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LEGIS LATIVE UP DATE

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With the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic and the people of Oklahoma passing Medicaid expansion, the OOA has been working diligently on your behalf. The following are updates on two issues the OOA is monitoring.

State Question 802

On June 30, Oklahomans voted to expand Medicaid in Oklahoma after a decade of debate with State Question 802 narrowly passing the ballot by 6,518 votes. A total of 673,110 Oklahomans voted with seven counties voting "yes" (50.48%) on the SQ and 70 counties voting "no." State Question 802 expands Medicaid in Oklahoma covering low-income people (less than 33% of poverty) without imposing new burdens or restrictions on eligibility or enrollment. According to estimates before the coronavirus pandemic, expansion will make 200,000 more people eligible for Medicaid in Oklahoma. The state is responsible for covering 10 percent of the cost of the expansion, and the federal government will cover the remaining 90 percent.

In May, Governor Stitt vetoed Senate Bill 1046, which would have increased the rates hospitals are paying to the Supplemental Hospital Offset Payment Program (SHOPP) to 4 percent, whereas now they are paying around 2.5 percent. This bill was part of the funding Governor Stitt planned to use for his Medicaid expansion plan. Governor Stitt withdrew his plan for Medicaid expansion due to concerns that the job losses experienced from COVID-19 would significantly increase the number of people eligible for Medicaid.

After SQ 802 passed, Governor Stitt instructed the Oklahoma Health Care Authority (OHCA) to seek proposals from Managed Care Organizations (MCO) to manage the entire Medicaid population. This directive is concerning as there are no guarantees on when supplemental payments will be made to hospitals and how quickly physicians will be reimbursed. With the current model operated by OHCA, physicians are reimbursed within 10 days. With a MCO, reimbursements could take up to 45 days.

Another concern with the MCO model is the overhead cost. Currently, OHCA's overhead costs are 4 percent, but an MCO can have overhead costs of up to 15 percent.

The OOA will be hosting a Town Hall to further educate our members on this issue and answer any questions you may have about these possible changes. The Town Hall will be held virtually via Zoom on Tuesday, October 20th at 7 p.m. OOA Lobbyist Jami Longacre will be giving an in-depth update on where we are with Medicaid expansion and the challenges that lie ahead. All OOA members are invited to attend and ask questions. Please check your email for the Zoom link to join.

OSDH Proposed Rule 535

The Oklahoma State Department of Health proposed a rule change to how exemptions are filed for child vaccinations and it was signed by the Governor on June 25, 2020. Religious and personal exemptions may be obtained after submitting a completed exemption form and attending a brief instructional presentation regarding the value of vaccination and the risks of not being vaccinated. This change will allow OSDH to better track vaccination exemptions in our state and ensure parents are receiving science-based information regarding the vaccines. The OOA supported this rule change and the increased knowledge

it will bring to vaccine exemptions across our state.

Governor Stitt does not believe parents should be required to watch the brief instructional presentation to obtain a vaccination exemption and has tasked OSDH with softening this language.

We are monitoring this issue and will notify our membership if any action is needed.

Join the Bureau on Legislation

Joining the OOA Bureau on Legislation is easier than ever with the implementation of Zoom, a remote video conferencing platform.

The Bureau is open to all members and is a place for you to express your opinion and to keep up-to-date on legislative issues. The Bureau meets in the evening at the OOA's offices in Oklahoma City and by Zoom throughout the year. Zoom is very easy and allows those who can't drive to Oklahoma City to participate. Zoom is easily accessible on your phone, laptop, or desktop computer.

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In Memory of OOA Lobbyist Mark S. Snyder

The Oklahoma Osteopathic Association is sad to share the news of the passing of OOA lobbyist, Mark S. Snyder, 74, on September 22, 2020. He was born on August 14, 1946, in Edmond, Oklahoma to Fred and Alice Snyder. He graduated from Edmond High School in 1964 and earned a degree from Oklahoma State University in Restaurant and Hotel Administration. Mark married the love of his life, Dianne Garmany, in 1973 and was a loving father who delighted in his children and his grandchildren.

His life was an example of service, serving as a Captain in the United State Army; earning numerous commendations for his service in Vietnam. After his career in the army, Mark took to various jobs until he took over the family hardware store in downtown Edmond, Snyder Hardware. A Saturday morning regular, to Edmond's Around the Corner breakfast spot for over 20 years, you could find Mark with a gaggle of locals, politicians, entrepreneurs, and business men and women of all ages and political parties. Mark's friends and family can all agree that he was "a number one family man", an illustration of devotion and faithfulness not only to his family but to his country and to his community.

Mr. Snyder represented State District 41 in Edmond for 17 years, starting in 1987. One of the most challenging roles he held while in office was serving as Senate Minority Floor Leader from 1998-2000. In 2008, Mark became a lobbyist for the Oklahoma Osteopathic Association and brought a wealth of knowledge to the OOA through his experience in government and politics.

Mark is survived by his wife of 47 years, Dianne; daughter and son-in-law, Shele Snyder Cook and Gary Cook of Edmond; grandson and wife Chandler and Brenden Cook; granddaughter, Kendall Cook; daughter and son-in-law Leah Snyder Segress and Chad Segress of Edmond; granddaughters Paeton Jones and Adi Segress; brother and wife Fred Jr. and Sharon Snyder of Edmond; brother and wife Bill and Janet Snyder of Edmond; brother Geary and Karen Robinson of Edmond; brother and sister-in-law, John and Nancy Garmany, and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by Fred and Alice Hallum Snyder. Mark was an active and dedicated member of Church of the Servant and was member of the Edmond Exchange Club, American Legion, Delta Upsilon Fraternity at OSU, and NRA.

The OEFOM is collecting financial donations to give directly to the Snyder family. If you would like to donate in memory of Mark Snyder, please call Audrey Hendricks, Foundation Administrator, at 405-528-4848.



WHITE COAT CEREMONY WELCOMES INAUGURAL CLASS OF 54 FIRST-YEAR MEDICAL STUDENTS

- OSU Insider

OSU College of Osteopathic Medicine at the Cherokee Nation made history July 31 when it held the first iconic White Coat ceremony marking the official opening of the nation's first tribally affiliated medical school. The ceremony, in partnership with the Cherokee Nation, was the initial step for the inaugural class of 54 first-year medical students who symbolically entered the medical profession with the donning of their white coat.

In October 2018, OSU Medicine and the Cherokee Nation announced the establishment of the nation's first college of medicine to be located on the campus of a tribal health facility in Tahlequah.

"This ceremony is the historic beginning of a new era in training physicians for our rural communities. These 54 medical students represent the fulfillment of many dreams over many years; to create a medical school in partnership with the largest tribal nation in the heart of Indian Country," said Kayse Shrum, D.O., OSU-CHS president and OSU College of Osteopathic Medicine dean, during the ceremony.

"The students can attend medical school, complete their residency training, and practice medicine — all right there in Tahlequah under the auspices of both OSU Medicine and the Cherokee Nation. I can't think of a better way to attract and train primary care physicians for rural and underserved Oklahoma," Shrum said.

"Today we celebrate a momentous milestone and a historic moment for the Cherokee Nation, for our friends at Oklahoma State University, and for our first class of 54 students who are officially entering the medical profession," said Principal Chief Chuck Hoskin Jr., during his remarks. "As we mark the official opening of the first tribally affiliated medical school in the United States, we know that we will one day look back on this day and what will matter most is whether our efforts have changed lives for the better. I believe that this partnership will advance quality health care for all by allowing us to teach a new generation of medical professionals to serve our communities for years to come."

Hoskin went on to wish every student the best as they began the journey to become a physician and they had the full support of the Cherokee Nation.

"The students who make up the Class of 2024 have fulfilled our greatest hopes. They come with impeccable academic credentials and a desire to make a difference in the lives of others. Our faculty here in Tahlequah and in Tulsa are committed to their academic and professional success. Our singular mission is to prepare them for a fulfilling and successful career in medicine," said Dr. William J. Pettit, dean of the OSU College of Osteopathic Medicine at the Cherokee Nation.

The inaugural class is composed of a diverse group, including 20 percent who are American Indian. The ceremony was held July 31 at Cornerstone Fellowship in Tahlequah. Due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, the ceremony was private and limited only to the students, medical school faculty and Cherokee Nation leadership, but the ceremony was streamed live.

Construction continues on the new, state-of-the-art facility of the OSU College of Osteopathic Medicine at the Cherokee Nation which is located on the campus of the W.W. Hastings Hospital. Students will attend a mix of online and in-person classes with appropriate physical distancing. Temporary classrooms have been established at the Cherokee Nation Outpatient Health Center while construction on the new medical school continues.

The 84,000-square-foot medical school building will include an anatomy laboratory, clinical skills lab, osteopathic manipulative medicine lab, standardized patient labs and a simulation center that will feature state-of-the-art computer programmable manikins. There will also be lecture halls, classrooms, faculty offices, study carrels and a gym/workout area. Construction, which was delayed during the pandemic, is expected to be finished in December 2020.

The OSU College of Osteopathic Medicine at the Cherokee Nation is an extension of the OSU College of Osteopathic Medicine located in Tulsa. OSU College of Osteopathic Medicine is accredited by the American Osteopathic Association's Commission on Osteopathic College Accreditation.



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OSU MEDICINE NAMES 2020 RESIDENT OF THE YEAR AND ATTENDING OF THE YEAR

- OSU Insider

OSU Medicine has named Dr. Andrew Crow, D.O., as the 2020 Resident of the Year and Dr. Erin Brown, D.O., as this year's Attending of the Year.

Resident of the Year

Crow, who is finishing his third and final year in OSU Medicine's Family Medicine residency program in Tulsa, said he was shocked when he learned he had been recognized as Resident of the Year.

Typically, the award is given every year at the Resident Graduation Ceremony in June, but due to the COV-ID-19 pandemic, it was cancelled, so Crow found out in a much more casual setting.

"I was drinking my morning coffee when I came across the email addressed to all hospital employees," he said. "It's an absolute honor. This is the 75th year OSU has graduated residents and with that comes a long line of excellence, competence and tradition."

Crow, who is from Tucson, Arizona and graduated from Lincoln Memorial University DeBusk College of Osteopathic Medicine, is the OSU Chief Resident in the Family Medicine department.

"It's fun and rewarding. The work can be difficult and the hours long, but I've gotten to work alongside and learn from friends in numerous specialties on a nearly daily basis, which has been a blast," he said. "I am humbled that my peers voted for me to be acknowledged for this award."

Crow and his wife, Dr. Hanna Crow, D.O., who graduated from the OSU Medicine Internal Medicine residency program, will be moving to Kansas City where he will practice hospital and emergency medicine. He is also a member of the U.S. Army Reserves and will deploy as a flight surgeon next year.

Attending of the Year

Like Crow, Brown said she was surprised and honored to be named Attending of the Year.

"We have so many great attending physicians in all of the departments here at OSU, so this was not something I was expecting at all," said Brown, who is a clinical assistant professor and an attending physician in the Obstetrics and Gynecology department.

Brown, who graduated from the University of North Texas Health Sciences Center, Texas College of Osteopathic Medicine before completing her OB/GYN residency at the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center in Oklahoma City, said she's proud to be a part of the OSU Medicine family.

"We truly have an outstanding group of faculty and staff and always attract some of the best medical students and residents in the country," she said. "I love being an OB/ GYN. Whether it's delivering a baby or performing a hysterectomy, I have a chance to make a tangible difference in my patients' lives."

Teaching has also become a passion, and Brown said she loves seeing the students and residents grow in their knowledge and skills.

"It means so much to me to be named Attending of the Year. Despite being a young attending with still a lot to learn, I am very committed to resident education and wellness," she said. "I appreciate the recognition."





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MISSION

The mission of the Oklahoma Osteopathic Association's Research Poster Symposium is to showcase current osteopathic research and stimulate interest in future research projects. This will be accomplished through the exchange of ideas and information between participants of the symposium and attendees of the OOA Winter CME Seminar.

AWARDS

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- Third place will be awarded \$1,500, sponsored by the Osteopathic Founders Foundation.

*In order to receive award money, winners must present their research at the Winter CME Seminar.

- All participants—whether students, interns, residents or fellows—will be eligible to win.
- All participants will receive a participation certificate and commemorative t-shirt if they wish. The three winners will receive award money and a certificate of special recognition.
- All participants are encouraged to attend the presentation of awards Saturday, January 23, 2021 as part of the OOA's Virtual 2021 Winter CME Seminar.
- Research of the three winners will be published in a future edition of the Oklahoma D.O.







ABSTRACTS

Please read all guidelines before you submit your abstract. Abstracts must be sent to maegan@okosteo.org by 5 p.m. on Friday, November 13, 2020.

ABSTRACT REQUIREMENTS

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- The conclusion is consistent with the data and/or observations.
- Potential pitfalls of methodology or interpretation have been addressed.
- The potential significance of the experiments is placed in the proper perspective.
- Abstract is in required form and organized, well written, concise, and readable.
- The project demonstrates a novel approach and/or idea.

POSTERS

Research posters must be received in digital format by 5 p.m. on Friday, November 13, 2020. Please send digital posters to maegan@okosteo.org.

POSTER REQUIREMENTS

- Submit digital posters in the form of a PowerPoint slide (no animations), high resolution JPEG or PDF via email by the submission deadline.
- By submitting a poster to the OOA Research Poster Symposium, you certify that the poster is your original work or—if original work conducted by you and another author—any co-authors are appropriately credited for their contribution and have been informed of the submission. Infringements will result in disqualification from the symposium.
- Any research involving human research subjects must attach a copy of IRB approval with your abstract.
- Posters should be free of commercial bias, product endorsement or marketing.

CRITERIA FOR EVALUATING POSTERS

Research posters will be judged to include the following key components:

- Clear statement of a research question
- Abstract
- Evidence to support research
- Explanation of methodology
- Graphic materials to illustrate results, such as a table or graph
- Significance of findings
- Cited references

The judging panel will judge each poster individually using the following objectives:

Quality of Argument

- Is there a clear statement of research question or relationship being investigated?
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- Is there a logical and thorough explanation of the research question?
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Use of Graphic Material

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- Are the illustrations correctly cited and presented well?
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- Is the material presented well organized?

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PRESENTATIONS

Finalists will be notified by December 30, 2020. In order to receive award money, winners must present their research at the 2021 Winter CME Seminar. The first, second and third place winners will present their research via Zoom for 15 minutes each on Saturday, January 23, 2021 at a time to be determined. Presentations should be free of commercial bias, product endorsement or marketing. Any supporting materials for presentations, such as PowerPoints, must be submitted to maegan@okosteo.org by 5 p.m. on Friday, January 8, 2021.

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Eligibility

Grant recipients must submit an abstract and poster for the 2021 Research Poster Symposium. Grants will not be disbursed until after the November 13, 2020 submission deadline.

Application and Review Process

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IMPORTANT DATES

• Friday, November 13, 2020	Abstracts & posters due to maegan@okosteo.org
• Friday, December 18, 2020	Grant applications due
• Monday, January 8, 2021	Finalists' presentations due by email to maegan@okosteo.org
• Saturday, January 23, 2021	Finalists' presentations, time to be determined
• Saturday, January 23, 2021	Presentation of awards, time to be determined
• Monday, February 1, 2021	Deadline for finalists to submit receipts for reimbursement

QUESTIONS

Anyone with questions regarding the OOA's 2021 Research Poster Symposium can contact Magan Dunn, Director of Outreach & Legislative Affairs, at 405-528-4848 or maegan@okosteo.org.

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Rudolph Joseph Wolf, DO

Rudolph "Rudy" Joseph Wolf, DO, 85, passed away on September 9, 2020 in Fort Lauderdale, FL. He was the husband to Mavis Wolf for 28 blessed years. Rudy was born in Kewanee, IL to Joseph and Lois Wolf. He earned his doctor of osteopathy from Kirksville College of Osteopathic Medicine and Surgery. He completed his internship at Oklahoma Osteopathic Hospital in Tulsa. He retired from his practice in Skiatook in 2015. His life was filled with service, including serving as the president of the OOA, ACOFP, and Tulsa Medical Society. He is survived by his spouse, Mavis, his children; Chris and his wife Mary, Kim and her husband Ron and Rudy II and his wife Ann, his step-children; Michael and his wife Hulya, and Patrick and his wife Nicole and his brother, Joe Wolf of Tulsa and his wife Nancy.

Welden Richard Loerke, DO

Dr. W. Richard "Dick" Loerke was born on Thursday, October 20, 1932 in Ottumwa, Iowa, the son of Welden and Ruth (Bozell) Loerke. He died on Wednesday, August 12, 2020 in Tulsa, Oklahoma. He was 87 years of age. He received his medical degree from Kirksville College of Osteopathic Medicine. After his training, Dr. Loerke relocated his family to Tulsa and started a family practice clinic in Northland Shopping Center. Later, he joined a group of doctors at Benien Clinic in downtown Tulsa. He was also on staff at OSU (Tulsa Regional) Medical Center and Southcrest Medical Center where he treated patients and delivered over 2,500 babies. He practiced medicine for over 50 years. He is survived by his wife, Nevin, brother; David and wife Anita, daugher; Nancy and husband Tom.

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