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Dr. Ortoski Leads POFPS Hershey Board Meeting

POFPS President Richard A. Ortoski, D.O., presided over the society's board of trustees meeting on August 6, 2016, at the Hershey Lodge in Hershey, Pennsylvania.



Dr. Ortoski



Dr. Henwood

Carol L. Henwood, D.O., past president of the American College of Osteopathic Family Physicians and the POFPS, reported on recent activities at the national level.

Robert R. Rodak, D.O., president of the Pennsylvania Academy of Family Physicians, brought greetings and thanked the society for inviting him to the symposium. Anthony



Dr. Rodak



Dr. DiMarco

E. DiMarco, D.O., president of the Pennsylvania Osteopathic Medical Association, brought greetings and congratulated POFPS on a successful symposium.

The board reviewed the six-month financial statements, and reported that the society is financially sound. The membership committee is looking into ways to increase membership. The CME symposium committee reported that this year's program was very successful, with great attendance and superb education.

The board received activity updates from the student association chapters of the ACOFP. SAACOFPP chapter president Marsha Dietrich-McLean, OMS-II, represented the Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine, and SAACOFPP chapter president Morgan A. McCoy, OMS-II, represented the Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine. Both chapters are very active on their respective campuses and are looking forward to recruiting first-year students in the coming month.

The board also voted to hold a strategic planning retreat October 21-22, 2016, and a board of trustees meeting on October 22.

POFPS CME Symposium Draws Record Attendance!

Once again, the POFPS symposium broke all attendance records! The POFPS 41st Annual CME Symposium, held August 5-7, 2016, at the Hershey Lodge in Hershey, Pennsylvania, was a huge success with over 450 registered physicians attending the meeting.



Dr. Endy

Fifteen exhibitors were on hand to showcase their products and answer physicians' questions. The POFPS would like to thank this year's exhibitors for their support:

AbbVie, Inc.
Allergan, Inc.
Amarin Pharma, Inc.
American College of Osteopathic Family Physicians
(see "CME Symposium," page 2)

Dr. Olson Receives Saloom Award

On Saturday, August 6, 2016, Christopher D. Olson, D.O., was presented with the 2016 Raymond J. Saloom, D.O., Memorial Award by the Pennsylvania Osteopathic Family Physicians Society (POFPS) during the POFPS 41st Annual CME Symposium in Hershey, Pennsylvania. The award was presented to Dr. Olson in recognition of his untiring efforts to promote the art of family medicine and preserve the integrity of the osteopathic profession.

Board certified in family medicine, Dr. Olson maintained a practice in Shamokin Dam for over 25 years. Past president of the medical staff and chairman of the Graduate Medical Education Steering Committee at Evangelical Community Hospital in Lewisburg, he also served as a member of the board of directors and medical advisor to the American Red Cross — SUN Area Chapter.

Past president of the Pennsylvania Osteopathic Medical Association (POMA) and past chairman of POMA's District 6, Dr. Olson serves as co-chairman of the POMA Legislative Committee. A delegate to the POMA and the American Osteopathic Association, he is a member of the POFPS and the American College of Osteopathic Family Physicians.



Dr. Ortoski (left) presents Dr. Olson with the Saloom Memorial Award.

POFPS Hosts Student/Resident Reception

The inaugural student program at the POFPS CME Symposium was held on August 6, 2016, at the Hershey Lodge in Hershey, Pennsylvania. The program was followed by a networking reception and dinner. As members of the POFPS mentor program, eight students from the Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine and four students from the Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine attended the program and dinner.

Coordinated by Jessica L. Masser, D.O., a POFPS board member and faculty member of the Conemaugh Health System Family Medicine Residency Program, the student program featured four family medicine residency program directors who addressed various components of the transition from medical school to residency training.

POFPS and ACOFP Past President Carol L. Henwood, D.O., spoke about leadership and inspired the students to stay active in the osteopathic profession. Dr. Masser addressed aspects of finding a residency home. Jacqueline S. Weaver-Agostoni, D.O., M.P.H., director of the osteopathic family medicine residency program at UPMC Shadyside, discussed the single accreditation system and the match process. Peter F. Bidey, D.O., director of the PCOM/Suburban Community Hospital family

medicine residency program, discussed the importance of marketing yourself for future residency and career opportunities.

Based on evaluation results, the student attendees enjoyed the opportunity to have candid conversations with a variety of residency program directors and gained valuable insight into the residency process and career development. They are excited to see the student program grow and look forward to attending next year.

During the reception and dinner, students networked with members of the POFPS board of trustees, the ACOFP Board of Governors and several POFPS members who are POMA past presidents. POFPS President Richard A. Ortoski, D.O., served as the master of ceremonies for the evening.

Dr. Masser is to be applauded for organizing an outstanding inaugural student program. The POFPS also thanks the Conemaugh Health System Family Medicine Residency Program and the Washington Health System Family Medicine Residency Program for their generous contributions to the student program and dinner.



POFPS CME Reporting Form Reminder

POFPS symposium attendees are reminded to return their CME reporting form to the Central Office. Physicians are required to complete a "Continuing Medical Education Reporting Form" whenever they attend a three-hour or longer seminar/program/convention. This form was given to physicians at the time of the program. If a reporting form is not completed

and returned to the Central Office, the POMA Foundation will be unable to forward the credits to the American Osteopathic Association. Physicians are also asked to return the session evaluation sheets and overall program evaluation form.

Please send your e-mail address updates to pofps@poma.org.

CME Symposium

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ARPwave, LLC
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Kowa Pharmaceuticals America, Inc.
Mercer-Bucks Orthopaedics
Novartis Pharmaceuticals Corp.
Nu Skin
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True Health Diagnostics, LLC

The POFPS would also like to thank Amarin Pharma, Inc.; ARPwave, LLC; and Legally Mine, LLC, for their contributions to support the meal functions.

Sponsored by the POMA Foundation, a total of 20 Category 1A AOA CME credits were available to physicians who attended all of the lectures. Attendees who properly followed the sign-in procedures for the child abuse recognition and reporting lecture will receive a certificate of completion from the course provider.

Speaker handouts from the symposium will remain on the POFPS page of the POMA website until November 30, 2016. Go directly to this page by visiting <http://www.poma.org/Events/POFPSCMESymposium/tabid/156/Default.aspx>.

The POMA Foundation would like to thank the American Osteopathic Association (REMS block grant) and Cancer Treatment Centers of America for their contributions to the educational program.

Symposium program chairman Deanne S. Endy, D.O., is to be commended for a job well done! The success of this year's program was a result of her hard work and incredible effort.

POFPS President Richard A. Ortoski, D.O., would like to thank the Central Office staff — Deb Cargill-Roan, Susan DePue, Brenda Dill, Yvonne Hersh, Tammy Keller, Marce Monroe-Ward and Judy Nicaise — for their hard work, making the symposium a great success.

Register Now for Pennsylvania's New Prescription Drug Monitoring Program

In an effort to enable medical professionals to make more informed decisions when prescribing and dispensing monitored prescription drugs to patients, Pennsylvania launched its Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (PDMP) on August 8, 2016. The statewide database collects information about controlled substance prescription drugs that are dispensed to patients within the Commonwealth.

Prescribers are required by law to search the PDMP for each patient when the patient is prescribed a controlled substance for the first time and/or when there is clinical concern the patient may be suffering from addiction or diverting controlled substances. The system was ready for query on August 25, 2016.

POFPS Symposium Outcomes Survey

The POMA Foundation is conducting a short outcomes survey for the POFPS 41st Annual CME Symposium. Your participation in this survey helps the Foundation measure learning to plan future CME programs.

Physicians who complete the survey by November 7, 2016, will earn up to two Category 1A AOA CME credits (survey credits are dependent on the number of credits earned at the symposium). To complete the survey online, please visit <http://www.poma.org/survey/TakeSurvey.asp?SurveyID=5KK793ML661KG>

A hard copy of the survey was also enclosed with the CME certificates that were mailed on August 23, 2016. Please return the completed survey to the POMA Foundation, 1330 Eisenhower Boulevard, Suite 500, Harrisburg, PA 17111-2319, or fax (717) 939-7255.

If you have any questions, please contact the POMA Central Office at (717) 939-9318 or e-mail prc@poma.org.

Physicians who are licensed and registered to prescribe controlled substances are required to register in the PDMP. Physicians will also be able to grant access to delegates who are employed, or under the supervision of a physician, to check the system on their behalf. To register for the PDMP portal, visit <https://pennsylvania.pmpaware.net>.

For more information about the PDMP, the registration process and delegate policies, visit <http://www.health.pa.gov/Your-Department-of-Health/Offices%20and%20Bureaus/PaPrescription-DrugMonitoringProgram/Pages/home.aspx>.

Application Period for CPC+ Now Open

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services recently announced the opening of the application period for practices to participate in the Comprehensive Primary Care Plus (CPC+) medical home model. The model is designed to help primary care practices support patients with serious or chronic diseases, provide 24-hour access to care and health information, deliver preventive care, engage with patients and families, and improve care coordination through a multi-payer, region-based program.

The CPC+ is a five-year primary care medical home model that will begin in January 2017 in 14 regions across the country, including Pennsylvania (Greater Philadelphia Region). CPC+ will qualify as an Advanced Alternative Payment Model under the proposed Medicare Access and CHIP Reauthorization Act (MACRA) rule.

Practices may apply through September 15, 2016, to participate in CPC+ at <https://app1.innovation.cms.gov/cpcplus>.

For a list of frequently asked questions regarding the CPC+ model, please visit <https://innovation.cms.gov/initiatives/Comprehensive-Primary-Care-Plus>.

Physician Licensure Renewal Reminders

Osteopathic physicians are reminded that the State Board of Osteopathic Medicine's (SBOM) 2014-2016 licensure cycle ends on October 31, 2016.

The SBOM requires the following for license renewal:

- A minimum of 100 CME credits between November 1, 2014, and October 31, 2016;
- A minimum of 20 Category 1A AOA credits;
- A minimum of 12 patient safety/risk management credits (Category 1 or Category 2);
- A minimum of 2 hours of board-approved education in child abuse recognition and reporting requirements.

Approved activities in the area of patient safety/risk management may include the following topics: improving medical records and record keeping; reducing medical errors; professional conduct and ethics; improving communications; preventive medicine; and health care quality improvements. Patient safety/risk management credits must be documented by an AOA, ACCME, AMA or AAFP accredited sponsor (institution, health system, professional association, etc.).

The 12 hours of patient safety/risk management credits and two hours of child abuse recognition and reporting are not required by the American Osteopathic Association, but are mandatory for Pennsylvania licensure renewal.

Please note: If you are a POMA member, we can affirm how many credits you have earned for all POMA Foundation-sponsored programs. However, if you have not completed your CME reporting forms and returned them to the POMA Central Office, you will not receive credit. Any credits not earned through the POMA Foundation must be sent to the Central Office in order for us to record them.

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Pennsylvania SBOM Discusses Important Issues During Meeting

The Pennsylvania State Board of Osteopathic Medicine (SBOM) met on August 10, 2016, in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.

The SBOM clarified that child abuse recognition and reporting education is an independent requirement for licensure and cannot be applied toward the patient safety requirement for license renewal. For more information regarding Pennsylvania's licensure renewal requirements, please see the related article on page 3 of this issue of *The Generalist*.

The SBOM has also received several questions regarding Pennsylvania's osteopathic licensure requirements. The board reaffirmed the following:

"For Pennsylvania Osteopathic State Licensure, the following will apply for fulfilling the requirements of a "rotating internship" (after successful completion of the first year of an osteopathic emphasis residency, or after successful completion of the first two years of an ACGME residency program — other than an osteopathic emphasis residency program).

Specific rotational requirements with an osteopathic emphasis shall include the following:

1. One month rotation in inpatient/outpatient general internal medicine;
2. One month rotation in inpatient/outpatient family medicine;
3. One month rotation in emergency medicine;
4. One month rotation in general surgery;
5. One month rotation in pediatrics;
6. One month rotation in obstetrics/gynecology (ambulatory gynecology);
7. At least one month in family medicine in an ambulatory site or one-half day per week for a minimum of 46 weeks of ambulatory exposure in a family medicine continuity-of-care type practice site;
8. No more than three months of elective rotations, which must be approved by the residency program director;
9. No more than one month may be spent in non-clinical experience (research, scholarly pursuits, administration, etc.);
10. Each resident shall include educational instruction in the following disciplines: pathology, radiology, and didactic anesthesiology.
11. All remaining time may be scheduled at the discretion of the residency program director.
12. Passing COMLEX-USA Level 2-PE and COMLEX-USA Level 3 to assure competency in the osteopathic domain."

Pennsylvania Physician General Rachel L. Levine, M.D., presented information on the opioid crisis and the Prescription Drug Monitoring Program. Pennsylvania is in the process of establishing opioid education guidelines that may go into effect during the next licensure cycle. POMA has representatives on these committees and will monitor the process. She also reminded physicians of free resources that are available to all Pennsylvania physicians:

- Pennsylvania's Opioid Prescribing Guidelines, available at <https://www.pamedsoc.org/tools-you-can-use/topics/opioids/DownloadPAOpioidGuidelines>, and
- Online educational programs to help physicians combat the opioid crisis, available at <https://www.pamedsoc.org/learn-lead/topics/medications-pain-management-opioids>.

Representatives from the state also discussed an increase to the biennial licensure renewal fee. When finalized, the increase will go into effect for the 2018-2020 licensure renewal cycle.

The next SBOM meeting is Wednesday, October 12, 2016, at 9:30 a.m.