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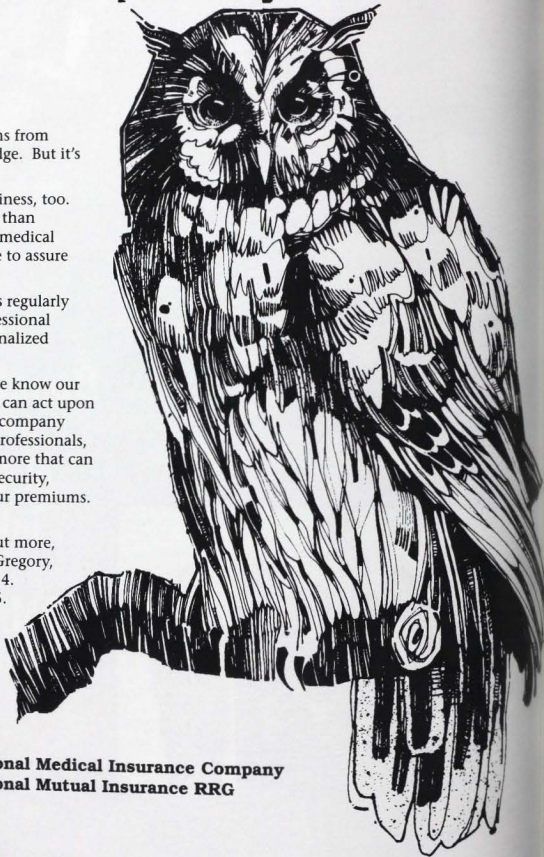
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SEPTEMBER 7

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Dr. Donald Vedral is New TOMA President



Donald F. Vedral, Ph.D., D.O., of Cedar Hill, has been elected president of the Texas Osteopathic Medical Association for 1991-92. Installation ceremonies were held during the Association's 92nd Annual Convention and Scientific Seminar in San Antonio, May 1-5.

Dr. Vedral received his Masters Degree in Anatomy and a Ph.D. in Anatomy and Pharmacology from the University of Kansas. He received his D.O. degree in 1971 from Kirksville College of Osteopathic Medicine in Kirksville, Missouri, and served his internship at Kirksville Osteopathic Hospital.

In 1972, Dr. Vedral began a private practice in Dallas and in 1974 he relocated to Cedar Hill, where he is currently practicing.

An active member of TOMA, he serves on, and chairs, numerous committees; has served 15 years on the TOMA House of Delegates; is a member of the TOMA Board of Trustees; and is an active member of TOMA District V, of which he is a past president.

Additionally, Dr. Vedral is a member of the AOA, and serves as a member of the Board of Trustees and as vice chief of staff at Dallas Family Hospital. He is a certified Peace Officer.

Dr. Vedral is the father of three sons: David, a practicing attorney in Dallas; Steven, who graduated from St. Mary's Law School in San Antonio this May; and Daniel, who will receive his degree in engineering this year in Dallas. Dr. Vedral also has four grandchildren.

In his inaugural remarks Friday night, May 3, Dr. Vedral emphasized the importance of individual involvement as a means of survival of the profession.



Donald F. Vedral, Ph.D., D.O.

Dr. Vedral Urges Members To Act, Not React

Editor's Note: The following is the speech delivered by Donald F. Vedral, Ph.D., D.O. on President's Night upon assuming the TOMA presidency for 1991-92.

Traditionally, the annual President's Night, even with all of its underlying seriousness, is an exciting and happy evening for everyone in attendance. This year, however, our spirits are somewhat dampened by the death of Tom Hanstrom just last month. As mentioned by Bob Peters during Tom's memorial service, Tom had great organizational skills. He planned ahead to make sure that this Association would encounter smoother sailing, with or without him. We're all grateful to him for this and although he's not here in the flesh, he is certainly here in spirit.

Associations have come into their own in the business and professional community, and are well respected for their ability to focus their considerable energy in reaching common goals. Of course, an association is only as strong as its members and although interests are varied, we share a common bond. All of us, as members of TOMA, share the same bond which is osteopathic medicine.

Economic and other directly related conditions have created difficult times for society, which is forcing associations to play bigger roles. However, if associations must play bigger roles, so must its members. I feel that in order for TOMA to keep growing well into the next century, we must view conditions in a new perspective. We all need each other now more than ever before, for purposes of survival, and this calls for individual involvement. There are roles for all of us to play within TOMA, and I encourage such individual involvement which can only make our bond stronger.

We must encourage efforts to increase membership. Our membership roster indicates a small but steady increase every year, but this shouldn't lull us into complacency. Let's rock the boat and go all out on this issue. A lot of us have daily opportunities in helping to recruit

new members so let's take advantage of each chance we get. The reality is that more members equals more funds, which will make this association a more powerful force with which to deal. Whether we like to admit it or not, money talks.

We also need to face the fact that it's time for us to act, rather than react. The act means to carry out a purpose or function, to put forth power. To react means to act in response, as to a stimulus. There's no denying that our profession has had to react in the past, largely due to instances of discrimination. Today, however, it's not so much recognition we're fighting for, but survival, and we must take the initiative and act. Let's not be afraid to rock the boat on this issue.

I'd like to see a closer relationship between TOMA and the members so that we can tackle problems in a cooperative manner. As I mentioned, we may have varied interests, but we are all held together by the same bond. In viewing things in a different perspective, one of our great strengths is that we are a small profession with most of us concentrated in a small number of states. It's easier for us to rally together on the same charge.

There's no denying that our profession faces problems, but so do all other professions. Unfortunately, we can't step back in time and return to the "good old days." Instead, we need to see things as they are — let's keep on practicing quality medicine, and let's redefine the meaning of the word involvement on all levels, so that we will have the collective strength to act. Remember, our profession was born out of the belief that there was a better way to practice medicine than was popular in the mid-1800s. Let's keep our common bond in the forefront as we work on strengthening it, and let's dare to rock the boat. ■

Major Actions of the TOMA House of Delegates

MOTION: That Life memberships in TOMA be approved for Drs. Carl List, Wilfred G. Millington, Elmer C. Baum, Harlan O.L. Wright, James H. Miles, Arthur W. Kratz, James T. Calabria and Joseph M. Dubin.

APPROVED

MOTION: That the House of Delegates instruct the AOA Delegates to support Dr. T. Eugene Zachary, FACGP, as Speaker of the AOA House of Delegates.

APPROVED

RESOLUTION NO. 1 PERTAINING TO OSTEOPATHIC LICENSURE IN TEXAS: The House of Delegates goes on record supporting the successful completion of Parts I and II of the National Board of Osteopathic Examiners prior to graduation from TCOM, and the use of the National Board of Osteopathic Examiners as a pathway for licensure in Texas.

APPROVED AS AMENDED

RESOLUTION NO. 2 PERTAINING TO MEDICARE DIAGNOSTIC TESTING: The House of Delegates goes on record opposing the implementation of adding the laboratory and EKG fees with the office visit because it will threaten the quality of medical care available to Medicare patients, and the House supports the principle of fee for service reimbursement.

APPROVED AS AMENDED

RESOLUTION NO. 3 PERTAINING TO WORKERS' COMPENSATION RESTRICTIONS ON OMT: The House of Delegates goes on record supporting equitable reimbursement rates for distinct osteopathic procedures under the Texas Workers' Compensation Program, and calls upon the Texas Workers' Compensation Commission to revise the Medical Fee Guidelines so that distinct osteopathic procedures will be listed along with realistic relative value units and without restrictions on the number of anatomical body areas which can be treated.

APPROVED AS AMENDED

RESOLUTION NO. 4 PERTAINING TO CONVENTION SITES: The House of Delegates goes on record in support of holding the TOMA annual convention and the House of Delegates meeting in the metroplex area every other year, when feasible, commencing with the 1993 convention.

APPROVED AS AMENDED

RESOLUTION NO. 5 PERTAINING TO APPORTIONMENT OF DELEGATES: The House goes on record in support of investigating changes in the bylaws of TOMA sufficient to recognize the existence of these residents in the apportionment of delegates to the House.

APPROVED

RESOLUTION NO. 6 PERTAINING TO TOMA DISTRICT XVII SERVING AS THE HOST

DISTRICT: The House of Delegates goes on record expressing sincere appreciation to District XVII for serving as host district for the 1991 convention.

APPROVED

RESOLUTION NO. 7 PERTAINING TO THOMAS D. HANSTROM: The House of Delegates goes on record in support of dedicating the 46th annual meeting of the House of Delegates to the memory of Thomas D. Hanstrom.

APPROVED

RESOLUTION NO. 8 PERTAINING TO SPECIALTY COLLEGE REPRESENTATION BY VOTING DELEGATES IN THE AOA HOUSE:

DISAPPROVED

New officers elected by the House are listed elsewhere in this issue, along with department and committee appointments of President Donald F. Vedral, D.O.

The House of Delegates observed a minute of silence for the following members, family and friends who died during the past year: Charles B. Wright, D.O.; George E. Miller, D.O.; John R. Coppedge, D.O.; Mrs. Marie Wheeler; Mr. Roberts; J. Clyde Chapman, D.O.; Edgar A. Haynie, D.O.; William F. Baker, D.O.; S/D Elizabeth May Sharp; William W. Bailes, D.O.; Wallace S. Williams, D.O.; Harriet Idtse; Opal Robinson Dillard, D.O.; James Gordon Dowling, D.O.; and Thomas D. Hanstrom.

The following Physicians were recognized for their service to the TOMA House of Delegates.

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15 YEARS: Richard M. Hall, Donald F. Vedral

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18 YEARS: Mary M. Burnett

19 YEARS: Jerome Armbruster, Robert Maul, Bill Puryear

21 YEARS: John J. Cegelski, Jr., Selden E. Smith

22 YEARS: Frank J. Bradley

23 YEARS: Ronald H. Owens, Donald M. Peterson

25 YEARS: Robert B. Finch, William R. Jenkins, J. Paul Price, Jr.

26 YEARS: David R. Armbruster

27 YEARS: T. Eugene Zachary

32 YEARS: John H. Burnett

TOMA HAS DISCOVERED AN IMMUNIZATION FOR THE HEALTH INSURANCE "EPIDEMIC"

The high cost, no guarantee system of health insurance coverage is a "disease" that is affecting ALL small employers. Instead of providing long-term, affordable protection from financial losses due to accidents and illness, today's health insurance industry has created tremendous short-term burdens with no certainties of continued coverage in an environment that is as volatile as ever.

A recent item from *Medical Economics* magazine (March 5, 1990) indicates further the troubles that surround small employers, and even more specifically physicians. It reads:

"While state and federal legislators debate the merits of requiring employers to provide health-care coverage for their workers, health insurers are refusing to issue policies to more and more small businesses and professions. Some carriers are even blacklisting physicians and nurses, chiropractors, dentists, and others in the health-care field. One reason that medical workers may be excluded, carriers say, is they tend to have a high rate of utilization."

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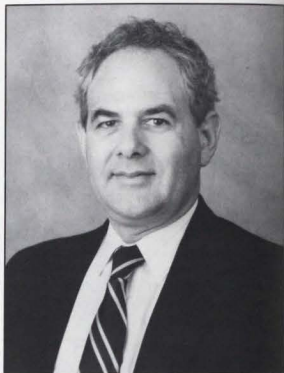




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Dr. Levy is a pediatrician in private practice. He graduated from the University of Osteopathic Medicine and Health Science in Des Moines, Iowa. He served his internship and his residency at Oakland General Hospital, Madison Heights, Michigan. He is certified by the American Osteopathic Board of Pediatrics and is eligible for certification in addiction medicine.

Dr. Levy formerly served as chairman of the Department of Pediatrics at the Chicago College of Osteopathic Medicine. He has special interest in pediatric and adolescent medicine, addiction medicine, neonatology, learning disabilities and school problems.

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AOA Washington Update

HCFA Expects To Use UPINS By July

According to HCFA officials, physicians should receive the first directory of unique physician identification numbers (UPINs) and should begin listing referring physicians' UPINs by July 1.

Initially the Agency will accept claims without UPINs. After a month or so, however, carriers will begin to notify those physicians not listing UPINs to do so. Beginning in 1992, HCFA expects to reject claims without UPINs.

The idea to list some kind of identification on the Medicare Part B Claim to show which doctor ordered a service is expected to help HCFA control alleged overutilization by allowing the Agency to track which physicians are ordering more services than their colleagues.

HCFA plans to make one directory available free to every billing entity — so if you are in a group practice or lab and bill under one provider number, you will receive just one, as well as a solo physician. Additional directories will cost about \$10-15 per volume.

HHS Implements Drug Rebate Agreement

Strapped for money, Congress passed and the President signed into law a measure which mandates that pharmaceutical firms must offer the same discounted "best prices" they give their best customers to Medicaid beneficiaries. Congress reasoned that Medicaid, which will spend approximately \$5.1 billion on drugs this year, must be at least as big as most of the drug companies' major customers. Congress also felt that since Medicaid already forces doctors and hospitals to accept deep discounts for their services, there was no reason that the pharmaceutical companies should not do the same.

March 1, 1991, was the deadline for pharmaceutical manufacturers to sign agreements with HHS to take part in the new drug rebate program under Medicaid. Under the rebate provision, which was included in the Omnibus Budget and Reconciliation Act of 1990, drug companies that want to participate in Medicaid must offer the states the best price available to other big volume buyers. HHS projects savings from the discounts of \$55 million for the remainder of the current fiscal year, and \$460 million for fiscal year 1992. States whose programs cover pharmaceutical products not governed by rebate agreements are threatened by loss of federal matching funds, and companies that did not sign agreements by March 1, 1991, will be excluded from reimbursement by Medicaid from March through June of 1991.

HCFA Provides Medicare Screens on Pilot Basis

Physicians in 13 states began March 1 to receive Medicare screening parameters that when exceeded trigger medical review. The 12-month demonstration pro-

ject, mandated by Congress in 1990, aims to gauge the effect of letting physicians see why Part B carriers decide to kick out a claim for Medicare review.

Physicians have demanded to know the mechanisms by which Medicare screens them for frequency of ordering lab tests, office visits, and other services. HCFA, on the other hand, claims that armed with this knowledge, physicians could hike volume and costs, as doctors tailor their work to stay just below the threshold.

The seven parameters being made available include those for nursing home visits, consultation, intermediate hospital visits, comprehensive visits in all settings, routine foot care, and chiropractic services. The 13 states include Alabama, Arkansas, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Georgia, Idaho, Indiana, Kansas, Kentucky, New York, Texas and Wisconsin. ■

Dr. Robert Finch is "GP of the Year"



Robert B. Finch, D.O., FACGP, of Dallas, was named the "General Practitioner of the Year" during President's Night on May 3, during the TOMA convention in San Antonio. The award is presented annually by the Texas State Society of the ACP to an osteopathic physician who has provided exemplary service to the profession.

Dr. Finch received his D.O. degree from Kirksville College of Osteopathic Medicine and interned at Dallas Osteopathic Hospital. He established his practice in Dallas in 1954. He is certified in general practice and a fellow of the American College of General Practitioners.

Active in TOMA affairs, Dr. Finch has served 25 years in the House of Delegates and is active in TOMA District V. Each year, TOMA sustaining members have a chance of winning a fully prepared steer, which Dr. Finch donates in memory of his partner and friend, the late Robert G. Haman, D.O., who began the Sustaining Membership Program. He is a member of the AOA; member and a past president of the Texas ACP; member of the National ACP; and a member and past chairman of the American Osteopathic Board of General Practice.

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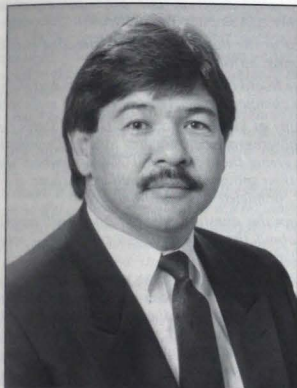
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Dr. Ostransky is a pulmonologist in private practice, formerly a faculty member at Texas College of Osteopathic Medicine. He is a graduate of Kirksville College of Osteopathic Medicine. He completed his internship, residency and fellowship at Grandview Hospital/Ohio University College of Osteopathic Medicine.

Dr. Ostransky received additional training in pulmonology at the University of Cincinnati, UTHSC in San Antonio, and Washington University in St. Louis, Missouri. He is a diplomate of The American College of Osteopathic Internists, with certification in internal medicine and pulmonology.

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Activities of the TOMA House of Delegates

A resolution supporting equitable reimbursement rates for unique osteopathic services under the Texas Workers' Compensation Program was among the major actions taken during the May 1 annual meeting of the TOMA House of Delegates.

Action taken on all presented resolutions are printed elsewhere in this issue.

The election of officers highlighted the meeting with Jerry E. Smola, D.O., of Sweetwater, elected as president-elect and Brian G. Knight, D.O., of Corpus Christi, as vice president. Donald F. Vedral, D.O., of Cedar Hill, assumed the presidency, succeeding Robert L. Peters, Jr., D.O., FACGP, of Round Rock.

Re-elected to three-year terms on the TOMA Board of Trustees were Jim W. Czewski, D.O., of Fort Worth; Charles R. Hall, D.O., of Bangs; William D. Hospers, D.O., of Bedford; and Bill V. Way, D.O., of Dallas. Hector Lopez, D.O., of El Paso, was elected to a one-year term on the Board.

Re-elected as Speaker of the House of Delegates was T. Eugene Zachary, D.O., FACGP, of Fort Worth, and Mark A. Baker, D.O., of Fort Worth, was re-elected Vice Speaker.

Four TOMA members elected to three-year terms to the AOA House of Delegates were David R. Armbruster, D.O., and Jerome L. Armbruster, D.O., both of Pearland; and John H. Burnett, D.O., FACGP, and Frank J. Bradley, D.O., both of Dallas.

Elected as alternate delegates to the AOA House were Arthur J. Speece, III, D.O., of Grand Prairie, as first alternate; Dr. Knight, as second alternate; R. Greg Maul, D.O., of Arlington, as third alternate; Dr. Czewski; Dr. Way; Richard M. Hall, D.O., FACGP, of Eden; Joe W. Morrow, D.O., of Amarillo; Kenneth S. Bayles, D.O., of Dallas; James E. Froelich, III, D.O., of Bonham; Rodney M. Wiseman, D.O., of Whitehouse; Dr. Vedral; and Timothy H. Werner, D.O., of Helotes. ■

Mrs. Mark Baker is New ATOMA President



The St. Anthony Hotel was the scene for the Spouses Luncheon and Installation of ATOMA Officers, which took place on Friday, May 3, during TOMA's annual convention in San Antonio.

Special guest was Mrs. Peg Downing, President of the Auxiliary to the American Osteopathic Association. Additionally, an informal style show was presented.

During the event, the gavel was passed to Mrs. Mark (Rita) Baker of Fort Worth, who became ATOMA President for 1991-92. Mrs. Baker succeeds Mrs. Linus (Claudette) Miller of Mesquite. Also installed as officers with Mrs. Baker were: Mrs. Mark (Sherrie) Watkins of Port Neches, as president-elect; Mrs. Craig (Karen) Whiting of Euless, as vice-president; Mrs. Dean (Carol Ann) Gafford of DeSoto, as recording secretary; and Mrs. Randall (Peggy) Rodgers of Arlington, as treasurer.

Mrs. Baker has been involved in ATOMA for eight years. A speech pathologist, she owns Bowie Speech and Hearing, Inc., a full service speech and hearing clinic located at 5013 Beyers in Fort Worth.

She and her husband, Mark Baker, D.O., a Fort Worth radiologist, are the parents of two children; a son, Chris, age 11; and a daughter, Carrie, age four.

The following is the acceptance speech delivered by Mrs. Baker:

Do you remember when you were a child and you would hold a kaleidoscope up to the light, turning it slowly, intrigued by the ever changing design. Today I would like for you to think about the Auxiliary as a kaleidoscope.

A kaleidoscope is made up of many tiny pieces of glass all different colors, sizes and shapes just as the Auxiliary is comprised of individual spouses, with different interests, who are involved in a variety of organizations, as well as their own careers. Yet all the pieces of glass, as the individuals in our organization, must work together to complete the design.

Just as the design in the kaleidoscope is constantly changing, so is our Auxiliary.

The Board is aware of these changes and the need for us to change to meet the needs of its members.

Many of you have seen the United States flag pins, which were graciously donated to us by Dupont. We have been giving these flags to TOMA members who have paid their spouses dues, as well as, to those of you who have completed our questionnaire.

From this questionnaire the board will have a better idea about the makeup of the current and prospective Auxiliary membership.

With this information we will have statistics to back up the point we have been trying to make with TOMA members, that the Auxiliary has changed over the past 20 years, so they will realize we are no longer the housewives that volunteer their "free time" to plan luncheons, fund raising activities, etc. Most of us are working in our own careers, as well as, providing for our families. We have no "free time," we simply make the time for the Auxiliary somewhere on our priority list.

As there are more women Osteopathic physicians we need to re-structure or redirect our Auxiliary to include the male spouses. What a beautiful unique piece of glass these male spouses would add to our kaleidoscope design! The board needs to meet the challenges of our changing group.

We need to make TOMA members aware of the contributions the Auxiliary is making to the Osteopathic profession.

Over the past few years part of District II's monies from Fund Raising projects has gone to develop an Endowment Scholarship Fund. Since the goal of \$10,000 was met, they have been able to award their first scholarship to Scott Taylor Blakeman, who demonstrated financial need and a true commitment to Osteopathy.

District V Auxiliary has donated \$1,000 to the ATOMA fund raiser and a \$500 scholarship in memory of Tom Hanstrom.

One of the newest endeavors by the AAOA has been the National Ad campaign, which was started in 1988 when the Missouri delegation brought in an ad produced in Missouri to promote and educate the public on Osteopathic Medicine. Since that time it has become

a joint venture, with contributions of over \$71,000 from the American Osteopathic Association, Auxiliary to the American Osteopathic Association, Colleges, state societies, and memorials. These ads have run in "McCalls," "United Airline Inflight" Magazine, "Good Housekeeping," "Saturday Evening Post" and the most recent one ran last October in "Family Circle."

We are helping to spread the word about Osteopathy.

In a kaleidoscope the individual pieces of glass form a design, and with each different design the focus changes. If we evaluate the current design of this organization, what is the focus? I propose we are an organization that has to be willing to change to meet the changes in our world.

The reality is we are a group of individuals that are pulled in many different directions, and no longer is the Auxiliary our number one commitment outside our families.

This Board is trying to keep up with the changing times because we feel that our organization will no longer function if we do not. Over the past few years there has been a steady decline in the Auxiliary membership. That is why we have proposed the resolution of "associate membership" to the AAOA Board. If you are not familiar with the resolution it was as follows:

Whereas, declining membership in the Auxiliary is a continuing problem at the student associate Auxiliaries, district, state and national levels;

Whereas, Auxiliary membership is restricted by AAOA bylaws to immediate family and physician spouses;

Whereas, no membership category exists for individuals outside the profession; and

Whereas, these individuals offer interest enthusiasm and expertise beneficial to the Auxiliary and to the profession, therefore, be it

Resolved, that the AAOA change their by-laws to read:

Associate membership shall be granted to those who are interested in supporting and promoting the Osteopathic profession.

At the National Convention in Las Vegas, there was much debate over this resolution with strong support from many states. Unfortunately the resolution failed by only one third (1/3) of one (1) vote. If the president of the AAOA could have voted it would have passed.

Our board learned from this experience. We hope to present the resolution again next year and feel this time it will pass.

Like the kaleidoscope that has to be held up to the light to be fully appreciated, we, as Auxiliary members, must be willing to hold osteopathy "up to the light." As we are proud of our husband's profession we must be willing to tell our friends, children's teachers; and anyone we come into contact with what osteopathy is and how we have a unique medical philosophy to offer our patients.

Working with both D.O.'s and M.D.'s, I have seen what our profession has to offer. I feel we should be proud of the uniqueness of osteopathy and never pass up the opportunity to let our light shine in the public eye.

We cannot "blame" others for what they do not know about osteopathy since it is part of our responsibility to create awareness and provide information.

So you are just one tiny piece of glass among many. What is your role, your responsibility in the total design?

Can you as an individual affect the total design? My answer is a resounding "yes." If you fail to do your part, the entire design will be flawed or eventually will no longer exist.

You are desperately needed to do your part in the auxiliary. If you do not feel you can be an active member, please give your financial support by paying your dues.

As you can see, we are like the kaleidoscope in many respects. When all the pieces fit together a profoundly impressive picture of the Osteopathic profession will be created. But only with the light shining through the myriad of colors and shapes can we achieve effectiveness.

So don't be afraid to hold osteopathy up to the light. And remember, you are part of that eventual design, making it turn and change through your visible commitment and active involvement in the Auxiliary.

Congratulations to the new ATOMA officers from TOMA. ■

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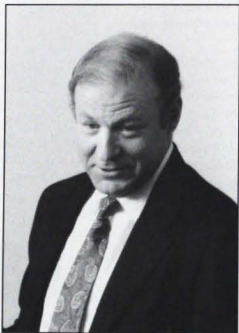
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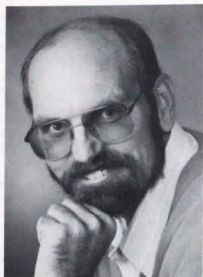
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In Memoriam

Thomas D. Hanstrom



Thomas D. Hanstrom, executive director of the Texas Osteopathic Medical Association, passed away Thursday, April 4, in a Fort Worth hospital. He was 43 years of age.

Memorial services were held April 7 at McKinney Memorial Bible Church in Fort Worth, with burial in Memorial Park Cemetery in Evanston, Illinois.

He was born in Evanston and was a 1965 graduate of Niles West High School in Skokie, Illinois. He attended North Park College in Chicago and completed course work toward a Masters Degree in Health Services Administration through Century University, Los Angeles, California. He attended the Medical Administration School at Sheppard Air Force Base in Texas and served at the U.S. Air Force Hospital in Minot, North Dakota, where he served as assistant administrator.

Tom had been involved extensively in the medical arena during his professional career, having served as executive director of the Northern Illinois Foundation for Medical Care in Rockford; regional administrator of the Illinois Foundation for Medical Care in Belleville; as district manager of the Wisconsin Professional Standards Review Organization in Green Bay; as executive director of Indiana Area V Professional Standards Review Organization; and as executive director of the Indiana Association of Osteopathic Physicians and Surgeons.

Tom began his official duties as executive director of the Texas Osteopathic Medical Association in July of 1987.

Professional memberships included the American Medical Peer Review Association; the American College of Utilization Review Physicians; the Association of Osteopathic State Executive Directors; the Texas Society of Association Executives; and the American Society of Association Executives.

Tom was a member of Alliance Bible Church.

Survivors include his wife, Joyce, of Crowley; two sons, Christor and Seth, both of Crowley; daughter, Anna, of Crowley; and his mother and stepfather, Jean and Bill Norman of Ellison Bay, Wisconsin. Tom was preceded in death by his father, Thomas D. Hanstrom, Sr., of Des Moines, Iowa.

The family suggests that memorials be made to TOMA, for scholarship purposes, or to Alliance Bible Church, 6419 Woodstream Trail, Fort Worth, 76133.

Dr. Robert L. Peters, Jr., D.O., FACGP, as TOMA representative and as Tom's friend, delivered the following remarks during the memorial service: "He was a real family man and his love for Joyce and his children was total. Tom was so proud of his children and he still is. In trying to describe his relationship with his children, I think the plaque in his office sums it up best. It reads, 'Any man can be a Father, but it takes someone special to be a Daddy.'"

"Tom was always thinking of the good of this association, not just for the present but for the future. He created manuals of procedure for every TOMA event and his diary files actually go up to the year 2000. He was forward thinking and he was also osteopathic thinking. Tom left his personal touch at TOMA through his organizational skills, making it a lot easier for the association to function. He left a lot of himself at TOMA, for which we are grateful, and he will always be remembered."

It is a great loss for the TOMA members who knew and worked with Tom. From the entire staff at TOMA, our deepest condolences go to Tom's family.

A Message From the Hanstrom Family

Editors Note: The following remarks were delivered by Joyce Hanstrom to the TOMA House of Delegates during the recent TOMA convention. She asked that these be printed as a thank you to the members of the osteopathic family who all supported Tom.

Two days after Tom entered the hospital in March, God gave me Psalms 35:18. I made a note in my Bible that that would be my promise to God. It reads *"I will give you thanks in the great assembly among throngs of people. I will praise You."* Today, I'm fulfilling that promise. Today, I'd like to challenge you and to thank you. First of all, the children and I would like to thank those who cared for Tom. As the days in the hospital increased, so did the number of physicians who were involved, each one giving his or her best for Tom. My special thanks to Drs. Brenner and Jordan. They ministered to both of us. I'd like to thank the staff of the Osteopathic Medical Center of Texas. Those of you here from the hospital, please share my thanks with the staff there. And I'd like to thank the staff from the Texas Osteopathic Medical Association. They were tremendous. Thank you for your visits, food, the telephone calls, the paperwork that was done, oh, so many things that you did to help.

Thirdly, I'd like to thank all of those who wrote, called or stopped in to see Tom and me during both hospitalizations. Your support was, and continues to be, overwhelming.

Fourth, I'd like to thank those who gave blood. If you're still able to donate, we still do need to replace blood.

Thank you also for your memorial gifts to the scholarship created in his memory.

But most importantly, I'd like to thank you for your prayers for all of us through the last five months. I believe in the sovereignty of God, and know He chose not to heal Tom physically. There was an emotional and spiritual healing that would not have taken place without something to slow Tom down. From the time of his surgery in November until his hospitalization, he became a man with inner peace. He was sure of his relationship with Jesus Christ and knew that he was ready to enter the presence of God. Your prayers were very special to us, and during that time, we prayed specifically for you when we read the cards that were sent at the time of his surgery, as a prayer reminder.

Tom enjoyed the challenge of his work. Last week, I was given a folder of notes from speeches he had given while at TOMA, the first one being a visit that he, Dr. Puryear and I made to District V the day before we moved into our home in August of 1987. As I read them, it was apparent that most of the time when he spoke to you, he challenged you. That's what I would like to do today.

First, I'd like to challenge you to love your spouse. Life is too short and uncertain. Take time to talk and share with each other. Talk about your wishes if you were in circumstances similar to those Tom and I faced. Several of you shared that you would have made the same decisions I made, if it were your spouse. Those words helped me tremendously.

Secondly, I challenge you to know where you stand with God. The Bible outlines an assurance that you can have.

The third thing is to be prepared. You all know the organizational skills that Tom had. He left me a small piece of paper with names and numbers of people I needed to help me out. There was also a letter written November 20. In it, he challenged the children and me to continue our traditions and to remember him. There was a special note to each of us, a special memory and a challenge in our personal lives.

Number four is to remember your roots — your osteopathic training. You have something that the others do not have. Look at all aspects of your patients' healing — the whole person. Include in that your relationship to the family. They are hurting, too.

Fifth, as you begin your search for a new executive director, I would ask you to look for someone who is osteopathic in beliefs, not just someone to carry out the administrative duties. I'd like to share with you a sentence from our Christmas letter that Tom wrote in December: *"I continue as executive director of Texas Osteopathic Medical Association. I love my job because it gives me a great deal of variety every day. The physicians have accepted me more as part of the family than as an employee, and I wouldn't trade what I do for anything."* I am sure the reason you accepted Tom as family was because he felt so strongly about the profession. Find someone like that and the Texas Osteopathic Medical Association will continue to prosper.

In closing, I'd like to share a few verses that I read on the morning of Tom's entrance into the Kingdom of God. I look at him in a different light now than I did on April 4. The whole 71st Psalm is very special to me, but I'll share just a few verses: *"In You, oh Lord, I have taken refuge. Be my rock of refuge to which I can always go. Though You have made me see troubles many and bitter, You will restore my life again. From the depths of the earth You will again bring me up."* I believe God is doing that for the children and me.

Thank you for allowing us to be a part of the family. Thank you for everything. ■

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ATOMA NEWS

By Sue Urban
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ATOMA District II

District II Auxiliary extends our deepest sympathy to Joyce Hanstrom, sons Chris and Seth, and daughter Anna on the death of their husband and father, Tom. Many of our members have worked with Tom since he came to Fort Worth and he will be missed.



Student/Doctor Scott Blakeman, receiving the first annual endowed \$1,000, District II Auxiliary to TOMA, Scholarship Award.

The Cattlemen's Restaurant, in the historic Stockyard Area, was the scene of the District II March meeting.

Student/Doctor Scott Blakeman, recipient of the first annual endowed \$1,000, District II Auxiliary to TOMA, Scholarship Award thanked the auxiliary. This scholarship is to be given to a TCOM senior, selected by the auxiliary scholarship committee, prior to the beginning of his/her academic year. It is given in recognition of outstanding achievement in academics, service and commitment to osteopathic medicine.

March brought three additions to the District II osteopathic family. On the 10th, Glenn and Freda Calabrese welcomed Bailey Christina. About the same time, Gabriel Matthew became part of the Graitzer family. Mom Susan and Dad Howard are doing fine. The 17th was the date of arrival of Nicholas Brett to Bob and Chris Ranelle.

The State Convention was a good one for members of District II. Hurray for Nancy and James Hawa. They won the trip to Hong Kong and Tokyo. Bet this will be the best convention they will ever attend. Hawa's — have fun! Congratulations and our best wishes to ATOMA President Rita Baker. We are proud of you.

Since this is my last column for the *Texas DO*, I want to thank Nancy Zachary for her work on behalf of our auxiliary during the past year. You have served this district well and I have enjoyed being a member of your board. ■

TCOM Alumni Officers Elected

Edward A. Luke, Jr., D.O., of Fort Worth, has been re-elected to a second term as president of the TCOM Alumni Association. The election took place during the association's annual meeting at the TOMA convention in San Antonio. A 1981 TCOM graduate, Dr. Luke is a certified psychiatrist.

The other 1991-92 Alumni Association officers are as follows: Alex Guevara, D.O., president-elect; Dale Brancel, D.O., first vice president; and Ben Zemenick, D.O., second vice president.

The directors are: Dale Chisum, D.O.; M. McKim David, D.O.; Greg Friess, D.O.; Victoria Laucius, D.O.; A. Ray Lewis, D.O.; Paul Saenz, D.O.; Stephen Taylor, D.O.; and William Wallace, D.O.

Named as TCOM Alumnus of the Year was Lt. Col. James Brien, D.O. Dr. Brien is stationed at Brooke Army Medical Center, San Antonio, where he serves as chief

of the pediatric disease service and assistant chief of the department of pediatrics. He is also a regional health service command consultant in pediatric infectious disease for the U.S. Army Academy of Health Sciences.

Congratulations from TOMA. ■



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Dr. Maul Elected Vice President of ACGP

Robert G. Maul, D.O., FACGP, of Lubbock, has been elected vice president of the American College of General Practitioners in Osteopathic Medicine and Surgery (ACGP). The election was held during their last meeting in March 1991 in Washington, D.C.

Dr. Maul received his D.O. degree from Kirksville College of Osteopathic Medicine, Kirksville, Missouri, and interned at Davenport Osteopathic Hospital in Davenport, Iowa. He is certified in general practice and has practiced in Lubbock since 1970.

Dr. Maul is a past president of TOMA as well as of the Texas Society of ACGP.

The National ACGP, based in Arlington Heights, Illinois, is the national organization of osteopathic general practice. Its membership exceeds 10,000. The Board of Governors is the governing body of the college.

Congratulations to Dr. Maul. ■

Door Prize Winners During TOMA's Convention

The following physicians were winners during the TOMA convention in the drawings held for visiting the exhibit booths: winning golf desk sets were Drs. Denise Tarver, Charles Franz, Thomas Bailey, Charles Hall, and Mr. Jim Cothorn; Dr. Ruth Carter won a winter rose box; Dr. Andrew Burke won a Seiko travel clock; a crystal leopard was won by Dr. Jerry Smola; Dr. Catherine Zimmerman won a crystal rose; a brass apple and a super lantern were won by Dr. Thomas Crow; a super lantern also went to Dr. Mitch Moriber; a coaster set went to Dr. R. E. Liverman; Dr. Joe Morrow won a dart board; Dr. Joe Alexander received a recorder; a glass elephant went to Dr. Liz Kornegay; and a backgammon set was won by Dr. John Garner.

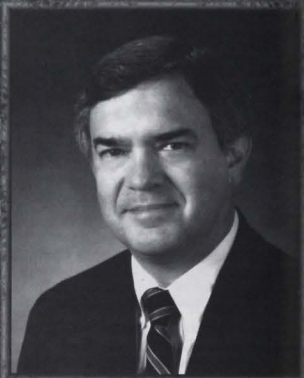
Dr. Joel Eldridge was especially lucky, walking off with a television set, a backgammon set, glass dragons, coasters, and two drink tickets.

Additionally, Dr. George Smith won a consultation tape from Medical Consultants of Texas, and drink tickets; and drink tickets were won by Drs. Jack McCarty, Fran Hayes and Alexander Keller.

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Texas ACGP Update

By Joseph Montgomery-Davis, D.O., Texas ACGP Editor

The Texas ACGP would first like to take this opportunity to extend condolences to the family of Tom Hanstrom. Our thoughts are with them during this time.

The Texas ACGP Board would like to thank our membership for the excellent turnout for breakfast during the TOMA convention in San Antonio on May 3, 1991.

One of the main topics of discussion at the breakfast was the problem Texas D.O.-G.P.s are having with the new medical fee guidelines for the Texas Workers' Compensation program. The Texas ACGP is working closely with TOMA to help bring about needed changes in the Workers' Compensation Program, especially in regard to osteopathic procedures. One suggestion made in regard to coding under the new guideline was to designate certain office visit codes as Workers' Compensation codes and to charge appropriate reimbursement levels. However, it is important to remember that by Texas law, you must charge the lesser of your usual charge, or the relative value scale, as a maximum allowable reimbursement.

There is an urgent need to write to members of the Texas Workers' Compensation Commission (TWCC) and give specific problems that you have encountered since the fee guidelines became effective on February 1, 1991. The following is the list of TWCC members and addresses. Don't forget to send a carbon copy to Senator Bob Glasgow, Legislative Oversight Committee, P.O. Box 12068, Austin, Texas 78711.

- Edward K. Hayse, Chairman — 823 East Harwood, Hurst, Texas 76054
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A Texas ACGP business meeting followed the breakfast on 5-3-91. Much of this meeting was devoted to finalizing plans for the upcoming Texas ACGP Midyear Seminar and Symposium, scheduled for August 1-4, 1991. Proposed bylaw changes were also discussed and will be published prior to our annual meeting in August. The AOA care-a-van project was discussed in detail as well as the Texas ACGP participation in this PR project. A decision was made to establish a Texas ACGP Hotline at the TOMA headquarters in Fort Worth. A separate phone line will be installed, along with an answering machine to handle inquiries after normal office hours. The intent of this project is to provide better communication between the leadership and the membership of the Texas ACGP. The Texas ACGP wants to be the D.O.-G.P. advocate in Texas and wants to be available to handle complaints and problems in a timely manner. As soon as the Texas ACGP Hotline is established, the phone number will be made available to our membership.

We would like to thank those physicians who stopped by the Texas ACGP display at the TOMA convention, and filled out a questionnaire. These questionnaires enable the Texas ACGP to identify key issues and represent our membership more effectively.

The winners of the door prize drawings this year were Dr. Eugene Zachary of Fort Worth, who won the portable color TV set; and Dr. Elmer Baum of Austin, who won the radio tape player.

The PACER meeting, which was also held on 5-3-91, generated a lot of comments regarding items on the agenda which included: 1) AOA vs. AMA certification for hospital and clinical privileges; 2) Workers' Compensation Program problems; including its new medical fee guideline; 3) TOMA's political activities in Austin during this legislative session; and 4) establishment of a Physician Payment Advisory Committee under the Texas Department of Human Services. A special thanks to Dr. Richard Hall for chairing this committee and to all those past presidents of the Texas ACGP who attended and participated in the discussion.

Due to some duplicate billing on the part of the Texas ACGP, there may be some members who have paid their dues twice this year. We apologize for this oversight and we'll apply the overpayment toward the registration fee for our annual convention and midyear clinical seminar this August, or apply it to next year's dues.

As of this year, the OMT codes for Medicare in Texas are no longer reimbursed on a statewide profile. Reimbursement is by individual physician profile. Most Texas D.O.s have established customary charges under the MO700 series for OMT, which was initially based on statewide fees. If your reimbursement levels for OMT are less than anticipated, check your individual Blue Cross Blue Shield profile for fiscal year 1990-91.

A last minute development will enable the Texas ACGP to offer a special workshop for non-physician office personnel at the Midyear Clinical Seminar at the Arlington Hilton Hotel in Arlington, Texas, on Friday, August 2, 1991, from 6 to 9 p.m. There will be a workshop dealing with health claim coding, which will be conducted by Don Sell, Medical Consultants of Texas. The workshop will be limited to two persons per physician's office and will cost \$25 per person. This workshop will address the business side of practice as opposed to the clinical side of practice.

In closing, congratulations to Dr. Robert Finch of Dallas, Texas, for his selection as the Texas ACGP "General Practitioner of the year" for 1991.

All members, including retirees and students, are encouraged to register and attend the 34th Annual Texas ACGP Convention and the 18th Midyear Clinical Seminar, scheduled for August 1-4, 1991, at the Arlington Hilton Hotel in Arlington, Texas.

Medicare/Medicaid News

By Don Self
Medical Consultants of Texas

Minimal Office Visit Ruling

The Dallas HCFA office recently ruled that a physician must be under the same roof to bill for a minimal office visit. This is contrary to the CPT code book, published by the AMA. We questioned whether lab test reimbursements include compensation for the physician's interpretation, evaluation and management. Their answer: "The interpretation is part of the visit charge." We countered with the scenario that many physicians request that the patient come in for follow-up lab tests to evaluate treatment. If the physician is not present (making hospital or nursing home rounds, etc.) when the patient comes in, how will the physician be compensated?

Off the record, they (and Medicare) agree with our belief that physicians should be allowed to charge for a minimal office visit, even if they are not present, since the physician assumes all of the liability. In fact, Medicare stated in a January 19, 1991, newsletter that physicians should use code 90030 (since Z9089 was deleted) for blood pressure checks (and they did not state the physician had to be present).

We talked with a HCFA Payment Policy Specialist in Baltimore, and had the poor man so rattled that he finally agreed (off the record) that we should be able to bill for it. Unfortunately, we found that the decision rests with the Director.

We have written to Kathleen Buto (Director of Payment Policy at HCFA in Baltimore), HCFA Administrator Gail Wilensky, Senator Phil Gramm, Senator Benton and Congressman Ralph Hall about this issue. Your letters would help us win this one! On May 9, we will have someone meeting Kathleen Buto in Baltimore, and this subject will be discussed. Since HCFA now expects the physician to be under the same roof when code 90030 is used, we recommend you not use this code unless you are under the same roof. If there is a roof covering the walkway between your office and the hospital, legally you may use code 90030, if you are in either place. You may want to schedule the patients that come back in for injections, blood pressure checks or lab tests to come in during your office hours, even if you do not personally see them.

When To Use The -52 Modifier

Occasionally, we get the question of how to bill for a "failed" procedure. As an example, you may be attempting to do a Flexible Sigmoidoscopy and encounter blockage that prevents you from completing the diagnostic procedure. In this instance, you would want to use a modifier -52 after the procedure code. Box 24C would appear as: 45330-52. Using the -52 modifier does

not mean that you have to cut your fee in half and, in fact, we recommend you keep your full fee.

What happens when you hit the blockage and it takes you twice as long to complete the procedure, but you do complete it? In this case, you would use a -22 modifier, indicating the procedure was more complicated due to unusual circumstances. Using a -22 modifier negates your Limiting Charge, so charge whatever you wish to. NOTE: you cannot use modifier 22 on claims filed electronically, as they require documentation explaining the unusual circumstances, so you need to file these claims on paper.

ICD-9 Coding for Hypertension

Many offices receive denials on claims due to incorrect ICD-9 coding on their diagnoses. Medicare has stated that you have to code the diagnosis to the highest level of specificity. In other words, if there are five digits available, then you must use five digits. If there are four, then you must use all four. Coding for Hypertension has been one area that many offices have received denials on. There are three possible fourth-digit subcategories: malignant, benign and unspecified. Code 401 (Essential Hypertension) needs a fourth digit (0.1 or 2) to denote the subcategory. Code 402 (Hypertensive Heart Disease) needs a fourth AND fifth code to denote the subcategories. Code 403 (Hypertensive Renal Disease) and code 404 (Hypertensive Heart & Renal Disease) both need a fourth digit.

Selecting a fourth (or fifth) digit is important, so if your physician does not indicate the specific type of hypertension on the fee slip or in the medical documentation, you should ask them to clarify the diagnosis. This does not just apply to Hypertension, when we are discussing fourth and fifth digits. It applies to ALL ICD-9 coding.

Using V Codes Appropriately

Another common area of mid-coding diagnosis is in the use of V codes. Quite a few offices have had their claims denied when they used a V code as a stand-alone code. The V codes are supplementary codes and should be accompanied by one or more diagnosis codes from the 001-999 range. Many insurers will not process a claim if it is submitted with only a V code.

Medicare OMT Reimbursement

Too many physicians billing for Osteopathic Manipulative Therapy are using less than desirable codes for these services. National Level II HCPCS codes

Medicare/Medicaid News, Continued

MO702 through MO730 are for OMT by physician. CPT codes 97260 and 97261 are for manipulation by physician. If you use both codes (MO702 & 97260) on a Medicare claim, Medicare will use the one that pays you the least. As an example, in Texas, they compare as follows (following are averages):

Code	Description	LC	Approved
MO702	OMT up to two regions	\$ 42	\$ 33
MO704	OMT up to four regions	\$ 84	\$ 71
MO706	OMT up to six regions	\$125	\$106
97260	Manipulation — 1st area	\$ 18	\$ 15
97261	Manipulation, Each additional area	\$ 15	\$ 13

Let's say this is your profile (just an example), and you do OMT to three regions on a Medicare patient, and you are not accepting assignment: You would make \$84 using code MO704 or \$48 using codes 97260 and 97261. If you were accepting assignment, you would make \$71 using MO704 or \$41 using 97260/97261. Private insurance carriers do not recognize Level II HCPCS codes, so you have no choice but to use codes 97260 and 97261 for them. With Medicare, you have a choice.

In Texas, you usually see a much larger reimbursement by using the Level II codes.

One client in Florida has an approved amount of \$10.10 for code MO704, and \$10.50 for MO706, while his approved amounts for code 97260 is \$18.70 and \$12.90 for code 97261. It is obviously better for him to use the CPT codes.

In New Mexico, a client has the following approved amounts:

MO702	\$22.80	97260	\$12.70
MO704	\$34.80	97261	\$ 9.80
MO706	\$37.10		

If this client does three areas, he is better off using MO704. If he does four, he should use 97260/97261. It all varies from state to state, and in fact, from provider to provider.

State Income Tax

It appears, unless we can get the people of Texas excited enough to respond, that Texans will probably have a State Income Tax and/or Corporate Income Tax in the future. Personally, we have written letters to many state Senators and Representatives, detailing our belief that this is an effective way to increase unemployment, property taxes and state sales tax. It is our belief that many corporations that moved to Texas in the early to mid 70s (due to our state not having taxes) will move to Kentucky or other states. Consequently, this will cause a rise in

unemployment, thereby raising TEC taxes to employers. This would also cause many people to suffer foreclosures (due to not having jobs), and cause massive problems. We encourage you to write to your state reps and Senators, as well as your local newspapers, expressing your views, before it is too late. I told these elected officials that I would help publish the voting record, when this bill hits, so they are being watched.

Locum Tenens Rulings

HCFA tentatively plans to allow, through 1991, the patient's regular physician to bill and receive payment for locum tenens physician services, according to HCFA Administrator Gail Wilensky, in her response to a Congressional inquiry. It appears that this will not be allowed after December 21, 1991, due to current Medicare law. This is great news in that you will not have to worry about sanctions or penalties if you have an arrangement worked out with other physicians. On February 19, 1991, Administrator Wilensky stated that physicians may continue existing "arrangements" through the rest of 1991, in a letter to Congressman J. J. Pickle. This is in contrast to the Medicare rules that caused so much trouble for Dr. Livingston in Texas, when Medicare prohibited the "trade-off" arrangements for covering on weekends and vacations. It will be interesting to watch Congress to see if they make the same mistake in 1991 that they made in 1990, that allowed this "re-write" of the rules. ■

Letters

To the Officers and Members
of the House of Delegates:

I wish to take this opportunity to respond to your letter of May 7, 1991 concerning your awarding my life membership in TOMA at the House of Delegates meeting in San Antonio.

To just say "Thank You" does not seem to be enough or convey my feelings of appreciation to each of you for your kind consideration. I have totally enjoyed my years of serving my community both as an Osteopathic Physician (of which they are well aware of the D.O.) and as an interested citizen in community affairs. I am still able to continue my work in both areas and still enjoy the privilege of the having good health enabling me to serve the people.

In regards to our State Association, I have always valued my membership and found the Association always ready to respond to my request for information and help.

In closing I would again say "Thank You" and may God be with each of you in your practices.

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Dr. Ginzberg's presentation is titled "The Reform of Graduate Medical Education." Dr. Ginzberg is currently the director of the Eisenhower Center for Conservation of Human Resources and professor emeritus of Economics at Columbia University. He served as the A. Barton Hepburn Professor of Economics at Columbia University from 1935 to 1979.

Dr. Ginzberg has received numerous awards for public service including a medal from the War Department for Exceptional Civilian Service in 1946; a medal from the International University of Social Studies for research contributions to the study of human resources; and a

National Health Achievement Award in Health Economics from the Blue Cross-Blue Shield Association in 1979.

Other sessions will include a "point-counterpoint" discussion between Myron S. Magen, D.O. and Lawrence U. Haspel, D.O. on the future of Osteopathic Graduate Medical Education, said Michael Pipari, D.O., vice chairman of the committee on postdoctoral training.

Presidents and deans, directors of medical education and residency program directors have been invited to attend. Additionally, members of specialty colleges and boards are being invited as appointments are confirmed. Others interested in osteopathic graduate medical education will be registered as space permits.

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