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In 1964, the Surgeon General issued a landmark warning on tobacco. In 2020, a new report is out, and the findings are compelling:

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RICHARD W. SCHAFER, DO, FACOFP
Inaugurated at the 120TH Annual Convention
April 25, 2020
“And I’d like to give my love to everybody and let them know that the grass may look greener on the other side, but believe me, it’s just as hard to cut.”

— Little Richard

First, I would like to thank my wife, Beverly, for putting up with me over the years. We met at OSU on a blind date, and I have been blinded ever since. She was in the School of Education and became a school teacher while I was in Veterinary Medical School at OSU. I graduated in 1968 and after getting married, we went to the US Army Veterinary Corp for four years. In 1972, my father asked me to return to Tulsa to help him in his business, and thus, my veterinary medical practice was relegated to our cattle ranch.

In 1989, I had the opportunity to get back into medicine full time. As my classmates know, I started school that year at Oral Roberts University School of Medicine in Tulsa. When that medical school closed, I was able to transfer to the OSU School of Medicine early that school year. What an opportunity it was for a non-traditional student.

Our boys were in school and our oldest, Ryan, graduated from high school the same year that I graduated OSU-COM in 1993. He has since graduated from OSU-COM and is in private practice in Ardmore with his wife, Holly, and son, Royce. Our younger son, Russ, also went to OSU and then entered the US Marine Corp. He served in both the Middle East and the Far East. He is married to Christy, a PA practicing in the Tulsa area, and has two sons, Reid and Ross.

I would like to thank all of my family for their support as I begin this year. Also, I would like to thank the staff of the OOA for their support. It will take all of us working together to accomplish our goals next year.

As I was coming up with a theme for this convention, I thought about our life on the farm and how my cattle always looked through the fence to graze from the other side. Are we as an association looking to the other side of the fence, wanting to be MD’s? We all know that the MD Medical Association is asking our members to join their association. Or, is the big story over the last year, marijuana, the new medicine? It offers hope in many areas of medicine including pain, anxiety, and sleep. Treating all these things are important to us as physicians and our patients.

Now, we have an even more important hurdle to get over: Coronavirus or COVID-19. How are we going to practice medicine in the future? When are we going to
be able to get closer to the patient? When are we going to treat with OMT as we have been trained? We have been trained to touch and move the body to get it into a better, more positive place.

Now we have a new and damaging crisis. A crisis of two parts. The first, danger and fear. The second, opportunity.

There are many dangers: Does my job continue? Will my employer have enough income? Am I depressed? My patients sure are depressed and feel isolated. Will I be able to get meds for my patients to treat them properly?

I have many patients that only have a home phone with no smart phone available. These patients need to continue to be treated safely. Many have a smart phone but can’t make it work with available programs. These are true technological challenges that cause fear! The last few weeks have been difficult for the clinic as we have learned to work with patients and their mobile phones. It may take 10 to 20 minutes to get them online, and it’s changed our procedure in how we connect with our patients.

However, there are also so many new opportunities: Virtual CME, telemedicine, telephone billing, and telemonitoring. This virtual meeting has shown that we can do things differently. We can learn virtually, and we can talk and diagnose virtually.

Is this our new norm? I believe it both is and is not. We will continue to have telemedicine, telemonitoring and yes, telephone contact only. Telemonitoring will allow us to better follow our patients at home after hospitalization. We now are able to monitor blood pressure, heart rate, oxygen saturation, and blood sugars. This will allow us to follow the health of our patients and quickly make meaningful changes in their medications and treatments.

Telemedicine has been a big part of my practice over the last six weeks. I have my nurse get the patient set up on the phone or their computer and then I will enter my office to talk with the patient on my computer. Now, on off days when I am on call, I will try to set up a telemedicine call rather than just call in some medicine for a UTI for the patient. At this time, telemedicine is between 30 and 40 percent of my day. I believe this will continue for as long as we can see.

So yes, we are in a crisis. We do not know how long this COVID-19 will last but, as physicians, we know that we will come out of this tunnel and see the light. We will learn how to treat the virus, and we will have a vaccine. No doubt, there will be future crisis, and we will face more challenges in medicine. We will have to work politically to protect our future in medicine. As a physician, we must work on practice rights. But, most of all, we must protect the public and our patients. Please help me and your representatives on the Oklahoma Osteopathic Association Board by being politically active. Join us. The grass may look greener on the other side, but we are Osteopathic Physicians. Let us remain Osteopathic Physicians.

We need you as an active member of the OOA.
Thank you for attending the 120th Annual Convention!

Due to COVID-19, the 120th Annual Convention was not attended in person, but for the first time, was held virtually. The convention was hosted via Zoom on April 23-25, 2020. There were 406 participants, 17 of which were out of state.

In addition to many hours of Continuing Medical Education, the 120th Annual Convention also included the inauguration of 2020-2021 OOA Board President, Richard W. Schafer, DO, FACOFP.

We would like to thank everyone who attended and extend a special thanks to our Convention Chair, Richard W. Schafer, DO, FACOFP, our Program Chair, Jason L. Hill, DO, FACOFP and to our great speakers:

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Included in the FY 2021 budget submitted to Congress in February 2020 is a $120 million federal appropriation for a Veterans Hospital in Tulsa (VHiT). The inclusion of the funds is the result of an unprecedented collaboration among the Federal Government, State of Oklahoma, City of Tulsa, private philanthropy, and Oklahoma State University.

The VHiT project will convert the Kerr Edmondson Building into a modern 275,000 square-foot, 58-bed medical-surgical hospital. The Kerr Edmondson Building is owned by the state of Oklahoma and located next to the Oklahoma State University Medical Center, one of the largest osteopathic teaching hospitals in the nation. This is a unique opportunity to secure a large and important veteran resource, operated by the VA, but developed by and for the local community.

Oklahoma’s U.S. Senators James Inhofe and James Lankford along with Oklahoma U.S. House of Representatives members, Markwayne Mullin and Kevin Hern, each signed the original application for the Veterans Hospital in Tulsa (VHiT) project and led the effort to prioritize this project for Oklahoma’s veterans.

“Through our medical school in Tulsa, OSU is pleased to be part of this community-led partnership to create a modern, dedicated hospital to care for our wonderful Veterans. This unprecedented project is the result of visionary community, state, and federal leadership. We are fortunate to have exceptional leadership at our medical school in Dr. Kayse Shrum, who supports the efforts of the VA to find ways in which to address the unique medical needs of Oklahoma veterans,” said Burns Hargis, President of OSU.

“This is about building a health care system that will meet the needs of veterans in Eastern Oklahoma now and for decades to come,” said Mark E. Morgan, Director, Eastern Oklahoma VA Health Care System. “We are truly thankful for the support and collaborative effort from our congressional and community stakeholders.”

OSU Center for Health Sciences, the OSU A&M Regents, and OSU Medical Authority played a significant role aiding the all-important collaboration between the OSU Medical Center and the Eastern Oklahoma VA Healthcare System.

“Thanks to the efforts of our Oklahoma delegation we’ll be able to serve our veterans and our medical students in an unprecedented way. Senators Inhofe and Lankford have paved the way to improve health care access and outcomes in Oklahoma and I am incredibly thankful for their leadership,” said Dr. Kayse Shrum, OSU Health Sciences President.

OSU’s strong relationship with the military makes the institution’s involvement in the VHiT more special and meaningful.

The total cost of the project is estimated at $173 million with the federal government investing approximately $120 million. The state of Oklahoma will finalize transfer of the Kerr Edmondson facility and site, the City of Tulsa will commit $8 million toward site and parking improvements, and private donors will cover the balance of funds for the project.
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2020 Legislative Update
by Lana G. Ivy, MBA, CFRE CEO/Executive Director

THE SECOND SESSION OF THE 57TH LEGISLATURE HAS BEEN ANYTHING BUT USUAL.

This year, the Oklahoma State Legislature was scheduled to convene on February 3 and adjourn on May 29. Oklahoma legislators filed 2,243 bills and resolutions for the 2020 session. The total included 1,361 House bills, 1,040 Senate bills, 16 House joint resolutions, four House concurrent resolutions and 22 Senate joint resolutions. Joint resolutions are the measures being referred to a vote of the people.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the 57th Legislature, 2nd Regular Session was anything but usual. The legislature adjourned on March 18 with Governor Stitt calling a special session on April 6 so the legislators could act upon emergency legislation which would allow the Governor to enact a state of emergency. Several Executive Orders and Amended Executive Orders related to COVID-19 were issued during April and May.

The 2nd Regular Session reconvened on May 4, 2020 and the number of bills to be heard were reduced to a list of “must-pass” legislation. In the end, 201 bills were sent to the Governor who signed 183 bills into law and vetoed 18 bills. Ten of the 18 bills Governor Stitt vetoed were overridden by the legislature.

It was quite a historic year of vetoes and veto overrides. The Governor vetoed the $7.7 billion budget for the coming fiscal year on May 13, but within minutes, the Oklahoma Senate voted to override his veto. Several hours later, the Oklahoma House did the same and the budget was enacted.

The legislature adjourned on May 22, meeting for a total of 37 days. A normal session is around 90 days.

This session proved challenging for the OOA and our lobbyists. Between mid-March and the end of May, there were no committee meetings or public hearings on any piece of legislation and with the State Capitol closed, communication became even more critical.

The bills listed below in bold are those that were passed since May 4 that should be noted.

**SB 1915**
SB 1915 amends various terms in the Physician Assistant Act. Practice of medicine is amended to provide for physician delegation instead of supervision and authorizes physician assistants to provide health care services, provided a practice agreement with delegating physician or physicians is in place; the measure allows a physician assistant to practice agreements with multiple physicians. The agreement shall involve the joint formulation, discussion and agreement on the methods of supervision and collaboration for diagnosis, consultation and treatment of medical conditions. All practice agreements and any amendments shall be filed with the State Board of Medical Licensure and Supervision within 10 business days of being executed. The measure also requires the State Board of Medical Licensure and Supervision to collect and publish information outlined in the measure. The measure specifies that such a delegation shall include an agreement between a medical doctor or osteopathic physician performing the procedure or directly involved with the treatment of a patient and the physician assistant working jointly toward a common goal of providing services for the same patient. SB 1915 was signed by Governor Stitt on May 21, 2020.

**HB 3562**
Authorizes optometrists to dispense prescription drugs. HB 3562 was signed by Governor Stitt on May 19, 2020. The OOA signed a coalition letter with other medical organizations asking the Governor to veto this bill on May 15.
SB 1525
Requires applicants for allopathic and osteopathic medicine to undergo national criminal history checks. Information resulting from the criminal background checks may not be distributed outside the state. Further, the measure states that the State Board of Medical Licensure and Supervision and the State Board of Osteopathic Examiners have exclusive authority to determine the qualifications of applicants. SB 1525 was signed by Governor Stitt on May 21, 2020.

SB 300
Creates the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency Limited Liability Act. The measure provides health care providers with immunity from civil liability for any loss or harm to a person with a suspected or confirmed diagnosis of COVID-19 caused by an act or omission by the facility or provider that occurs during the COVID-19 public health emergency, provided the act or omission was not the result of gross negligence or willful or wanton misconduct. The provisions of the measure shall remain in effect until October 31, 2020, or until such time as the Governor affirmatively concludes the emergency declaration. SB 300 was signed by Governor Stitt on May 12, 2020.

OSDH Proposed Rule 535
The proposed change will strengthen the process for obtaining vaccine exemptions for children enrolled in Oklahoma schools or childcare centers. It includes:

- The delivery of educational materials from a local health department prior to the completion of the exemption form.
- Redirect requestors from a school to a local health department to obtain the exemption form; and
- Require an exemption form prior to kindergarten and prior to middle school (7th grade).

This rule change in no way diminish parental choice and in fact, allow them to make a more informed decision. Governor Stitt approved this rule on June 25, 2020.

SQ 802
On June 30, Oklahomans voted to expand Medicaid in Oklahoma after a decade of debate. SQ 802 narrowly passed the ballot on June 30 by 6,518 votes. A total of 673,110 Oklahomans voted with seven counties voting yes (50.48%) and 70 counties voting no. SQ 802 will expand Medicaid in Oklahoma covering low-income people (less than 133% 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 will pay 10% of the cost of the expansion, and the federal government will pay the other 90%.

Below is an update on bills sent to the Governor we reported on in the last journal.

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SB 1525
Osteopathic Licensure Board; Gives the State Board of Osteopathic Examiners the exclusive authority to determine qualifications and fitness of applicants for admission to practice osteopathic medicine. Governor Stitt signed this bill into law on May 21, 2020.

SB 1423
Tobacco; Increases the legal smoking age to 21. Governor Stitt signed this bill into law on May 19, 2020.

SB 1718
Mental Health; Requires all health benefit plans to provide benefits for treatment of mental health conditions and substance use disorders and provides for additional requirements of health benefit plans, insurers, and the Commissioner. Governor Stitt signed this bill into law on May 19, 2020.

OPPOSED

SB 1046
SHOPP; Relates to Medicaid and the supplemental hospital offset payment program by defining newly eligible Medicaid populations directing additional funds to the Health Care Authority and authorizing certain related expenditures for FY-21 only. Governor Stitt vetoed this bill on May 21, 2020.
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Get to know our newest board member & welcome back those re-elected!

Thomas B. Leahey, DO, trustee

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Calendar of Events

**July 18, 2020**
House of Delegates Meeting
Via Zoom

**July 31, 2020**
OSU-COM White Coat Ceremony - Tulsa
Location: Live-Streamed

**Aug. 1, 2020**
OSU-COM White Coat Ceremony - Tahlequah
Location: Live-Streamed

**Aug. 6, 2020**
OOA Bureaus & Board of Trustees Meeting
OSU-COM Advisory Council Meeting
Location: TBD

**Aug. 21-23, 2020**
2020 Virtual Summer CME Seminar
Live-Streamed via Zoom
Program Chair: Jonathan B. Stone, DO

**Sept. 3, 2020**
OOA Bureaus & Board of Trustees Meeting
OEFOM Board of Trustees Meeting
Location: TBD

**Sept. 29, 2020**
Champions of Health Gala
Location: Live Streamed from the National Cowboy Museum

**Sept. 30, 2020**
Bureau on Legislation Dinner and Meeting
Location: TBD

**Oct. 1, 2020**
OOA Bureaus & Board of Trustees Meeting
OSU-COM Advisory Council Meeting
Location: TBD

**Oct. 13 - 14, 2020**
AOA House of Delegates Meeting
Live-Streamed

**Dec. 3, 2020**
OOA Bureaus & Board of Trustees Meetings
OEFOM Board of Trustees Meeting
Oklahoma City, OK
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