thursday, September 10, 2020 physician leadership from the Arizona Osteopathic Medical Association attended a virtual advocacy day co-hosted with the American Osteopathic Association (AOA) and 30 other osteopathic affiliates. After receiving advocacy and issue training, leaders from the AOMA were able to virtually meet with their members of Congress to advocate for ending the practice of [surprise medical billing](#), reforming the [prior-authorization process](#), and supporting [mental health resources](#) for health care professionals. These meetings came at a critical time as Congress is currently debating all three topics. We want to thank the physicians who attended on behalf of AOMA for their work to help advance meaningful health care policy and their ongoing advocacy efforts.



[Voter Registration Deadline is October 5th](#)

The deadline to register to vote in the November General Election is October 5, 2020. New to Arizona? Moved or want to change your registration? All of this can easily be done online at: <https://servicearizona.com/VoterRegistration>



[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 creditsTM*. Application has been filed for AAFP prescribed credits.

Timely topics include COVID-19 update, telemedicine, physician burnout, and more. Download the full agenda [here](#).

Save \$100! Register online by October 13, 2020 at www.az-osteo.org/Fall2020



[New AOMA Office](#)

The AOMA office has moved! Our new address is:

1951 West Camelback Road Suite 105
Phoenix, Arizona 85015

Phone and fax remain the same.

Staff is still working remotely, so give us a call before dropping by.





Get Your Flu Shot

With this upcoming flu season and the overlap with COVID-19 this year presents greater challenges than the typical flu season. There is a potential that our health care system could become overwhelmed should we experience a bad flu season on top of the coronavirus pandemic.

Flu vaccine is in plentiful supply. The state of Arizona will increase reimbursement under the Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System – AHCCCS, the state’s Medicaid program – to providers who offer flu shots to Medicaid recipients.

It will also expand the availability of flu shots to various COVID testing sites around the state by late September.

Get your flu shot!



September is Suicide Prevention Awareness Month

As the pandemic drags on, forcing many Arizonans to remain isolated, local health officials have observed upticks in calls to crisis help lines. If you or someone you know is experiencing suicidal thoughts or a behavioral health crisis, contact the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline for support at 1-800-273-TALK (8255).




New COVID-19 Resource: AOA Navigator

To help members navigate through the impact of COVID-19 on their practice of medicine, the AOA has developed a new member resource called AOA Navigator. Now, members can receive one-on-one assistance with their specific pandemic-related issues. [Learn more.](#)

[AOA Training in Policy Studies Program: Application Open](#)

The Training in Policy Studies (TIPS) is a policy-based program for residents that provides leadership opportunities and education on current health care policy issues. Participants will gain experience in writing policy briefs and white papers, oral testimony, media training, and more. The application deadline for the 2020-21 program is Monday, September 28, 2020. [Learn more](#) and please share with your resident members.



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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.

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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](#)



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[CDC Immunization Schedules](#)

[2020 T.I.P.S. Training is ONLINE](#)

[AOMA Calendar of Events-www.az-osteo.org](http://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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