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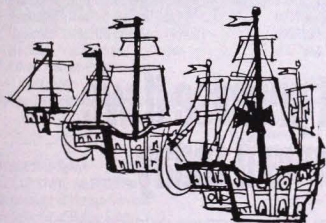
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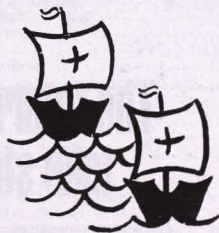
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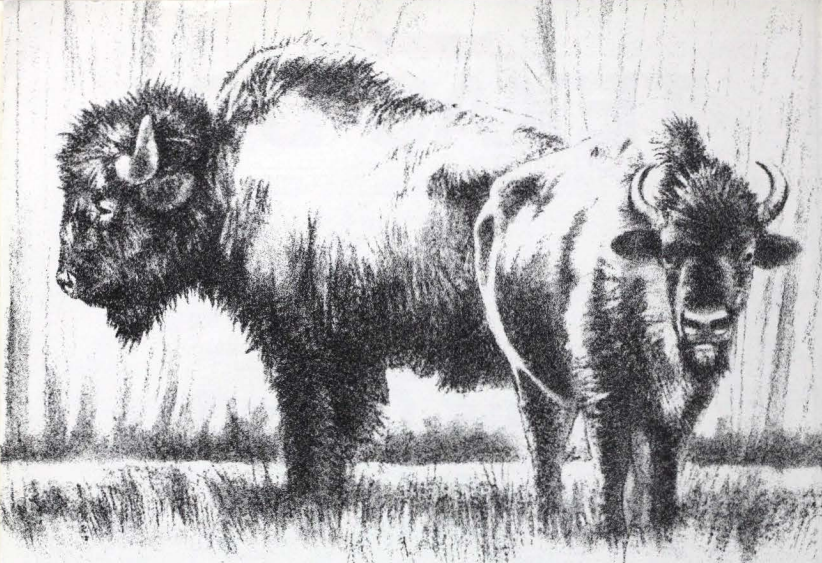
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## Calendar of Events



### MARCH

3-4

American Osteopathic Board of  
General Practice  
Examinations  
Palm Springs, CA  
Contact: Carol Thoma  
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ACGP Annual Convention  
Palm Springs, CA  
Contact: Jennifer Atkins  
800/323-0794

6-7

Pediatric Update '92  
Olsen Medical Education Center  
UOMHS, Des Moines  
(8½ hour program)  
Contact: Karen Thacker  
515/271-1462

### APRIL

1-5

4th Spring Seminar  
Arkansas Osteopathic Medical  
Association  
Lake Hamilton Resort  
Hot Springs, Arkansas  
Hours: 25 Category 1-A  
Contact: AOMA  
501/882-754

3-4

"6th Annual Spring Update for the  
Family Practitioner"  
Sponsored by: TCOM & Dallas  
Family Hospital  
Location: Dallas Family Hospital  
Hours: 8 Category 1-A  
Contact: Nancy Tiede  
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Board of Trustees' Meeting  
Texas Osteopathic Medical Association  
Marriott Hotel  
Corpus Christi  
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House of Delegates' Meeting  
Texas Osteopathic Medical Association  
Marriott Hotel  
Corpus Christi  
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30 - May 3

93rd Annual Convention &  
Scientific Seminar  
Texas Osteopathic Medical Association  
Marriott Hotel  
Corpus Christi  
Contact: TOMA  
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16-20

"Osteopathy in the Cranial Field"  
(40 Hour Basic Course)  
Given by the Sutherland Cranial  
Teaching Foundation  
Sponsored by Osteopathic Medical  
Center of Texas and TOMA  
Radisson Hotel - Fort Worth  
Contact: Cindi Azuma  
817/735-2498

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"General Practice Update"  
UOMHS, Des Moines  
(4½ hour course held in conjunction  
with Commencement weekend and  
alumni reunion activities)  
Contact: Connie J. Galbraith  
515/271-1447



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## Texas Osteopathic Medical Association 93rd Annual Convention

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To take advantage of the advance registration discount, payment must accompany this form.

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Name \_\_\_\_\_ First Name for Badge \_\_\_\_\_  
(please print)

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ AOA Membership No. \_\_\_\_\_

D.O. College \_\_\_\_\_ Year Graduated \_\_\_\_\_

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(first name for badge)

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(first AND last name for badge)

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Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Handicap \_\_\_\_\_

**\$45 per person  
includes  
1/2 cart, green fees, transportation  
(Cash Bar)  
North Shore Country Club  
Friday, May 1, 1992**

CHECK ENCLOSED \_\_\_\_\_  
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The REFUND POLICY for the 93rd Annual Convention is as follows: All cancellations must be received in writing; no telephone cancellations will be accepted. A \$25.00 processing fee will be charged to all registrants who cancel. If cancellation is necessary, the following policy will apply:

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15-30 days prior to program, 25 percent of fees paid will be refunded.

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# TOMA 93rd Annual Convention & Scientific Seminar

## CME HOURS:

- 21 — Lectures
- 3 — Visit Exhibits

Marriott Bayfront Hotel — Corpus Christi, Texas  
April 28 - May 3, 1992

## Program

### Tuesday, April 28

- 12:00 noon TOMA Board of Trustees' Lunch
- 1:00 p.m. TOMA Board of Trustees' Meeting
- 6:30 p.m. Caucus of the Districts

### Wednesday, April 29

- 8:00 a.m. - TOMA House of Delegates' Registration
- 12:00 noon
- 9:00 a.m. - TOMA House of Delegates' Meeting
- 5:00 p.m.
- 11:30 a.m. TOMA House of Delegates' Lunch
- 1:00 p.m. ATOMA Board of Trustees' Meeting
- 2:00 p.m. - Early Registration
- 4:00 p.m.

(PLEASE NOTE — If you pick up your registration packet today, you will still need to sign-in on Thursday to receive your CME credits for Thursday.)

### Thursday, April 30

- 7:00 a.m. General Convention Breakfast  
"Open Forum with TOMA Board of Trustees"
- 7:30 a.m. - Registration/  
4:00 p.m. Exhibits Open
- (All physicians MUST sign-in today in order to receive 5% CME credits for Thursday.)
- 8:30 a.m. - Panel Discussion on Headache Diagnosis  
and Management  
Roby P. Joyce, M.D.  
Robert B. Nett, M.D.
- 9:30 a.m.
- 9:00 a.m. - ATOMA House of Delegates' Meeting
- 12:00 noon
- 9:30 a.m. - "Presentations on TMJ Dysfunction and How  
to Treat It"
- 10:15 a.m. William Langston, D.D.S.
- 10:15 a.m. - Visit the Exhibits
- 10:45 a.m. - Refreshment Break

(Don't forget the CME card — visit ALL the exhibits and receive an extra 3 CME. When card is completed, hand it in at the registration desk.)

- 10:45 a.m. - "Unusual Symptom Clusters May Indicate  
a Sleep Disorder"
- 11:30 a.m. Brian Foresman, D.O.
- 11:30 a.m. - "Presentations of Depression — Identifying  
and Treating a Common Disorder"
- 12:15 p.m. Edward A. Luke, Jr., D.O.
- 12:15 p.m. Reception
- 1:00 p.m. Visit the Exhibits/Door Prizes
- 1:00 p.m. - AOA Luncheon
- 2:30 p.m.
- 2:30 p.m. - "Common Orthopedic Problems  
Presented in Primary Care"
- 3:15 p.m. Paul Wakim, D.O.
- 3:15 p.m. - "Syndrome X"
- 4:00 p.m. Brian Tullock, M.D.
- 4:00 p.m. - Coffee Break
- 4:15 p.m. Visit the Exhibits
- 4:15 p.m. - "Presentations of Anxiety — Identifying  
and Treating a Common Disorder"
- 5:00 p.m. Robert L. DuPont, M.D.
- 4:15 p.m. - Alumni Meetings
- 5:30 p.m.
- 4:30 p.m. - POPPs Reception
- 6:15 p.m.
- 6:30 p.m. - Sustainer's Party
- 10:30 p.m. Buses leave promptly at 6:30  
for Greyhound Race Track

### Friday, May 1

- 7:30 a.m. - KCOM Alumni Breakfast/Meeting
- 7:30 a.m. - Breakfast with Exhibitors
- 8:30 a.m.
- 7:15 a.m. - Annual Golf Tournament  
Bus Leaves for Northshore Country Club
- 7:30 a.m. - Registration
- 4:00 p.m. Exhibits Open
- (All physicians MUST sign-in today in order to receive 6 CME credits for Friday.)
- 8:30 a.m. - "A Family Based Approach to the Prevention  
of Drug Abuse"
- 9:15 a.m. Robert L. DuPont, M.D.
- 9:15 a.m. - "Health Promotion, Disease Prevention —  
Can it Work in Your Office?"
- 10:00 a.m. Elaine Ballard, F.N.P.  
Richard Baldwin, D.O.

- 10:00 a.m. - Refreshment Break/Door Prizes  
 10:30 a.m. - Visit with the Exhibits
- (Have CME card signed by ALL of the Exhibitors. Turn it in at the registration desk when completed.)
- 10:30 a.m. - "Collaborative Practice"  
 Margaret Gariota, F.N.P.  
 Craig Whiting, D.O.
- 11:00 a.m. - Spouses Luncheon  
 2:00 p.m. - Bus leaves for "The Art Center" promptly at 11:00 a.m.
- 11:15 a.m. - "Stress, The Civilized Killer"  
 12:15 p.m. - Stevan Cordas, D.O.
- 12:30 p.m. - Lunch with Exhibitors  
 2:00 p.m.
- 1:15 p.m. - Texas Academy of Osteopathy Meeting  
 2:00 p.m.
- 2:00 p.m. - OMT Workshops  
 5:00 p.m.
- 3:30 p.m. - ACGP Pacer's Meeting  
 5:30 p.m.
- 6:00 p.m. - President's Night Reception  
 6:45 p.m.
- 7:00 p.m. - President's Night Banquet  
 12:00 - ATOMA Fund Raiser  
 midnight

## Saturday, May 2

- 6:00 a.m. - Fishing Trip  
 10:00 a.m.
- 7:00 a.m. - Texas Society of ACGP  
 8:30 a.m. - Breakfast/Meeting
- 8:30 a.m. - Registration/Exhibits Open  
 10:30 a.m.
- (All physicians MUST sign-in today in order to receive 6 CME credits for Saturday.)
- 8:30 a.m. - "Pesticides - Toxic Exposures with Multi-System Effects"  
 9:15 a.m. - Alfred R. Johnson, D.O.
- 9:00 a.m. - "Medicare Coding Seminar"  
 Don Self, Medical Consultants of Texas
- 9:00 a.m. - "Structural Consultation & Treatment Service"  
 12:00 noon
- 9:15 a.m. - "What You Have Always Wanted to Know About Food Allergies"  
 10:00 a.m. - Howard J. Lang, D.O.
- 10:00 a.m. - Door Prize Drawing  
 10:30 a.m. - Visit with Exhibits
- (Be sure and turn in CME card to registration desk. Drawing for deluxe door prize is at 10:15 a.m.)
- 10:30 a.m. - "Symptoms of Work-Place Exposures: Identifying the Risk"  
 11:15 a.m. - Stevan Cordas, D.O.
- 11:15 a.m. - "Tight Insulin Control of Diabetes"  
 12:00 noon - C. Raymond Olson, D.O.
- 12:00 noon - Lunch On Your Own  
 1:30 p.m.
- 12:00 noon - ATOMA Board of Trustees  
 4:00 p.m. - Luncheon/Meeting

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 4:00 p.m. - Luncheon/Meeting
- 1:30 p.m. - "Cultural Influences on Patient Attitudes and Illnesses"  
 2:15 p.m. - Rafael Toledo, M.D.
- 2:15 p.m. - "Curanderism"  
 3:00 p.m. - Juan Chavira, J.D.
- 3:00 p.m. - "AIDS"  
 3:45 p.m. - Chris Ries, M.D.
- 3:45 p.m. - "How to Help Your Patients Quit Smoking"  
 4:30 p.m. - Albert Glover, M.D.
- 6:30 p.m. - Fun Night Party  
 11:00 p.m. - Buses leave for History and Science Museum. Dinner, Dancing and Entertainment

## Sunday, May 3

- 8:00 a.m. - Risk Management Seminar  
 1:00 p.m.

## Convention Speakers

(Continued)



"What You Always Wanted to Know About Food Allergies" is the topic to be presented by Howard J. Lang, D.O., of Bedford, during TOMA's annual convention in Corpus Christi.

Dr. Lang is in general practice with special interest in allergies, skin disorders, clinical ecology and preventive medicine.

He received his D.O. degree from Kirksville College of Osteopathic Medicine, Kirksville, Missouri, in 1969 and interned at Riverside Osteopathic Hospital, Trenton, Michigan. He then served a preceptorship in the Dermatology Division of Wilford Hall Medical Center, San Antonio. This was followed by a perceptorship in allergy and immunology, clinical ecology, under Stevan Cordas, D.O., of Eules.

Dr. Lang is certified by the American Osteopathic Board of General Practice. He has been on the active staff of Northeast Community Hospital in Bedford since 1975.

Professional memberships include TOMA; TOMA District XV; AOA; American College of General Practitioners in Osteopathic Medicine and Surgery; Texas State Society of the ACGP; Pan American Allergy Society; and the American Academy of Environmental Medicine. ■



# House of Delegates to Vote On Proposed Bylaw Changes

ARTICLE II, Section 5, line 154, Add:  
hold office or to vote

ARTICLE III, Section 1, Change to read:

The fiscal year shall be from ~~April 1~~ January 1 through ~~March 31~~ December 31 of the following year. Annual dues shall apply to the fiscal year and become due and payable on the ~~preceeding January 1~~ April 1.

ARTICLE III, Section 2, Change to read:

Regular members, except as hereinafter provided, shall pay annual dues of four hundred dollars (\$400.00). Membership during the first year of practice shall be ~~twenty five dollars (\$25.00)~~ one hundred dollars (\$100.00). The annual dues for the second year of practice shall be ~~fifty dollars (\$50.00)~~ two hundred dollars (\$200.00). The annual dues for the third year of practice shall be ~~two hundred dollars (\$200.00)~~ three hundred dollars (\$300.00). The first year of practice shall begin on ~~April~~ January 1, following graduation, or termination of an approved training program, or upon entering practice.

ARTICLE VII, Change Section 2, beginning with line 513:

~~elect~~ by the House of Delegates. Board members must be voting members of this Association in good standing. Each year, four (4) Trustee members (exclusive of the student\* member trustee) shall be elected

by the House of Delegates to serve three (3) year terms or until their successors are elected and installed; and in the same manner of election, vacancies shall be filled to complete unexpired terms. ~~In the first year after implementation, the student\* member trustee shall be nominated by his/her peers to become a trustee; the nomination shall be subject to confirmation by the Board of Trustees. In subsequent years the student member trustee shall be elected by the House of Delegates to serve a one year term or until a successor is elected and installed; and in the same manner of election, a vacancy shall be filled to complete an unexpired term (\*ex-officio — no vote).~~ The nominee for the student member trustee shall come from the Texas College of Osteopathic Medicine's Student Government Association, and the nomination shall be subject to confirmation by the Board of Trustees. The student member trustee shall serve a one year term or until a successor is confirmed and installed; and in the same manner of confirmation, a vacancy shall be filled to complete an unexpired term (\*ex-officio — no vote).

ARTICLE IX, DELETE SECTION 5

ARTICLE IX, Add new Section 5:

The current officers and trustees, all past trustees (who have served a minimum of three years) and all past presidents of this association shall have voice but no vote in the House of Delegates meeting unless they are properly seated as delegates or alternates. ■

## TCOM Researcher Awarded \$300,000 Grant

Texas College of Osteopathic Medicine researcher Paula Sundstrom, Ph.D., has been awarded a \$300,000, three-year grant from the National Institutes of Health. The grant will allow Sundstrom to continue her research on *Candida albicans*, a naturally occurring yeast which lives in the human gastrointestinal tract.

*Candida albicans* causes infections which vary in severity. Sometimes it causes vaginal yeast infections in women. In infants, it can cause a condition known as thrush which is an oral infection characterized by white

ulcers in the mouth. In addition, the yeast creates problems in humans when the immune system has been damaged. People suffering from AIDS commonly experience infection caused by *Candida albicans*.

"The purpose of my grant is to study the yeast cell surface proteins which allow the organism to adhere to a host tissue, because adherence is the initial event leading to infection. A possible outcome of my research is a treatment for preventing attachment of *Candida albicans* to host tissues, thereby preventing infection," she said. ■

# ATOMA Plans Auction and Raffle During President's Night

We have just booked another one of our most distinguished fundraising events in the past few years. Perry Berns Art Gallery of Dallas will again join our fundraising efforts. Mr. Berns and TOMA had a tremendously successful auction during our state convention in Austin in 1987.

Some art will be by internationally known artists such as Chagall, Dali, Agam, Neiman and Pené. There also will be works by Moskowitz, Chris Forrest, Mike Schofield, Krasnjasky, Caldwell, John Bruce and many others.

Most pieces range from \$50 to \$150, although some sell for less than \$25. A few individuals may choose to add a significant piece to their art collection at a cost of several thousand dollars.

This is a great opportunity to enhance your home or office and discover an artist whose work is just beginning to attract interest and increase in value. All works are custom framed and matted and come with a Certificate of Authenticity.

Over 200 pieces will be on exhibition during the President's Night Reception on May 1, at which time guests can mingle as they wander through the beautiful gallery of art.

The actual auction will begin following the President's Banquet at 9:00. A hosted bar will be available during the auction until midnight. Come and join the fun and excitement and possibly acquire a piece of art you'll enjoy for a lifetime.

Also, in keeping with the nautical theme of our convention, our raffle this year is a seven day cruise for two aboard the "Love Boat" Princess Cruise Line. Sail to the Western Caribbean, featuring Jamaica and Cozumel or choose such ports of call like Nassau, San Juan, Martinique and St. Thomas on the Eastern Caribbean. "It's the Winner's Choice." Both western and eastern cruises include a new private beach port of call, Princess Cays.

Spacious decks dotted with swimming pools and hot whirlpool spas, fully equipped health club and much more await you aboard these extraordinary five-star floating resorts.

Tickets sell as follows: one for \$10, three for \$25 or 13 for \$100. I will be mailing each district raffle tickets to sell. Our tickets are non-refundable for cash. You need not be present to win the trip and all door prize winner's tickets go back in the hopper for the cruise draw-

ing. Blackout dates do apply. Prize includes airfare and departure tax. Travel arrangements are made through Carlson Travel of Fort Worth.

Your participation as an ATOMA member is vital for our success. We are very excited about this year's prizes and expected sales volume, and we know you will be, too! As in years past, other smaller items are needed for door prizes to add to the excitement of the chance of winning. What we need from each district is a commitment to involve your auxiliary members in locating and acquiring items, or a cash donation to be used to purchase such items, with a minimum value of \$50. For example, weekend stays in mountain cabins or beach houses would be greatly appreciated by some winner.

You may mail monetary donations to me at the address listed below, or drop them off at the TOMA state office, or even bring them to Corpus with you. What better way to fulfill our purpose as auxiliary members working towards reaching our osteopathic scholarship expectations.

Last year's winners of our Hong Kong and Tokyo trip, Nancy and James Hawa, have graciously purchased a cloisiorfe ginger jar vase (\$300 value) to add to the excitement of our fund raiser.

Finally, ATOMA would like to say "Thank You" in advance for what we know will be a successful fundraiser. Your contributions of time and money are greatly appreciated! Let me hear from you!

B. J. Czewski  
1991-92 ATOMA Funds Chairman  
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- 20 percent of Texas workers cannot read or write or do simple math. This compares to five percent in Japan.
- 33 percent of all adults in Texas are functionally illiterate, reading at or below a sixth grade level.
- With approximately 85 percent of tomorrow's jobs projected to require at least a high school education, one Texas worker in five could be unemployable in the near future.
- 51 percent of adults receiving Aid to Families with Dependent Children did not complete high school.
- Texas ranks number one in the nation in teenage pregnancies among girls age 15 and younger. A study by the National Center for Educational Statistics found that pregnancy was a factor in 23 percent of all high school dropouts.
- Texas ties with New Mexico for the highest rate in the nation of people with health insurance.
- 26 percent of the population in Texas is uninsured.

(TexasBusiness Today, February 1992)

## BRIGHT FUTURE HEAD FOR HUMAN RESOURCES PERSONNEL

Human resource experts predict that human resource managers will occupy the position of second in command at many United States companies by the end of the decade. This is another example of the importance of human resources in the future.

## TEXAS SHOWS 25 PERCENT AIDS INCREASE IN 1991

Approximately 3,000 Texans developed AIDS last year, raising reported cases to 14,546 since reporting began in 1983, according to the Texas Department of Health. It is estimated that about 73,000 are infected with the HIV virus and don't know it.

## STATEMENT ON PREVENTING CHILDHOOD LEAD POISONING

On October 7, 1991, CDC released an updated statement on the prevention of childhood lead poisoning. The statement provides guidelines to pediatric health-care providers, public health programs and others about childhood lead screening, case management for lead poisoned children, and primary prevention of childhood lead poisoning.

Copies of the statement, *Preventing Lead Poisoning in Young Children, 1991* are available free of charge from Publication Activities, Office of the Director, National Center for Environmental Health and Injury Control, Mailstop F-29, CDC, 1600 Clifton Road, NE, Atlanta, Georgia 30333.

## STEVE NOONE TO MOVE TO AAO

Steve Noone, Executive Director of the Indiana Association of Osteopathic Physicians and Surgeons, has accepted a position as Executive/Education Director of the American Academy of Osteopathy (AAO) beginning April 1, 1992. The AAO is a component society of the American Osteopathic Association and has its headquarters in Neward, Ohio.

## NEW OSHA RULES TAKE EFFECT MARCH 6

An information packet on new OSHA rules and regulations affecting Bloodborne Pathogens within the physician's office, which becomes effective beginning March 6, are available to TOMA members at no charge. Call 1/800/444-8662.

TOMA is currently working on setting up workshops for members to discuss what individual physician's offices need to do to comply with the rules and regulations.

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# Medicare/Medicaid News

By Don Self  
Medical Consultants

## SELF'S TIPS AND TIDINGS (S.T.A.T.)

### I. NEW HCFA FORM

There are *false* rumors going around that Medicare will change the 12/90 HCFA 1500 claim form they have worked on for three years, before it becomes mandatory on May 1. This is incorrect. They *cannot* change it as it is approved! Also, we will be sending all retainer clients a three page letter explaining (step by step) how to complete the new HCFA form, within the next month. We currently do not recommend you adopt the new 12/90 HCFA form until April.

### II. MEDICARE DENYING TOO MUCH?

Medicare has started denying payment for services that has come as a surprise. Thousands of Texas physicians have started receiving "yellow" letters stating physicians should become familiar with the new modifier 25 (Significantly Separately Identifiable E & M Service). If you bill Medicare for any procedure, diagnostic test or OMT, on the same day you bill for a visit, Medicare will probably send you this letter. It does not matter if the procedure code is referenced with a star (asterisk) in the CPT code book or not. This is contrary to the instructions on page 72 (Section 12) of the CPT code book. Procedures shown with a star or asterisk in the CPT code book do not include any "package" and therefore appropriate "visit" charges should be coded and charged for.

Their request of a 25 modifier contradicts this, and we have had *no* prior warning of their intention to do so. Until we can get this matter straightened out with them, we highly recommend you use a 25 modifier anytime you do a service that is significantly separate from the E & M service. Of course, if the patient is just coming in, at your direction, for a trigger point injection or another procedure, only charge for the procedure. If the patient is first examined, and then you determine you need to perform a test or procedure, I recommend you charge for both. One secret to getting paid may be your ICD-9 codes. As an example, if a patient comes in with multiple problems, code the visit with the other problems and the procedure for the particular ICD-9 code that addresses that problem. This may help. We will keep you informed of developments in this area. If you get these "yellow" letters and do not know how to respond, go ahead and mail them to us, with copies of the claims. As you know, we do not charge retainer clients for taking care of problems like this.

### III. OMT AND OFFICE VISIT

Medicare has started routinely denying the office visit charge if OMT is rendered at the same session. We believe that you should charge for the OMT and the office visit, if the patient is coming in for an examination, and *then* you determine they need OMT and other services. If they deny it, we recommend we have an opportunity to request

a review on this. We still recommend you go ahead and use the 25 modifier in these instances. Keep in mind that you will probably win, as most reviews are won by the provider, in Texas. If the patient is returning to your office, primarily for OMT, and you render the expected OMT, we recommend you only charge for the OMT and not charge for an office visit. This is similar to our recommendations concerning charging for an E.R. visit (or office visit) and a hospital admit on the same day. These can be won if handled properly.

### IV. INJECTIONS & L.C.

In 1991 we had Limiting Charges for injections (non-par docs). The L.C.s for injections have been dropped in 1992, so non-par docs can charge whatever they wish, using the appropriate HCPCS Level II or III code. Another change in this area is code 90782 and 90788. In 1991, these codes were not covered by Medicare, and physicians were supposed to use code J3490 (unlisted injectable). In 1992, these codes are now covered when no office visit is billed, to compensate the provider for administering the injection. Our contention, is that you consider obtaining vitals anytime a patient comes into your office for an injection, and charging for a minimal office visit, instead of code 90782.

For instructions and coverage of the minimal office visit codes, please see the annual update we provided to all retainer clients.

We just received the 1992 Clinical Lab Fee Schedules for Medicare and we will be sending all retainers a 1992 lab schedule with our recommendations within the next three weeks.

### V. PLACE OF SERVICE CODES

Some offices have started using the new POS codes on their claims, while still using the 1-84 version HCFA 1500 claim form. You should not use the new double digit POS codes on the old forms. Use the new POS codes on the 12/90 HCFA 1500 claim form only.

### VI. WORKSHOP SCHEDULE

Last month we gave you a partial listing of workshops we have scheduled and each month we will try to update it, for you.

May 2	Marriott	Corpus Christi	TOMA	9:00 - 12:00
May 11	Holiday Inn	Amarillo	MCOT	9:00 - 4:00
May 12	Holiday Inn	Lubbock	MCOT	9:00 - 4:00
May 13	Holiday Inn	Midland	MCOT	9:00 - 4:00
May 14	Holiday Inn	El Paso	MCOT	9:00 - 4:00
Aug 1	Doubletree	Dallas	ACGP	2:30 - 4:30

We are also talking to Logos Computer Systems about teaching a collection workshop in Houston in May and looking at possibly doing workshops in Tyler, Longview and Dallas in June. Of course, retainer clients pay little or nothing to attend our workshops.

We're still working on preliminary plans on a two-day conference for retainer clients in Las Vegas in June or July. If you are interested in this, please let us know as soon as possible. As we get more info, we will update you.

## VII. N.F.I.B.

Once again, we encourage you to check into membership with the National Federation of Independent Business. We have been members for over a year and receive constant updates of different legislation concerning small businesses. Their lobbyists have been effective at blocking some bills, such as mandated parental leave, unemployment compensation for temporary employees, FUTA increases, and health insurance deduction decreases. We encourage you to check them out by calling NFIB at 903-593-0594 or 202-554-9000.

## VIII. INCONVENIENCE CHARGES

As we stated in your update, Medicare does not pay for the inconvenience codes (99050, 99052, 99054 & 99058), although many private carriers still do. We recommend you use these codes for private carrier patients. We also recommend you use these codes for private carrier patients. We also recommend you use them for Medicare and Medicaid patients as training aids. When you have patients that continually request you after hours or repeatedly disrupt your schedule for "emergencies" that are not true emergencies, charge them for these codes. Have your staff explain that Medicare nor Medicaid pays for these services and they will be required to pay for them at the time of service, out of their own pocket (regardless of your participation status). You may be surprised at how fast the patient becomes trained to adhere to your schedule when possible.

Once again, we thank you!

# Attention ATOMA Members

Subject: Resolution concerning membership

Upon recommendation from AAOA the resolution ATOMA presented to the National House of Delegates was reworded since it created a new category of membership. The intent of the resolution remains the same.

This will be voted upon at the annual meeting of ATOMA so that it can be presented to AAOA House of Delegates.

Following is the Bylaw, Article III and the Texas resolution as it now reads.

### NOW READS

#### ARTICLE III. MEMBERS

Section 1. There shall be the following classes of members:

- A. Regular Membership shall be granted to the members of the immediate family of an osteopathic physician in good standing with AOA.
- B. Honorary Life Membership shall be conferred on each AAOA President upon conclusion of term of office.
- C. Life membership shall be conferred on a person who has been a regular member for 25 consecutive years and who has attained the age of 70 years.
- D. Associate Membership may be granted to:
  - (1) The AAOA Executive Director and other full-time AAOA Administrative Personnel.
  - (2) The spouses of those who are eligible for Associate Membership in AOA or those who retain such membership as follows:
    - (a) Graduates of Accredited Schools of Medicine, Dentistry, Podiatry — holding teaching, research or administrative positions in AOA approved hospitals and colleges or who practice jointly with osteopathic physicians.
    - (b) Doctors of Philosophy or Education and other non-doctorial personnel holding teaching,

research or administrative positions in AOA approved hospitals and colleges.

- (c) Administrative Employees of AOA, affiliated organizations and divisional societies.

- (d) Any other professionals as determined by the AOA excepting Doctors of Osteopathy and Students in Osteopathic Colleges.

- (3) Any family member of an AAOA member.

- E. Student: Associate Membership shall be granted to the spouses of students in a provisionally or fully accredited osteopathic educational institution through the student associate auxiliary.

### PROPOSED BY TEXAS

#### ARTICLE III MEMBERS

Section 1.

add a new F to read:

Supporting membership shall be granted to those who support and promote the osteopathic medical profession.

Section 3. Dues and Assessments

add E.

Supporting member \$20.00

Section 7. Rights of Membership

add a new D.

Supporting members shall not be eligible to hold office, serve on a committee or serve as a delegate to the House of Delegates.

The present D. will become E.



# In Memoriam

## R. Anton Lester, Jr., D.O.

Dr. R. Anton Lester, Jr., D.O., of Tyler, passed away on December 22, 1991. He was 71 years of age. Services were held in Lloyd James Funeral Home Chapel in Tyler, with burial in Rose Hill Cemetery, Tyler.

Dr. Lester was born February 1, 1920, in Buffalo, New York, and lived in Tyler since 1960. He was a graduate of State University of New York and received his D.O. degree in 1960 from Kirksville College of Osteopathic Medicine, Kirksville, Missouri.

He was a co-founder of Doctors Memorial Hospital, and former chief-of-staff of Community Hospital and Doctors Memorial Hospital. He was a U.S. Air Force first lieutenant and pilot when he got out of the Air Force at the end of World War II.

Dr. Lester was a life member of the American Osteopathic Association; member of TOMA, in which he served as a Texas delegate to the AOA for several years; TOMA District III; Sharon Shrine; and Willow Brook Country Club. He was a Presbyterian.

He was philanthropic to his community, his alma mater, Kirksville, and Texas College of Osteopathic Medicine. He and his son, Dr. R. Anton Lester, III, paid for a library when All Saint's Episcopal School in Tyler was built.

He was a patron of the arts in Tyler, giving to the Tyler Rose Festival each year (of which his granddaughter, Amy Lester, was a Lady-in-Waiting last year). He gifted yearly to the Tyler Art Museum.

Before he passed away, he donated a building in Frankston to the Tyler Baseball Commission in hopes of its resale benefitting Mike Carter Field renovations. C. C. Baker, Jr., a member of the commission, said the office building was appraised at \$25,000 and the donation was finalized on December 31. "Whatever we get will go into the Mike Carter Field renovation," Baker said. "(Lester) had this piece of property and just wanted to do something that would be of benefit to a non-profit organization and he chose us."

Survivors include his wife, Jeanne Lester of Tyler; a son and daughter-in-law, Dr. Tone and Karen Lester, Tyler; a daughter, Phoebe Corry, Bloomfield Hills, Michigan; a sister, Hazel Watson, Philadelphia; and five grandchildren, Amy Lester, Morgan Lester, Cynthia Corry, Daphne Martin and Jennifer Corry.

If desired, memorials may be made to Planned Parenthood, 3601 Fannin Street, Houston, 77004, or to the Tyler Humane Society.

TOMA extends condolences to the family and friends of Dr. Lester.

## Joseph J. Schultz, D.O.

Dr. Joseph J. Schultz of Corpus Christi passed away on January 16, 1992. He was 69 years of age. Memorial services were held January 18 in the Maxwell P. Dunne Chapel of Corpus Christi.

Dr. Schultz was born in Poland and came to the United States in 1929. He attended the University of Delaware and received his D.O. degree in 1945 from Kirksville College of Osteopathic Medicine, Kirksville, Missouri. He interned at Garrell Hospital from 1945 to 1946 and practiced medicine in Corpus Christi since 1946.

Dr. Schultz had been a member of TOMA since 1946 and was awarded TOMA Life Membership in 1989. He had served on the TOMA House of Delegates and was an active member of TOMA District VIII, in which he was a past president. Dr. Schultz had also served as chief-of-staff, vice chief-of-staff and as secretary-treasurer of Corpus Christi Osteopathic Hospital, now known as Southside Community Hospital.

Survivors include his children, F. Michael Schultz, M.D., Mardi Mayerhoff, Marcia Maxwell, Mimi Pritchett, Matthew Schultz, Zachary Schultz and Philip Schultz, a sister, Toby Weiner; and eight grandchildren.

TOMA extends condolences to the family and friends of Dr. Schultz.



# A Message From the Texas Society ACGP President

By Howard H. Galarneau, Jr., D.O.

Dear Friends:

I wish to thank you for allowing me to serve you and our organization during this year. I hope for those of you that have called my office that you have received information that has been helpful to you and that you have also passed this information to your friends. This year is both interesting and awakening in regards to changes in Medicare, HMO's, PPO's, and the overall health care networks. I know that we will all survive and adapt to the changes that are taking place. In regards to the issues that adversely affect us all, I urge you to contact all legislative people that you have dealings with. Do not be afraid to tell the concerns to your patients, because they all will listen. Some will even take our concerns and voice them to other people. As the voices become louder, hopefully the private practice of medicine will survive.

In the lighter light, I wish to thank you all who have sent in your national dues for the ACGP. The roster for the state of Texas is growing monthly, and with this growth bring added clout at the national level. We are increasing our delegation almost annually for the national convention. I hope that some of you will take advantage of the educational program that is being offered in Palm Springs this month. The national ACGP is constantly working to increase services that they will provide to the membership. Here in Texas, we too are trying to increase the services that we will provide. At present, we are considering an executive secretary who will help out with the vast amount of correspondence that does get produced by our society. We are also looking at having an executive director who will manage the day to day operations of the society. Here in Texas, we are also growing and with this growth the amount of work increases. Your executive board and trustees also have a private practice and do have their own jobs that must also be done. We here at the board level enjoy working but as the state society grows, we are looking to outside help. We are also looking for members who wish to move up to the board level and work on different state society needs. If any of you feel that you have the capacity to help us, we are willing to teach and also to direct what must be done. If you feel that you can provide us with help and/or leadership we would welcome a letter to the Texas ACGP.

Our convention in August is moving, but not very far, just up the road to the Double Tree. We are putting on the final touches to the lectures and to the festivities that we are known for providing. While it is a little bit of a move from the Six Flags area, we do hope to provide some type of transportation to the entertainment so that we can truly keep this a family type weekend. Ben Young is planning an excellent program. Remember the dates are July 30 thru August 2 at the Double Tree in Irving, Texas.

To each of you, I wish you well over the next several months. I hope to see as many of you as possible at the Texas ACGP breakfast in Corpus Christi. If there is something you would like to see the society do, please write or call me, or let any of the other board members know. If it is something that we can possibly do we promise that we will try and make things possible for each and every one of you.

# Debt Collection Essential In Sour Economy

Are you having difficulty with your accounts receivable? That's not surprising in today's weak economy. The recession has left red ink stains on many businesses' books as overdue bills go unpaid. Moreover, our stagnant economy does not show many signs of coming to life soon, even in this election year.

Although you might think that collection agencies are swamped in recessionary times like this, the agency that our association endorses says that this is not true. According to I.C. System, Inc., creditors are tending to hang onto their bills longer before submitting them, because they want to try collecting the delinquent accounts themselves. Unfortunately, this rarely works. If a debtor has not paid you by the time the bill is 90 days overdue, there is little likelihood he ever will without the help of a third party. According to the American Collectors Association, only five percent of accounts over 90 days delinquent are paid voluntarily. This is where I.C. System's assistance can be invaluable. The sooner you submit your accounts to I.C. System, the more successful you will be in collecting the money that's owed you.

There's another urgent reason for sending your delinquent accounts to I.C. System immediately: tax refunds. Your debtors may be receiving tax refund checks from Uncle Sam and their state governments. If your accounts are being actively collected when the refund money arrives, I.C. System may be able to settle many of your past-due accounts now. It's timing that counts! Don't miss this opportunity to have your debts collected while debtors have increased cash flows.

To take advantage of tax time, I.C. System strongly recommends that you gather your overdue accounts and submit for collection just as soon as possible. Then, make it a practice in the future to turn in all accounts regularly once they become 60-to-90 days delinquent. As accounts age, they become less and less collectable. Delaying longer than 90 days quickly reduces the value of debts, as much as 1/2 percent a day.

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# Osteopathic Medical Center Of Texas Elects Board Members

Robert C. Adams, D.O., Winfred T. "Win" Colbert and Jane Schlansker have been elected to the board of directors of Osteopathic Medical Center of Texas, Chairman Jay E. Sandelin has announced. Four other directors were re-elected at the medical center's annual meeting January 16.

Dr. Adams is board certified in obstetrics and gynecology and chairman of the OB/GYN Department at OMCT. A graduate of Kirksville College of Osteopathic Medicine, he is associate professor and chairman of the OB/GYN Department at TCOM. Dr. Adams also serves on the executive committee at OMCT.

Colbert, a specialist in environmental law, is a partner in the law firm of Cantey and Hanger and president of the Tarrant County Black Bar Association. A graduate of Yale College and Columbia School of Law, Colbert is listed in "Who's Who in American Law" and in "Outstanding Young Men of America." He has received several awards for his involvement in civic and community activities, including a National Achievement Scholarship, a Morse Fellows Award and a National Bar Association Presidential Award. Colbert is on the Board of Directors of The Health Care Foundation and the Fort Worth Chamber of Commerce, where he also chairs the Environment Committee.

Schlansker, president and chief executive officer of PR/Texas, serves on the board of directors of the Association of Higher Education, Health Care of Texas and The Health Care Foundation. A graduate of DePauw University, Schlansker has served on the university's alumni board and board of visitors and was elected to the board of trustees.

Re-elected to the board were John Burnam, William M. Jordan, D.O., Speaker of the Texas House of Representatives Gibson D. Lewis and Herman F. Stute. Board members serve staggered three-year terms.

Also on the OMCT board are Sandelin; Jay G. Beckwith, D.O.; David M. Beyer, D.O.; Sam W. Buchanan, D.O.; Warwick J. Drakeford, C.P.A.; Barclay R. Ryall; Phillip P. Saperstein, D.O.; Irwin Schussler, D.O.; and W. Scott Wysong, III. Phillip E. Sowa, chief executive officer of OMCT, serves on the board as ex-officio member.

Osteopathic Medical Center of Texas is the largest osteopathic institution in the state and the primary teaching hospital for Texas College of Osteopathic Medicine.

# 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."

Although a total cure for these problems may still be far away, TOMA has discovered an "immunization" for its members that can help shield the frustrations that managing health insurance (or the lack of) can cause.

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# ATOMA NEWS

## District II

District II Auxiliary members and their spouses had a "D.O.s Do Cook" party on February 8 at the beautiful home of Bob and Ellen Hames. Approximately 28 people attended and tasted the fabulous food made by our talented physicians. Are there any thoughts of a catering service being cooked up?

Just a reminder about the upcoming Luncheon Style Show to be held March 4 at Rivercrest Country Club. We were invited to co-sponsor this event by the Auxiliary to the Fort Worth District Dental Society, so we all need to show our pride in our profession and attend. Fashions will be by The Wardrobe of Camp Bowie and some of our own lovely ladies will be modeling.

Our hard-working president, Cathy Hayes, has been taking care of business as well as overseeing our fun-filled social events. Cathy wants to encourage attendance at our next Auxiliary meeting on March 2 at the TOMA office. She also hopes to see a lot of people March 12 at Joe T. Garcia's for the next District II meeting.

One thing our District has always been known for in our community is our generosity to local children's charities, and Karen Hull is working hard to continue that tradition with the proceeds of this year's Wintercrest Charity Ball. Just as important are the contributions we can make to the future of our profession with the scholarships for our medical students that are funded from this event. We can all help by planning to reserve April 4 for the "Boots and Bandannas Ball" at the Yellow Rose Saloon, Fort Worth Zoo.

As Karen says, "plans for the Ball have been underway for a long time, with a lot of people working on it. We've set the time for 7:00 p.m., with the casino open from 7:30 - 10:30 and the bank starting at 8:00. We have a Nolan Ryan baseball for the auction and a fabulous Norwegian Natural Blue Fox jacket that we're raffling off." You don't need to be present to win the raffle, and tickets may be purchased in advance by contacting Myra Schussler.

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# VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR AOA HEALTH SCREENING FAIR, OCTOBER 5-10, IN WASHINGTON, D.C.

The AOA Care-A-Van program has been making a major contribution toward increasing public awareness of the osteopathic profession during celebration of its Centennial. As you may be aware, the Care-A-Van is scheduled to complete its activity with a Health Screening Fair to be held on the Capitol Mall in Washington, D.C. The AOA has announced that they have received verbal approval from the United States Park Service for use of the Mall between October 5-10, 1992. This exciting opportunity to showcase the osteopathic profession will require support from many volunteers, and you are being asked to consider joining the AOA in Washington, D.C. to assist in the Health Screening Fair. A response form to indicate your interest follows.

To all of you who have already helped make the Care-A-Van a success, the AOA offers their sincere thanks. Those of you who have not yet had an opportunity to share in this exciting service to America's medically underserved, we believe you have an enriching experience before you and your generous support is welcomed.

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# Former Hospital Staff Physicians Collect \$40 Million From Medicare

A federal class action lawsuit in New York has so far produced over \$40 million in additional Medicare payments to physicians for services rendered by former hospital-salaried doctors who converted to fee-for-service billing between 1982 and 1985. Highest payments so far have gone to radiologists (\$24 million), pathologists (\$3 million), cardiologists (\$3 million), and anesthesiologists (\$2 million).

The number of claims paid so far total \$2.6 million. Medicare officials believe that many more physicians may be eligible for payment. However, in some areas of the country carrier records are incomplete or unavailable which may result in non-payment of thousands of such claims unless physicians come forward and identify themselves and their patients.

Physicians who believe they may qualify for these additional Medicare payments should contact their local Medicare carrier, specifically identifying the "Cosgrove Case" and ask for the name and telephone number of the "Cosgrove" contact person.

In order to qualify for additional Medicare payments, a physician must have rendered patient services between July 1, 1984, and April 30, 1986 (for those converting to fee-for-service billing between November 1, 1982 and October 31, 1983), or between October 1, 1985 and April 30, 1986 (for those converting between November 1, 1983 and January 31, 1985).

## Newsbrief

### WHO REPORTS ON AIDS

By early January, 1992, 10 million to 12 million people had contracted HIV, according to the World Health Organization in a report entitled, "Current and Future Dimensions of the HIV-AIDS Pandemic." In the report, WHO estimates that infections will triple or even quadruple by the year 2000, at which time 30 million to 40 million people will have become infected.

It is estimated that 90 percent of all adults infected with HIV since April 1991 were the result of heterosexual intercourse. WHO predicted that HIV will soon become the leading cause of premature death in many Western cities, and that 10 million African children will be orphaned by the end of the decade.



# CHAMPUS News

## What Do Those Champus Terms Mean?

Ever wonder what some of those perplexing CHAMPUS terms mean? Things like "allowable charge," or "catastrophic cap?" Here are some brief explanations of a few of the more common ones:

- **Allowable charge** — The amount on which CHAMPUS figures your cost-share for covered care. CHAMPUS computes the allowable charge from all bills from providers of care over the past year.
- **Authorized provider** — A doctor or other individual provider of care, or a hospital or supplier, approved by CHAMPUS to provide medical care and supplies. Generally, that means the provider is licensed by the state, accredited by a national organization, or meets other standards of the medical community. If a provider is not authorized, CHAMPUS can't help pay the bills.
- **Catastrophic cap** — An upper limit placed on your share of CHAMPUS-covered medical bills in any fiscal year (Oct. 1 through Sept. 30). The limit that an active-duty family will have to pay is \$1,000; the limit for all other CHAMPUS-eligible families is \$10,000. Charges beyond the CHAMPUS allowable charge, or charges for care not covered by CHAMPUS, are not covered by the cap. Those bills must be paid in full by family members or their military sponsors. Also, costs paid by active-duty families under CHAMPUS' Program for the Handicapped are not counted toward the cap.
- **Claims processor** — The contractor that handles CHAMPUS claims for care received within a particular state or country. They may also be called "fiscal intermediaries" or "FIs." They have toll-free telephone numbers to handle your questions. The Health Benefits Advisor at the nearest military medical facility can tell you who the CHAMPUS claims processor is for your area.
- **Cost-Share** — The portion you pay of the allowable charges for care on each claim. Your cost-share depends on your sponsor's status (active-duty or retired). The annual deductible for outpatient care, and anything the provider charges above the allowable charge, are paid in addition to your cost-share. The CHAMPUS share is the difference between the allowable charge and your cost share.
- **Deductible** — The amount you must pay each fiscal year on your outpatient medical bills before CHAMPUS starts sharing the cost. Your CHAMPUS claims processor keeps track of your deductible and subtracts it from your CHAMPUS claims after the beginning of each new fiscal year. How much you've paid toward your deductible in the current fiscal year is spelled out on the Explanation of Benefits form you receive when a claim has been processed.

Currently, the outpatient deductible for all CHAMPUS-eligible persons *except* members of active-duty families in which the military sponsor is pay grade E-4 or below, is \$150 for an individual, and \$300 for

the whole family. The families of active-duty E-4s and below pay \$50 and \$100, respectively.

- **DEERS** — The Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System. That's the computerized data bank which lists all active and retired military members, and which should also include their dependents. Active and retired service members are listed automatically, but they must enroll their dependents in DEERS, and report changes in family members' status (divorce, adoption, etc.).

CHAMPUS claims processors check DEERS before processing claims, to make sure patients are eligible for CHAMPUS benefits.

- **DRGs** — Diagnosis-related groups. DRGs are a relatively new way of paying most civilian hospitals for inpatient care under CHAMPUS. Under DRGs, CHAMPUS pays most hospitals a fixed rate for inpatient services, regardless of whether or not the hospital bills a different rate. The DRG amounts paid for inpatient services are based generally on national averages of costs for specific services. The DRG payment system is used in all states except Maryland, and in the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico.

Most hospitals are required by law to accept the DRG payment for the inpatient care they provide. In such cases, you are not responsible for the difference between the hospital's billed charge and the DRG payment. You need only pay your cost-share.

NOTE: Individual doctor's fees for services they provide aren't paid by DRG amounts. You'll have to share the costs of those fees separately from the DRG costs of hospital inpatient services. Also, some hospitals (even within the so-called "DRG states") are exempt from DRG payment limits. They include: psychiatric, cancer, long-term care, rehabilitation, and sole community hospitals exempt from Medicare. Some services, such as kidney acquisition costs, heart and liver transplants, and others, are also exempt from the DRG Limits.

- **Explanation of Benefits (EOB)** — The EOB is a statement that the CHAMPUS claims processor sends you (providers of care who participate in CHAMPUS also get EOBs when they send in the claims) that shows: who provided the care, the service or supply received, the allowable charge and amount billed, the amount CHAMPUS paid, how much of your annual outpatient deductible has been paid, and your cost-share. It also gives the reason when a claim is denied.
- **Participate in CHAMPUS** — Providers of care who "participate" in CHAMPUS agree to accept the CHAMPUS allowable charge (along with your cost-share and deductible, if any) as the full fee for your care. Individual providers may participate on a case-by-case basis. They generally file the claim for you, and receive the check, if any, from CHAMPUS. Hospitals that participate in Medicare must, by law, also participate in CHAMPUS for inpatient care. For outpatient care, hospitals may or may not participate.

# Potential Hazards With Protective Restraint Devices

Due to increasing reports of injuries and deaths associated with the incorrect use of patient restraints, FDA is warning health professionals to make sure these devices are used safely. The devices include safety vests, lap and wheelchair belts, and body holders.

Incorrect use of these devices has involved using the wrong size for a patient's weight, errors in securing restraints, and inadequate patient monitoring. Such mistakes have resulted in fractures, burns, and strangulations. Injuries and deaths have been reported in health-care facilities, as well as in patients' homes.

FDA recommends these steps to reduce the risk of injury or death:

- Follow good nursing and basic patient-care practices.
- Monitor patients frequently, and remove restraints often.
- Apply and adjust devices properly to maintain body alignment and patient comfort.
- Allow the use of restraints only by prescription and for a strictly defined period.
- Define and communicate a clear institutional policy on the use of restraints, covering such issues as appropriate conditions for use and length of time to use restraints.
- Display user instructions in a highly visible location and in foreign languages as necessary.
- Keep accurate patient records on the use of the device, including the reason for use, the type selected, and the length of time it should be used.
- Follow local and state laws regarding these devices.
- Explain why the restraint is necessary to patients and their families to facilitate understanding and cooperation.
- Follow the manufacturer's directions for use, including:
  - selecting the appropriate restraint for the patient's condition
  - using the correct size
  - noting front and back of the device and applying it correctly
  - tying knots with easily released hitches
  - securing bed restraints to the bed springs or frame, not to the mattress or bed rails. If the bed is adjustable, secure the restraints to the parts of the bed that move with the patient to avoid constricting the patient.

Health-care professionals should report serious injuries or deaths associated with the use of physical restraints to the FDA Problem Reporting Program operated by the U.S. Pharmacopoeia. The toll-free number is (1-800) 638-6725. (In Maryland, call collect 301-881-0256.)

If you have additional questions about how to prevent safety problems with protective restraints, contact Carol Herman, FDA, Center for Devices and Radiological Health, 5600 Fishers Lane (HFZ-250), Rockville, MD 20857.

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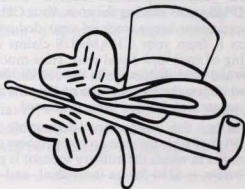
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# Blood Bank Briefs for Physicians

## *Interpretation Criteria Used for Reporting Results of Human Immunodeficiency Virus Western Blot Tests*

Margie B. Peschel, M.D., Medical Director — Carter Blood Center, Fort Worth, Texas



Although the specificity of most enzyme linked immunosorbent assays (ELISA) for antibodies to the human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) exceeds 99.8 percent, they are often used to test populations as a volunteer blood donor with a very low prevalence of HIV infection. In these circumstances, the

positive predictive value of the test may be 10 percent or even less. Consequently, it is critically important to employ supplementary test procedures to validate the HIV status of the individual with reactive screening results. Thus, any reactive screening result for HIV antibody must be confirmed prior to notification of the tested subject.

Carter Blood Center began HIV antibody screening in the spring of 1985. Screening tests for donated blood are according to a simple algorithm. Each sample is tested singly and all those found to be non-reactive are considered to be negative for HIV antibodies and the blood

and blood components may be released for transfusion. Samples that generate a reactive value are retested in duplicate, using the original sample plus another sample from the unit of blood. If either or both of these replicate tests are reactive, the blood unit and all components are recorded repeatedly reactive and are destroyed. The final stage in the algorithm is confirmatory testing to differentiate the true-positive from the false positive results. Since the message is extremely serious to the donor, it is clearly necessary to confirm the ELISA result with the more specific supplemental test, Western Blot.

Western Blot (WB) interpretations are based on the presence of antibodies against specific viral proteins that are encoded by the HIV viral genome. Depending on organization and licensing requirements or varying reasons for testing, laboratories may use different sets of WB criteria to define a reactive test. The following table includes the four most common interpretive criteria for Western Blot tests.

### **Interpretive criteria for Western Blot tests**

<b>Organization</b>	<b>Minimum band requirements for Western blot "reactive" pattern</b>
American Red Cross	At least one band from each gene product group: gag AND pol AND env
ASTPHLD/CDC	Any two of p24, gp41, or gp120/160
Consortium for Retrovirus Serology Standardization	p24 OR p31 AND one of gp41 or gp120/160
DuPont	p24 AND p31 AND gp41 or gp120/160

Carter Blood Center used the ASTPHLD/CDC (Association of State and Territorial Public Health Laboratory Directors/CDC) interpretive criteria for a positive Western Blot. This criteria is the one recommended by the CDC for interpreting WB results.

#### **Reference:**

CDC. *Interpretive Criteria Used to Report Western Blot Results for HIV-1 Antibody Testing* — United States. *MMWR* 1991;40:1-3.



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Randall W. Rogers, D.O.  
Paul Slaughter, D.O.  
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