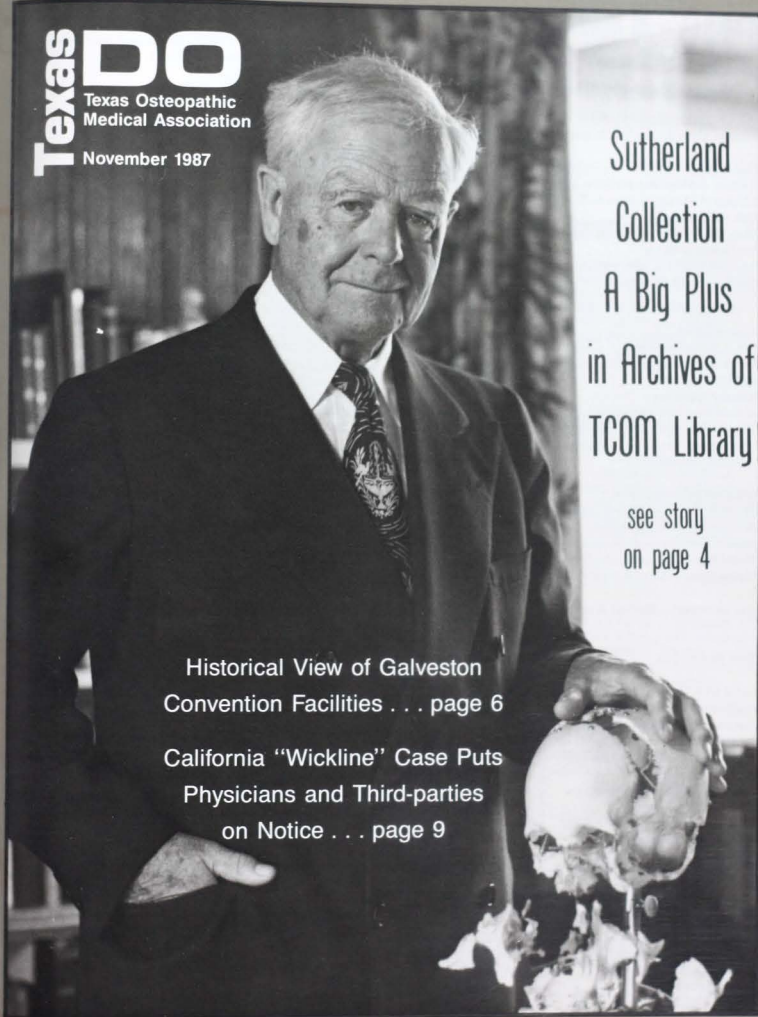


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NOVEMBER

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Sutherland Collection A Big Plus In Archives of TCOM Library

By John H. Harakal, D.O., FAAO

Historical materials and memorabilia of the late William G. Sutherland, D.O., D.Sc.(hon), are presently preserved and accessible in the Archives of the Texas College of Osteopathic Medicine Library. I am deeply indebted to Ann L. Wales, D.O., of North Attleboro, Massachusetts, a colleague of mine, for affording us the opportunity to maintain this great collection for study and review.

In the 1970's, Dr. Wales, who had been an avid follower of Dr. Sutherland, received a large box of memorabilia and historical items from Mrs. Sutherland. Dr. Wales had undertaken the task of helping Mrs. Sutherland with the preparation of *Contributions of Thought* for publication. According to Dr. Wales, "This process showed me the value of saving publications and collecting copies of papers regularly. She (Mrs. Sutherland) had a collection of Dr. Sutherland's writings from 1914-1954 which showed that Dr. Sutherland had also preserved the record of his thinking and work. The re-publication of his thought would never have been possible had he not carried out that policy."

For those unfamiliar with Dr. Sutherland's contributions, he was the originator of the Cranial Concept, known throughout the country for his development of Cranial Osteopathy. An original thinker, he included the cranial field into his osteopathic research and practice, guided by frequent references to the cerebrospinal fluid and the central nervous system in Dr. A. T. Still's writings, which suggested that he, too, had envisioned the possibilities in this area. He gave to the osteopathic profession a specific means of treating human ills by application of the knowledge of how cranial bones and associated membranous structures move and are inter-related. Although he originally encountered criticisms, he met Dr. Still's challenge to "Dig on." Dr. Sutherland founded and was first president of the Sutherland Cranial Teaching Foundation. From 1946-54, he was honorary president of the Osteopathic Cranial Association, which later became an affiliate of the Academy of Applied Osteopathy, now known as the American Academy of Osteopathy.

The previously mentioned historical items, coupled with Dr. Wales' own personal collection, were further enhanced by additional historical and educational materials, sent to Dr. Wales by Dr. Ernest F. Bernhardt, Jr., who had been entrusted with the materials by Dr. Rebecca Lippincott. Dr. Lippincott and her osteopathic physician husband had formed the Lippincott Study Group in 1944, which Dr. Wales had attended for five and one-half years. Thus a voluminous collection evolved and, when Dr. Wales retired from practice, she was faced with the decision as to where to store the material.

At this point, I gladly offered to store the whole assemblage in a room in my department at TCOM, for the time being. Although Dr. Sutherland passed away in 1954, his contributions to the science of osteopathic medicine are invaluable. Several years later, the Sutherland Collection was moved and is now located in the Archives of the TCOM Library. Incidentally, there is another collection relating to Dr. Sutherland and his work in The Still National Museum in Kirksville, Missouri.

The Sutherland Collection is an important addition to the TCOM Library in that Dr. Sutherland's works will be accessible for reference in the future. The collection includes recordings of his lectures; correspondence; study guides; photos; and minutes and correspondence of the Sutherland Teaching Foundation. Various papers and publications are located in a 30-drawer file cabinet.

Dr. Sutherland himself wrote, "Envision osteopathy as it is. Not as envisioned by Sutherland. But as envisioned by A. T. Still. All I have done is to pull aside a curtain for further vision."

For information on the Sutherland Collection, contact: Ray Stokes, Curator of Special Collections, or Mary Kayser, Archives Associate, at the TCOM Library, 3516 Camp Bowie Boulevard, Fort Worth, Texas 76107 or phone 735-2593.

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A Preview of the TOM

The stage is being set for TOMA's 89th Annual Convention and Scientific Seminar, slated for April 26-30, 1988, in Galveston, the "New Texas Mecca". A new excitement is stirring in this city as evidenced by a renaissance of spirit and development, making Galveston a prime year-round location for meetings as well as vacations.



[Marriott Galvez Hotel]

The headquarter hotel is the Marriott's Hotel Galvez, located across the street from the Moody Convention Center. This hotel will host the House of Delegates meeting; pre and post convention TOMA Board of Trustees meetings; and the pre and post convention ATOMA Board meetings. Hotel Galvez opened its doors in 1911 and began a history of continuous operation which survived hurricanes, United States Presidents, Generals, two World Wars and hundred of celebrities. Named after Count Bernardo de Galvez, the hotel exhibits the pride and honor of the Count, who fought with the colonials during the American Revolution. The hotel has hosted Presidents Franklin D. Roosevelt, Dwight D. Eisenhower and Lyndon B. Johnson. In 1951, General Douglas MacArthur visited the Galvez. It has also been visited by Frank Sinatra, Jimmy Stewart and hundreds of other celebrities. In 1980, after a \$12 million restoration, Marriott's Hotel Galvez was designated in the National Register of Historic Places.

The San Luis Hotel, located approximately two miles from the Moody Convention Center, is another prime hotel available to convention attendees. This will be the site of the Fun Night Party, which will feature a Hawaiian Luau. Exuding a tropical ambiance, red hibiscus surround the swimming pool and a macaw named Phydias greets guests as they enter the lobby. For those



[San Luis Hotel]

history buffs, the hotel grounds are located on the bunkers of Fort Crockett, installed in 1897 for artillery training and harbor defense. The San Luis is said to be a welcome destination — an oasis of calm in the high-pressure world of business. This is a strikingly beautiful hotel, well suited for those wishing a taste of the tropical islands.

The enchanting Tremont House, a restoration hotel in the historic Strand District, will host the ATOMA Installation Luncheon on Friday, April 29. This hotel, also available to convention participants, has a most fascinating history. In Galveston's glittering Victorian era, the original Tremont House was the city's leading hostelry, host to the famous. In the ivoried pages of a century-old register are names now legendary: General



[Tremont House]

Annual Convention in Galveston

Sam Houston, Ulysses S. Grant, Clara Barton, Anna Pavlova, and Buffalo Bill, among others. Twice this hotel has been reborn; in 1872, following a Strand District fire in 1865; and again, in 1984, on a second site, 45 years after the doors of the last Tremont were closed. Guests will enjoy the hotel's blend of the old and new.



[Colonel "Paddlewheeler"]

Sustainers will be in for a real treat on Thursday, April 28. The annual sustainer's party will be held aboard the "Colonel", a 152-foot Victorian-styled paddlewheeler, which will cruise Galveston Bay. The boat offers three decks; an open-air top promenade deck and two air-conditioned and heated decks. Within the two enclosed decks are two dining salons, along with three bars, two bandstands and two hardwood dance floors. While cruising Galveston Bay at dusk, sustainers will enjoy a great meal and entertainment supplied by the Sparky Koerner Quartet. The "Colonel" is indeed special — from the crew attired in authentically recreated 1860's United States Naval uniforms to the brass appointments on each deck. And, by the way, it's not too late to become a TOMA sustaining member and enjoy this great outing. Simply send in \$100 additional dues and you'll be part of the crowd singing, "Here comes the Colonel!"

ATOMA members will have the opportunity to see Galveston in all its splendor. A tour has been arranged for Saturday, April 30, at which time a Galveston Historical Foundation Tourservice guide will meet the group at the Galvez. "Tea Time at the Tremont House" will afford a delightful repast of assorted sandwiches, pastries and teas, amid the 120-room luxury hotel named for the magnificent Tremont Hotel that was the bastion of Texas society in the late 1800's.



[1839 Williams Home]

A tour of the Williams Home will prove most interesting. This is one of the oldest homes nestled in the center of Galveston Island. The Williams residence, built in 1839, provides a look at the pioneer life of Texas hero Samuel May Williams.

Another tour sure to be enjoyed is that of Ashton Villa, the grand pre-Civil War mansion which includes a dramatic slide-presentation of the 1900 storm. This grand Italianate mansion was built by James Moreau Brown, a wealthy businessman and civic leader, as a home for his family and setting for their lavish entertaining. Antiques, art objects and nostalgic family possessions fill the house.

During the late 1800's, stonecutters and carpenters spent seven years on the Bishop's Palace. This Victorian masterpiece features great pitched roofs, cupolas, gables



[Bishop's Palace]

TOMA Convention in Galveston . . .

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and cast-iron balustrades. Today, the Palace is owned and operated by the Galveston-Houston Catholic Diocese. ATOMA members will have the chance to see this building, which has been recognized by the American Institute of Architecture, as one of the 100 outstanding buildings in the United States.

The guided Driving Tour of historic Galveston will

provide a fascinating glimpse of Texas' early days and the glory years of the island. Participants will view the nationally known East End Historic District, with its architecture of 19th century Galveston.

Additional information and pre-registration details will be included in the December issue of the *Texas DO*.

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Utilization Review:

California Supreme Court Dismisses "Wickline" Appeal

The precedent-setting court ruling on utilization review liability has been left standing by the California Supreme Court, which has refused to hear the appeal of the *Wickline v. State of California* case.

The case involved a Medi-Cal beneficiary (California's Medicaid program), who alleged that the program's failure to grant an extended hospital stay resulted in complications which eventually led to amputation of the woman's leg. Although a superior court jury awarded the woman the sum of \$500,000, the California Court of Appeals for the 2nd District overturned the award, stating that in this particular instance, the extension denial was within the "standard of care." Additionally, the court held that the woman's physicians, who had requested eight additional days of hospitalization from the Medi-Cal consultant but received only four, were at fault for not renewing a request for additional hospital time.

Medi-Cal officials had testified that had any of the patient's physicians requested more hospitalization time than the four days granted, the request would have received due consideration. Since this was not the case, the court placed the burden on the physicians, ruling that Medi-Cal did not overturn the medical judgment of the physicians.

The appellate court stated that "The patient who requires treatment and who is harmed when care which should have been provided is not provided should recover for the injuries suffered from all those responsible for the deprivation of such care, including, when appropriate, health care payers.

"Third party payers of health care services can be held legally accountable when medically inappropriate decisions result from defects in the design or implementation of cost-containment mechanisms."

However, the court also stated, "The physician who complies without protest with the limitations imposed by a third-party payer, when his medical judgment dictates otherwise, cannot avoid his ultimate responsibility for his patient's care. He cannot point to the health care payer as the liability scapegoat when the consequences of his own determinative medical decisions go sour."

The "Wickline" case puts both physicians and third-parties on notice. Physicians must keep their patient advocacy role in mind and appeal utilization review decisions, which they believe to be detrimental, as aggressively as possible. And, on the flip side of the coin, the court notes that prior authorization programs will be held liable if they are administered in an arbitrary manner.

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A standing-room-only crowd gathered in the auditorium of TCOM's Medical Education Building 1 on September 30 for the 10th annual convocation, to salute the Class of 1991, as well as honor the recipient of this years Founder's Medal, Texas Lieutenant Governor William P. Hobby.

Presiding over the event was TCOM President David M. Richards, D.O., with Chaplain Allen Hall, of Fort Worth Osteopathic Medical Center, delivering the Invocation.

Dr. Richards gave the welcoming address, praising the Class of 1991, whom he said are helping TCOM reach its continuing goal of academic excellence. Also welcomed was Lt. Gov. Hobby, an outstanding Texas leader credited for his many beneficial contributions, as well as his support, of higher education. Others officially recognized were the founders of the school; chairman and members of the Board of Regents; Marion Coy, D.O., as the school's first president; Ralph Willard, D.O., as second president; TOMA President Bill H. Puryear, D.O.; supporters of the osteopathic profession, including Senator Bob Glasgow, Representative Bill Carter and Senator Eddie Bernice Johnson; and Alfred F. Hurley, Ph.D., Chancellor of NTSU/TCOM.

Dr. Hurley delivered a welcome to the audience and commented on the successful achievements of NTSU/TCOM. He further noted the way in which TCOM graduates have responded to the best interests of the State of Texas and bestowed his best wishes upon the new entering class.

T. Eugene Zachary, D.O., Vice President for Academic Affairs and Dean, officially recognized the Class of 1991. In his remarks, Dr. Zachary noted that this entering class was composed of 74 men and 26 women, with an average age of 27. Selected on an individual basis, all but three are from Texas. He added that the average MCAT score is 48, which is above the minimum TCOM requirement. Dr. Zachary concluded by stating, "To the Class of 1991, we are pleased that each of you have joined TCOM and we look forward to the contributions you will make to TCOM."

The traditional response was given by Student/Doctor David I. Kabel, president of the Class of 1991. Student/Doctor Kabel thanked all those present, particularly Lt. Gov. Hobby "... for getting care for the

indigents in Texas . . ." and for supporting higher education in general. "The only thing we have in common is all of us are taking out loans in one form or another," quipped S/D Kabel. He concluded the response on a more serious note by stating the Class of 1991, after graduation, will attempt to use their skills to give something back to the State of Texas. At this point, Dr. Zachary stated, "You can see what this class is made of!"

Presentation of student awards for high achievers in the Class of 1990 took place. The recipients of the Arthur C. Guyton Award for outstanding achievement in medical physiology were: Student/Doctors Alan Boyd, John Rose, Dale Richards, Elizabeth Owen, Neal Shparago, and Leslie Vaught. Student/Doctors Boyd, Rose and Richards, possessing the top three grade averages in the class, also were presented with the Top Three Award, each receiving a copy of the Harrison internal medicine textbook. And, Student/Doctor Owen was presented the Golden Brain Award for being the top student in the neurobiology course. Dr. Richards congratulated the students for their perseverance and diligence.

Prior to presentation of the Founder's Medal, Dr. Richards lauded Lt. Gov. Hobby for his stance on medical education, stating he was instrumental when the Legislature voted to place TCOM under NTSU in 1975; he broke ground for Med Ed 2 in 1981; and has been involved in higher education and human services throughout his tenure as Lieutenant Governor of the State of Texas. He was elected Lt. Gov. in 1971 and re-elected four times.

Mr. Dean Davis, chairman of the Board of Regents, was introduced by Dr. Richards. Mr. Davis' opening remark was, "What an opportunity for a trial lawyer to have a captive audience of more than 12!" He proceeded to remark on his pride in the Class of 1991 and then presented Mr. Wayne O. Stockseth, member of the Board of Regents, who spoke in regards to the difficulties which had gone on in Austin this year. He concluded his remarks by stating, "Our State and this school will forever be indebted to Lt. Gov. William P. Hobby", launching a standing ovation. Dr. Richards presented the coveted Founder's Medal, the highest award TCOM gives for contributions to medical education, to Lt. Gov. Hobby while Mr. Stockseth read the inscription.

Convocation

The Honorable William P. Hobby then proceeded to deliver the convocation address, first thanking everyone for the medal and commenting on the great strides made in medical treatment which have occurred in this century, "... chipping rapidly away at the chronic diseases that once destroyed old age." Stressing the role of prevention, he said, "... we have a long way to go and that's where your role is so critical. It has been clear for decades that the best solution to our health care crisis is prevention. It saves suffering. It is less costly. It conserves our health care resources."

He added, "... you are being trained to be family physicians, on the front lines of preventive medicine. Your training will emphasize patient education, good nutrition, physical fitness and preventive health care. That is a very important mission, but clearly not an easy one, because it appears that more than a decade of preaching physical fitness and good diet hasn't had the impact we would have hoped!"

Citing some staggering statistics, the Lt. Gov. remarked that the United States spent \$425 billion on health care in 1985, which is 10 percent of our gross national product. And, in Texas, health care consumes about seven percent of our state budget. He added that Texas rates first in infectious syphilis and fourth in AIDS incidence. Stating that TCOM has made a commitment to sending doctors to communities where care is needed most, he said, "We need that commitment more than ever now."

The Lt. Gov. concluded his convocation address by stating, "You are a new generation. You can bring new thinking, new brainpower to bear on these obstinate

problems. We need your energy and we need the fresh thinking you can contribute.

"TCOM will give you the kind of education that will prepare you to find the answers. The clinics, the new \$11 million library, the new research programs will equip you for the challenges you face.

"The challenge is great. So are the rewards. You may be the generation that finds the solution, the serendipitous result, we have all been seeking.

"Thanks for your dedication. A great future awaits you!"

Dr. Richards then thanked all in attendance, issuing an invitation to a reception, immediately following the benediction delivered by Chaplain Hall.



[(l to r: David Richards, D.O., Lt. Gov. William P. Hobby, Mr. Wayne Stockseth, Chaplain Allen Hall)]

THANKSGIVING

NOM Week:

TOMA Observes NOM Week in Texas

National Osteopathic Medicine Week, which pays yearly tribute to the osteopathic profession as well as educates the public as to the osteopathic philosophy, was observed September 13-19 this year. Across the nation, open houses, display booths, health fairs and other activities brought the message of osteopathic medicine to the forefront.

Press releases were mailed throughout Texas to the news media, calling attention to NOM Week and its theme, "Healthcare For the Whole Family". A procla-

mation was procured from Governor Bill Clements designating the week as Osteopathic Medicine Week in Texas. Fort Worth Mayor Bob Bolen signed a proclamation on September 15, designating NOM Week in Fort Worth. Additionally, a proclamation was signed on September 14 by the Tarrant County Commissioner, establishing NOM Week in Tarrant County. The proclamations cited the uniqueness of osteopathic medicine and the contributions made by the osteopathic profession.

CCOH Observes NOM Week With Typical Enthusiasm

"Enthusiastic" is probably the best adjective to describe the celebrating of NOM Week at Corpus Christi Osteopathic Hospital (CCOH) each year. And, from the information received, NOM Week '87 was no exception.

The week was officially kicked off on Monday, September 14, at 10:00 a.m. in the Conference Room. Present at the meeting were Mayor Pro-Tem Clif Moss, who presented the NOM Week proclamation to Dr. Robert Low, Chief-of-Staff; Dr. Tom Bailey, Board member; and Glen E. Kost, Ph.D., President, Board of Trustees. Dr. Kost presented Mayor Pro-Tem Moss with a NOM T-shirt and a baseball cap sporting the message "Healthcare for the Whole Family". Mayor Pro-Tem Moss, judging from the picture, seemed quite pleased with the exchange.



[Mayor Pro tem Clif Moss, receives a NOM T-Shirt and Baseball Cap from Glen Kost, Ph.D., President of Board of Trustees.]



[l to r] Betty Hoots and Pat Collier of CCOH Dietary Department serves punch and cake to the Major Pro Tem and President of the Board.]

Activities for the day followed with cake and punch at the "Open House", which continued until 4:00 p.m., featuring a Wellness Clinic, where booths were set up in order to check blood pressures and weights. Throughout the entire week, an attractive display booth was manned for the express purpose of passing out free literature, bookcovers, bumper stickers, pins, pencils and litter bags to the media and visitors from the community.

"Doctors Appreciation Day" highlighted the festivities on Wednesday, apparently much to the delight of the physicians. Pat Collier, Dietary Supervisor, served a delicious "Sit Down Real China Dinner", with stuffed cornish hen, soup, vegetable and dessert. Additionally, the physicians were given NOM T-shirts. Hospital Administrator Robert Tamez personally thanked the CCOH physicians for their many contributions to the hospital.

T-shirt Day took place on Friday. All employees who wished to do so were permitted to wear their NOM T-shirts, just for the fun of it.



[A few of CCOH employees pose to show off NOM T-Shirts.]



[Mayor Pro tem Clif Moss reads the Proclamation to l to r] Robert Low, D.O., Chief-of-Staff; Tom Bailey, D.O., Board Member; and Glen Kost, Ph.D., President, Board of Trustees.]

CCOH also saw to it that the media was informed of this special week. The one-fourth page advertisement from the AOA was placed in the local "Caller-Times" newspaper on Sunday and, again on Wednesday. Also secured were five to six daily 30-second spots on TV-3, TV-6 and Corpus Christi's Spanish Station TV-28 KORO.

Once again, NOM Week '87 was a deemed an overwhelming success at CCOH. Not only was the week enjoyable, but it also proved educational and informative to the public.



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NOM Week buttons were worn by both employees and physicians throughout the entire week, making for very good exposure. A tremendous amount of literature regarding the osteopathic profession was distributed to

patients and visitors. Additionally, various pamphlets on the profession were displayed for dissemination in prominent areas throughout Dallas Family Hospital, including the Medical Education building; the front lobby; and perhaps the most important areas, the waiting rooms.

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TCOM Offers 'Brown-Bag' Lunch Lectures During NOM Week '87

Individuals armed with "brown-bag" lunches gathered from noon to 1:00 each day at TCOM, where a series of health-related updates on various topics were offered, free of charge, to the public. The lectures ran from Monday, September 14, through Friday, September 18, at which time professionals updated attendees on topics of interest.

The topic featured on Monday was "OMT — Just How Does It Work?" with members of the Undergraduate American Academy of Osteopathy giving talks as well as OMT demonstrations. A question and answer period on osteopathic medicine followed.

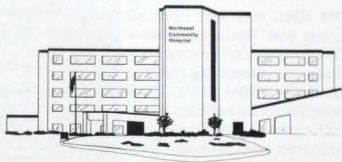
Tuesday's topic was "AIDS — The Real Story". Francis Blais, D.O., associate professor of medicine, who is fast becoming one of the recognized experts on the subject, was the speaker. Many questions were answered in regards to this disease.

"Job Burnout — Combating and Avoiding It" was the featured topic on Wednesday. Jerry McGill, Ph.D., associate professor of psychiatry and human behavior, offered tips on how to keep a job exciting and interesting, as well as how to head off or tackle problems that deflate your morale.

Thursday's topic was "How To Bring Easy, Nutritious Lunches to Work". Ann Blankenship, Ph.D., told participants how to pack lunches which provide energy, without weighing them down the rest of the afternoon.

"The Latest On Alzheimer's" was presented on Friday by Ed Luke, D.O., assistant professor of psychiatry and human behavior. Increasingly in demand as a speaker on this subject, attendees were updated on this degenerative brain disease, which seems to be gaining increased attention.

The lectures were well-attended due to the interesting nature of the individual topics.



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NOM Week:

FWOMC Celebrates NOM Week '87

NOM Week may have been celebrated September 13-19, but Fort Worth Osteopathic Medical Center's (FWOMC) recognition began a few weeks ahead of time. To spread the osteopathic message and the activities scheduled for NOM Week, FWOMC sponsored a luncheon for media representatives in Fort Worth and Tarrant County. Guests included local newspaper editors and broadcast news anchors. The audience received a presentation outlining the history of osteopathic medicine by George J. Luibel, D.O., and a demonstration of OMT from David E. Teitelbaum, D.O.

To officially launch NOM Week, FWOMC, along with the *Fort Worth Star-Telegram* and WFAA-TV, sponsored Checkup For Life, a new concept in health fairs, on Saturday, September 12. The community outreach program provided free physical exams by more than 60 physicians at 40-plus locations in Fort Worth and surrounding areas. The purpose of the program was to provide people the opportunity to be screened by a physician for a wide range of diseases and other health problems, also allowing participants to establish a relationship with a family physician who would be able to monitor their health in the future. Tests included general health evaluations; blood pressure; urinalysis; vision and hearing; height and weight evaluations, and colo-rectal screenings. Blood chemistry tests were available for a discounted fee of \$10.

If specific health problems were detected, appropriate specialists donated time for initial consultations to the referred patients. Qualified participants also received certificates for reduced osteoporosis screenings at FWOMC and/or mammography screenings at NOVUS, the Woman's Diagnostic Breast Center. Overall, nearly 3,500 called for appointments. Callers who were not able to receive appointments for Saturday were issued "Rain Checkups," certificates good for the free tests at a later date. Eight thousand individuals were seen the day of Checkup For Life. All together, physicians donated more than \$250,000 in time, tests and services for the community program.

Sunday, September 13, brought the annual employee picnic. Volleyball, barbecue and the annual Doctors' Legs Contest highlighted the day at Twin Points Resort at Eagle Mountain Lake.

As the work week began, FWOMC offered osteoporosis screenings and lung capacity tests at a reduced price as yet another community service. Tent cards on patients' trays and bulletin boards in the hallways reminded patients and visitors of the special week.

Perhaps nothing portrayed pride in the osteopathic profession more than the FWOMC employees. Sporting buttons that read, "FWOMC — We D.O. Care" employees and medical staff exemplified FWOMC's commitment to caring.

As the week progressed, employees and medical staff were treated to an outdoor barbecue on the Medical Center patio, complete with entertainment. Physicians' office staffs who participated in Checkup For Life were asked to join the Medical Center Staff to celebrate a job well done.

As the week concluded, everyone felt that FWOMC's goals had been accomplished — to increase public awareness of the osteopathic professions as well as FWOMC.

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Physicians and PROs

The purpose of this article is not to delve into the background of Medicare Peer Review Organizations (PROs); or rehash the pros and cons; or even to discuss whether sanctioned physicians are, in actuality, competent or incompetent practitioners. Instead, our intent is to REMIND physicians that they are guaranteed the right to due process under specific regulations. Unless the system is utilized voluntarily and in a cooperative manner, the only reason due process is denied is because physicians fail to exercise their rights.

It should be pointed out that, like it or not, PROs are here for the time being, anyway, and just as in the case of any other organizations, do contain flaws. However, it should also be noted that Texas and Nebraska were the only states without functioning PSROs prior to 1984. And, this late entry may partially account for the reason Texas experienced additional growing pains. Changes have been made, and are still being made, on both the state and federal levels, which are helping to iron out problems and offer more due process.

Perhaps the biggest barrier physicians must face is the realization that they need to document anything and everything on patients' charts. After a patient is discharged, the PRO selects, either at random or on a specific basis, cases to be reviewed. If a case is such that the need arises for a physician reviewer to look at it, he or she can approve the case, based on what is contained in the medical records. However, if the reviewer needs additional information, the first step of due process begins at this point. The attending physician is notified of the request for additional information in order to complete review on the case. If the attending physicians responds, the extra information is taken into account and the reviewer bases his or her decision on the added information. However, if the physician does not respond, the reviewer must make a decision on the evidence in the chart.

If the physician initially responded to the request for additional information and receives a negative decision, he or she has the right to appeal. The patient, physician and reviewer all receive notification indicating their "right to reconsideration", which at this point, is another opportunity for due process. The reconsideration is in the form of a hearing held by the PRO at a specific time noted in advance. At the reconsideration hearing, a physician on equal standing with the attending physician, will

review any additional data. Any and all have the right to attend this hearing to appeal the decision, i.e. patient, attending physician, hospital and reviewer. This protocol is indicated in cases of utilization and quality of care.

Another area of frustration is sanction protocol where the physician is notified by letter that he is being reviewed on specific case(s) which gives a summary of the information being reviewed. A suggested method for correcting a situation, and a specific time period for corrective action to be taken by the practitioner is utilized. At this point, if the practitioner refuses to submit additional information, or will not discuss the matter, or has not taken corrective action, a sanction may be recommended to the Office of the Inspector General (OIG) of the DHHS.

If the PRO recommends a sanction to the OIG, the physician still has further opportunity to appeal his case to an administrative law judge who does formal courtroom hearings and will either uphold or dismiss the sanction.

The process is not easy, and it may prove costly. However, physicians have the opportunity for due process in both the sanction process and the day-to-day operational side of utilization and quality review. The crux of the matter is that many physicians encounter problems due to their failure to document properly. To reiterate a point, adequate documentation is the key.

A point to keep in mind is outpatient testing prior to hospital admission. Don't ASSUME anyone knows this testing was done — document it on the inpatient medical chart as well!

Basically, it's all a matter of perspective. Since physicians have to deal with this entity, take the time to document and the outcome will be less intrusion by the PRO down the line. Remember, the system will work if you meet it head-on.



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New Abortion Bill Relates to Physicians

As passed by the 70th Texas Legislature, H.B. 410 relates to the practice of medicine in performing certain abortions. The bill disallows the performance of an abortion "on a woman who is pregnant with a viable unborn child during the third trimester of the pregnancy." (See exception below.) The Texas State Board of Medical Examiners has the authority to take disciplinary action against, or refuse licensure to, a physician who violates that portion of the bill.

H.B. 410 defines "viable" as the stage of fetal development when, in the medical judgment of the attending physician based on the particular facts of the case, an unborn child possesses the capacity to live outside its mother's womb after its premature birth resulting from any cause. However, the term does not apply to a fetus whose biparietal diameter is less than 60 millimeters.

Physicians are not prohibited from doing an abortion if, in their best medical judgment, they conclude that (1) the fetus is not viable and the pregnancy is not in the third trimester; (2) the abortion is necessary to prevent death or serious mental or physical health impairment of the woman; or (3) the fetus has a "severe and irreversible abnormality, as identified through reliable diagnostic procedures."

A physician performing an abortion on a viable unborn child during the third trimester must certify to the Texas Department of Health the reasons behind his or her decision that the abortion was substantiated. This certification must be accomplished on or before 30 days following the abortion.

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Competitive pressures compelled the hospital, owned and operated by Los Angeles-based Summit Health Ltd., to fight back, so to speak. The name of the hospital was changed to reflect a recently completed \$1 million renovation project, according to the new executive director, Don Griffin.

"For all practical purposes, this is a new hospital. The renovation gives us a beautiful new interior and exterior, and it also enables us to enhance the scope and quality of care delivered to our patients," said Mr. Griffin.

Included among the many improvements are the addition of two modern labor, delivery and recovery rooms; an expanded emergency and outpatients services area; refurbished patient rooms and visitor waiting areas; and two corporate programs, "Wellborn" and "SeniorCare", which are soon to be in operation.

The grand re-opening included a ceremonial planting of an oak tree near the hospital's main entrance and brief remarks by Griffin; Lubbock Mayor B.C. "Peck" McMinn; Leland Nelson, D.O., Chairman of the Board; and Kenneth Kruczek, D.O., Chief-of-Staff. Following the ceremony, the several hundred attendees were invited inside for free health screenings, tours, refreshments and a "Draw Your Family" contest for children.

As the hospital so proudly, and justifiably, proclaims, "We're not just community anymore — we're family!" And, incidentally, the recipe has cooked up a very positive environment for patients and staff alike.

Myron S. Magen, D.O., Named Educator of the Year

Myron S. Magen, D.O., founding Dean of Michigan State University College of Osteopathic Medicine, has been named Osteopathic Educator of the Year and Honorary Seal Chairman by the National Osteopathic Foundation (NOF). The announcement was made during the annual meeting of the AOA House of Delegates in Chicago, Illinois, in July. At that time, officials unveiled the 1987-88 osteopathic seal which features Dr. Magen.

A national honor, the Educator of the Year award is presented annually to an outstanding osteopathic educator and announced to the public at large during National Osteopathic Medicine Week. The award features the selected educator on National Osteopathic Seal

Program artwork, public relations materials and the official seal stamp. The Seal Program proceeds are applied to student loans and research funds benefiting the osteopathic field.

The NOF, which oversees the National Osteopathic Seal Program, is the philanthropic affiliate of the AOA. The primary goal of the NOF is to provide low-cost student loans, support osteopathic research and post-doctoral fellowships, and to contribute directly to the support of all osteopathic medical schools.

Congratulations are extended to Dr. Magen.

Medical Predictions for the Year 2000

Some interesting medical predictions have been made by 227 research scientists, in a survey conducted by Louis Harris & Associates, as part of a Bristol-Myers study on "Medicine in the Next Century." Included among the predictions are:

- ★ AIDS and measles, followed by polio, malaria, hepatitis and cancer, are diseases most likely to be eliminated.
- ★ Two out of every three cancer patients will be cured by physicians and, additionally, a vaccination against certain types of cancer will be developed.
- ★ Most of the 70,000 coronary bypass operations performed on Americans annually will be replaced by catheter-based procedures or clot-dissolving drugs.
- ★ Increased drug therapy will virtually eliminate the practice of traditional psychoanalysis.
- ★ The greatest strides in infectious diseases will come in combating hepatitis and typhoid fever.
- ★ Artificial devices will become more common, with implantable hearing aids, implantable pumps to deliver drugs, artificial blood and bones from bone banks.
- ★ And, unfortunately, the nasty common cold which plagues us all, will remain incurable.

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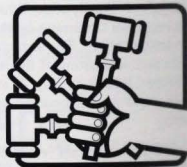
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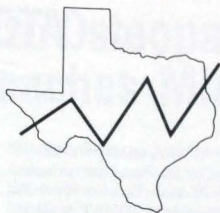
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1986 Texas Vital Statistics



Each year the Bureau of Vital Statistics of the Texas Department of Health (TDH) compiles a comprehensive report entitled *Texas Vital Statistics 1986*. The report is prepared from information contained in filed birth, death, marriage and divorce records. An extremely useful report, the data is valuable in planning programs to meet public health needs, in providing baseline data for medical research, in preparing population estimates and projections, and so on.

The publication includes vital statistics most frequently requested, however, since it is intended primarily as a reference document, it contains no analysis or interpretation of the data. Selected tables of general interest do contain data for a 35-year period and present historical trends. Statewide birth and death rates are based on provisional population estimates published by the Bureau of the Census, U.S. Department of Commerce.

A copy of *Texas Vital Statistics 1986* may be obtained, at no charge, by contacting:

Statistical Services Division
Texas Department of Health
1100 West 49th Street
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or phone (512) 458-7509.

Additionally, more detailed residence data, as well as data by place of occurrence, are available from the same address as indicated above. Please note that a fee may be charged for developing special reports.

The following is a summary compiled by the TDH of the data contained in *Texas Vital Statistics 1986*:

★ There were 307,003 babies born to Texas mothers in 1986, a decrease of 1,024 or 0.3 percent less than 1985. With an estimated population of 16,682,000 as of July 1, 1986, the birth rate of 18.4 per 1,000 population dropped 2.1 percent from the 1985 rate of 18.8 and is the lowest rate seen since 1978.

★ There were 118,637 deaths of Texans in 1986, and the death rate was 7.1 per 1,000 population, continuing the downward trend which began in 1979. In 1978 the rate was 8.0. The increase in total deaths from 1985 was 454 or less than one-half of one percent.

★ The infant mortality rate dropped to another all time low of 9.5 per 1,000 live births, more than three percent under the previous low of 9.8 in 1985. There were 2,916 infant deaths, down 3.0 percent from the 1985 total of 3,007.

★ Claiming 39,985 lives, heart disease continued to be the leading cause of death, followed by cancer with 24,598 deaths. Cerebrovascular disease was third with 8,283 deaths, and accidents, accounting for 6,992 deaths, was fourth. These four leading causes of death were responsible for 67 percent of the total deaths in 1986.

★ Completing the ten leading causes of death were: chronic bronchitis, emphysema, asthma and allied conditions — 3,668; pneumonia and influenza — 499; homicide — 2,348; suicide — 2,269; diabetes mellitus — 1,958; and nephritis, nephrotic syndrome and nephrosis — 1,431.

★ Together, the 10 leading causes of death accounted for slightly over 80 percent of all deaths in Texas.

★ An item of interest in the report reveals that the three leading causes of death in Texas in 1950, 1960, 1970, 1980, and 1986, remained the same.

ATOMA

By Claudette M. Miller
ATOMA District V

TOMA District V and ATOMA enjoyed a delightful dinner meeting sponsored by Du Pont Pharmaceutical on the evening of August 20, at the Stouffer Hotel. We were honored with the presence of TOMA's president, Dr. Bill Puryear, and the executive director of TOMA, Mr. Tom Hanstrom, along with his lovely wife, Joyce.

A short business meeting was held at which time tentative plans were discussed for a fund-raiser, to be held sometime next year. Members were reminded of National Osteopathic Medicine Week in September, and encouraged to submit articles to their local newspapers.

October found many of us enjoying Florida's hospitality at the AOA convention in Orlando. These conventions are always a time of camaraderie for the participants, which we anxiously anticipate!

Our next dinner meeting is October 22 at the Lincoln Hotel, which, of course, had not occurred as of this writing. Mrs. Marilyn Mohny, ATOMA president, is to be our guest. I hope to be able to report in the next issue of the *Texas DO* that a great turnout ensued, thereby extending a warm District V welcome to her!

IN MEMORIAM MICKIE G. HOLCOMB, D.O.

Mickie G. Holcomb, D.O., of Arlington, former owner of Tigua General Hospital in El Paso, passed away October 4 in a Fort Worth hospital. He was 68 years of age.

Funeral services were held at Trinity United Methodist Church in Arlington, where he was a member, with burial in Sallisaw Cemetery in Sallisaw, Oklahoma.

A 1946 graduate of Kansas City College of Osteopathy and Surgery, Dr. Holcomb interned at Oklahoma Osteopathic Hospital, followed by a general surgery residency at the same location.

He purchased a two-bed clinic in El Paso in 1951, and by the time he sold the hospital in 1976, it had 50 beds. A general and orthopedic surgeon, Dr. Holcomb was a resident of El Paso for 35 years.

A TOMA member since 1951, he was very active in the profession. Some of his memberships and activities included serving as TOMA president from

1958-59; president of Texas Surgical Society of Osteopathic Physicians and Surgeons; president of TOMA District XI; member of TOMA Board of Trustees and the TOMA Public Health Committee. He had also served on the President's National Child Health Committee; the governing board of the West Texas Health Systems Agency; the Texas Disclosure Panel of the Texas Department of Health; and, as a member of the American Osteopathic Association.

In 1983, Dr. Holcomb was awarded life membership in TOMA for his many contributions to the profession.

Survivors include his wife, Janice Holcomb, of Arlington; two daughters, Sandy Harrison of Arlington and Ronda Moore of Alvarado; one sister, Tish Russell of Tulsa; and three grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to Trinity United Methodist Church or to the Cancer Treatment Center in El Paso.

Dallas Southwest Osteopathic Physicians, Inc. Reaches Milestone

Dallas Southwest Osteopathic Physicians, Inc. has reached a milestone in its service to the community. After only three years of awarding grants, it has surpassed \$1 million in its gifts. Non-profit agencies from Southwest Dallas have been the primary recipients of the grants, although other Dallas organizations, as well as TCOM, have also been beneficiaries of the osteopathic organization.

The organization had its beginning on July 1, 1983. Funds for the charitable organization came from the sale of Stevens Park Osteopathic Hospital in the Oak Cliff section of Dallas. The hospital, first opened in 1948, was in need of more space by the 1980's. A task force was formed to explore expansion possibilities. As a result, a decision was reached to sell the hospital to Universal Health Services, who would construct a new hospital on land across the street from Kiest Park, some two miles south of the old location.

The organization received approximately \$7 million from the sale. A decision was made to invest the money, utilizing the proceeds to benefit the community that had made the hospital possible. Thus, funds would be available for charitable causes in the community for many years to come.

The fund is administered by a board composed of nine osteopathic physicians who have been associated with Stevens Park Osteopathic Hospital and Dallas Family Hospital for at least 10 years.

J. L. LaManna, D.O., has been the chairman of the board since July 1, 1985, and is also serving as chief of the medical staff of Dallas Family Hospital, his fourth term in that position. R. B. Helfrey, D.O., who had chaired the organization from its inception on July 1, 1983, is presently serving as secretary-treasurer. The other officers are A. G. Bascone, D.O., vice chairman, and Don Hicks, who serves as executive director.

The Board of Trustees, other than the officers, are: N. E. Beiser, D.O.; R.M. Carmichael, D.O.; G. B. Clark, D.O.; H. Kahn, D.O.; L. C. Woody, D.O.; and A. R. Young, D.O.

Since its inception, the organization has made grants totaling \$1.2 million to more than 40 non-profit organizations. Grants are made in the fields of health, education, and civic and social services. The grants have touched many facets of life — youth; senior citizens; troubled children; drug abuse; teenage pregnancy; scholarships; the mentally retarded; neglected and abused children; elementary and high schools; colleges; private schools;

bilingual education; health, and other related areas.

Due to the high incidence in Dallas of teenage pregnancy and drug usage, this charitable organization has made its mark in these areas during the past three years by its grants to IMPACT 88 and Dallas Challenge. Mrs. A. Starke Taylor's Task Force on Adolescent Health and School Age Pregnancy established IMPACT 88 to carry out the long range plans of the Task Force. Dallas Southwest Osteopathic Physicians, Inc. agreed to fund the program with a three-year grant totaling \$158,000. That grant is now in its final year of funding. IMPACT 88, which has attracted nationwide attention, is placing special emphasis on development of maternal and child health services in the southern section of the City and County of Dallas.

Dallas Challenge operates a diagnostic referral center in Oak Cliff for adolescents with alcohol and drug related problems, along with support services for both adolescents and parents. They were recipients of a \$40,000 matching grant.

A major emphasis of the organization is in providing education and training in the field of medicine. In carrying out this goal, four TCOM students were awarded annual scholarships of \$5,000 each, for each of their years at TCOM. In conjunction with TCOM, they sponsor the Continuing Medical Education Program. More than \$200,000 has been awarded to the Health Occupations Education program, with most applicants from the Dallas High School for Health Professions.

Other groups or programs receiving funds during the three-year program include Dallas County Foster Parents Association; Senior Citizens Nutrition; Police Athletic League; Young Life; National Juvenile Diabetes Fund; Dallas/Fort Worth Association of Black Communicators; and The Family Place, among others.

An agreement has recently been made between Dallas Southwest Osteopathic Physicians, Inc. and Dallas Baptist University, whereby the University's Department of Nursing will bring a group of student nurses to Dallas Family Hospital for training. The organization has also established a scholarship program for student nurses at the university.

Dallas Southwest Osteopathic Physicians, Inc. is committed to improving the health, education and welfare of Southwest Dallas County and is proud to be involved in the various community projects in the area.

TOMA applauds this organization for its concern and involvement. ■

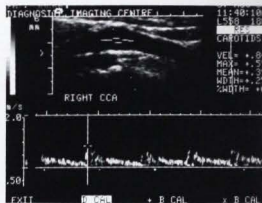
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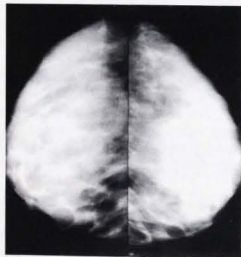
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Texas ACGP Update

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

On behalf of the Texas ACGP, I would like to take this opportunity to remind our members, who may wish to change their status in the Medicare participating provider program in 1988, to make an informed decision based on their patient mix (Medicare versus non-Medicare patients) and their Medicare reimbursement data.

To properly make this decision for 1988, members are encouraged to send for copies of their customary, prevailing and MAAC reports now.

Request them in writing from: Karen Foxall, Medicare Part B, P.O. Box 660156, Dallas, Texas 75266-0156.

Those members who do not wish to change their Medicare status do not have to contact Blue Cross Blue Shield of Texas prior to 1988.

The Annual Congress of Delegates for the National ACGP will be held at the Wyndham Hotel in Palm Springs, California in February, 1988. Texas ACGP delegates and alternates to this meeting are: Chairman, Constance I. Jenkins, D.O.; Nelda Cuniff, D.O.; T. R. Sharp, D.O., FACGP; R. Greg Maul, D.O.; Richard M. Hall, D.O.; Jim Czewski, D.O.; Leland B. Nelson, D.O.; Craig Whiting, D.O.; Howard Galarneau, D.O.; M. Lee Shriner, D.O., FACGP; Rodney Wiseman, D.O.; T. Eugene

Zachary, D.O., FACGP; Joseph Montgomery-Davis, D.O.; Robert Maul, D.O., FACGP; Royce Keilers, D.O., FACGP; L. L. Bunnell, D.O., FACGP; Robert Peters, Jr., D.O., FACGP; Bennie D. Embry, D.O.; Jeannie W. Chadwell, D.O.; Sidney B. Chadwell, Jr., D.O.; Douglas R. Sharp, D.O.; John Burnett, D.O., FACGP; Mary Burnett, D.O., FACGP; and Robert Finch, D.O., FACGP.

If any Texas ACGP member is having problems with coding insurance claims for OMT procedures, please contact our secretary-treasurer, T. R. Sharp, D.O., or myself, for assistance.

Incidentally, Dr. Robert G. Maul sustained a deep emotional wound by being inadvertently not listed as attending the PACER meeting on 8-1-87. I would like to apologize for this oversight and hope this public apology will help soothe Dr. Maul's wound.

In closing, I would like to remind Texas ACGP Board members that a called meeting has been scheduled for 1 p.m. on Sunday, December 6, 1987, at the Arlington Hilton in Arlington, Texas.

Hope to see everyone at the TOMA Public Health Seminar and Legislative Forum, December 5-6, 1987, also at the Arlington Hilton.

Osteopathic Medical Class Makes Educational History

In what officials at the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey-School of Osteopathic Medicine believe is a history-making first, more than half of the school's first-year medical students are women. The school has facilities at Camden, Stratford and Piscataway.

"Except for women's medical colleges, to my knowledge, no other American medical school has ever accepted more women than men as first-year students," said Robert L. Thompson, Ed.D., an associate dean at the osteopathic medical school. Of the 56 entering students, 30 are women, Thompson said, adding that the

number was ten times that of the school's first class in 1977.

Entering classes of American medical schools have been historically young, white and overwhelmingly male. "Osteopathic medical schools, however, have been historically progressive in their admitting criteria," said Thompson. "In 1893, three women were admitted to the inaugural class of America's first osteopathic medical school. It was also declared open to Blacks, unheard of in the 19th century," added Thompson.

Dr. Andrew T. Still was an ardent abolitionist and women's right advocate, according to his biography. ■

Appeal Process Adopted for Medicaid Inpatient Hospital Services

The Texas Department of Human Services (TDHS), on September 8, 1987, issued a final rule amending the prospective payment system for Medicaid inpatient hospital services, to include an appeal process. The TDHS has also revised the payment method which will provide for automatic adjustments, to be made by TDHS, to a hospital's rate based upon the results of tentative and final Medicaid cost report settlements for the 1985 base year.

The appeal rules, which became effective September 22, 1987, offer a hospital basically two causes for appeal, with reference to errors computed by TDHS in the 1985 base year claims data for each hospital; and calculation of adjustments made by TDHS to the hospitals' base year claims data, because of the base year's tentative or final Medicaid cost settlement.

Upon request, the TDHS will provide a hospital with the information used to compute the hospital's base year claims data. Requests for this information should be submitted to: Texas Department of Human Services, P.O. Box 2960, Austin, Texas 78769, Attn: Richard Peters (142-E), Director, Inpatient Reimbursement Section.

All appeals must be submitted to TDHS, "with appropriate specific documentation" supporting the appeal, within 60 days after the effective date of the rules, i.e. by November 20, 1987. However, if the appeal is completed by December 31, 1987, any necessary or required adjustments will be applied to the March 1, 1988 update. For appeals not completed by December 31, 1987, any adjustments will be applied in computing rates for the next prospective year, which begins on September 1, 1988.

TDHS would like to complete the informal review process as rapidly as possible. Hospitals are encouraged to send in their requests for review before November 20, if at all possible, in order to give the TDHS sufficient time in which to review the matter before the December 31 deadline.

Additional information concerning the new rules may be obtained by contacting Debby M. Johnstone of Wood, Lucksinger & Epstein at the Houston office, 713-951-2416, or Susan T. Whittle, in the Firm's Austin office, 512-320-5600.

New Laws to Help in Organ Procurement

As of January 1, 1988, the *Routine Inquiry Act* will go into effect in Texas, requiring hospitals to ask relatives of patients about possible organ donations. A coalition of organ banks and other groups has been formed and is urging compliance with the law, also encouraging hospitals to approach families of patients who are brain-dead to donate their vital organs. The law is anticipated to create a beneficial impact in rural areas.

Since the issue is of a sensitive nature, workshops are being held throughout the state in order that hospitals may have trained staff members on hand to handle the issue. It is expected that social workers and chaplains will also be used.

The organ bank has offices in Fort Worth, El Paso, Corpus Christi and Galveston, and hospitals can ask organ bank counselors to approach families.

The state law is actually a companion to a federal law,

which took effect October 1, 1987, requiring every hospital engaged in transplantation to develop policies and procedures to identify potential tissue and organ donors, in order to qualify for Medicare and Medicaid reimbursement.

Under the federal law, hospitals must appoint a trained person, not necessarily a physician, to ask the next of kin of dying or deceased persons about organ procurement. Hospitals and their organ procurement agency must also become members of the United Network for Organ Sharing (UNOS), a not-for-profit organ procurement and allocation network in Richmond, Virginia, which is under contract with the federal government.

UNOS is required to allocate organs equitably and is implementing a computerized data base in order to track all organ donors and potential recipients. The 24-hour telephone number (804)-24-DONOR will facilitate donor identification.

Oklahoma Governor Proposes Merger Between Two Tulsa Medical Schools

The Oklahoma Osteopathic Association reports that Oklahoma Governor Henry Bellmon visited the Oklahoma College of Osteopathic Medicine and Surgery in August. This marked his first visit since he proposed phasing out the College in January of this year.

Meeting with college president Clyde B. Jensen, Ph.D., other college administrators, osteopathic leaders and area legislators, the Governor said he had no prejudice against OCOMS or the osteopathic profession. However, he stated that he does not believe Tulsa should have two state-supported medical schools, referring to The University of Oklahoma's Tulsa Medical College, which is a

clinical campus. The Governor said a merger between the two schools may be a solution.

"Although Bellmon continues to indicate he won't support two medical schools in Tulsa," said Dr. Jensen, "he left the College with a better understanding of OCOMS and what we do. In addition, I have a better understanding of what is expected of us and therefore can lead more effectively."

Dr. Jensen and officials from Tulsa Medical College recently met and decided to appoint a task force to study the possibility of sharing resources. ■

TOMA Members Receive Fellow Status at ACGP Awards Banquet

The American College of General Practitioners in Osteopathic Medicine and Surgery (ACGPOMS) held its Annual Ceremonial Conclave of Fellow Awards Banquet October 7 during the annual convention of the American Osteopathic Association in Orlando, Florida.

The Award of Fellow in the ACGPOMS may be conferred only on persons in the Osteopathic profession. Any Fellow in the College may nominate only one qualified ACGP member for the Award of Fellow each year. The nominees are reviewed and approved by the Awards Committee and by a majority vote of the ACGP Board of Governors.

This Award is in recognition of outstanding contributions through teaching, authorship, research, or professional leadership, either state or national, to the stated purposes of the College. In addition, a minimum of six consecutive years of active membership in ACGP and attendance at 50 percent or more of the AOA scientific seminars, registered as a general practitioner, and the ACGP annual meetings over a six year period, are prerequisites for this distinguished award.

Texas physicians receiving this honor were Robert L.

Peters, D.O. and M. Lee Shriner, D.O. Dr. Peters is presently a member of the Texas Osteopathic Medical Association's (TOMA) Board of Trustees, a past president of the Texas Society of ACGPOMS, and a past president of TOMA District VII. He is currently practicing in Round Rock. Dr. Shriner, of Bowie, is president-elect of TOMA, a trustee of the Texas Society of ACGPOMS and is former chief-of-staff of Bowie Memorial Hospital.

The program participants consisted of the following osteopathic physicians from across the nation: Rudolph J. Wolf, D.O., FACGP, of Skiatook, Oklahoma served as Master of Ceremonies; Mary M. Burnett, D.O., FACGP, of Dallas as Grand Marshall; Royce K. Keilers, D.O., FACGP, of LaGrange gave the invocation; Dr. Burnett and Ray E. Piper, D.O., FACGP, President of ACGPOMS, of Denver, Colorado introduced new candidates and their sponsors; Dr. Piper administered the Oath and presented special awards; and the benediction was given by Ronald Goldberg, D.O., FACGP, Tansboro, New Jersey.

Our congratulations to Drs. Peters and Shriner. ■

TEXAS TICKER TAPE □ □ □ □ □ □

PMICRRG UPDATE

PMICRRG is actively insuring D.O.s and is on a firm foundation, with 525 Texas D.O.s insured at this time. There are over \$20 million in assets. PMICRRG is writing insurance in 42 states and actively seeking licensure in additional states.

The Board of PMICRRG has four active practicing D.O.s. There is one representative from the insurance industry; one representative from insurance and accounting industry; and three Board members from PMICRRG — the heads of the department of finance; administration; and claims.

The Board composition is to assure continued osteopathic representation, while incorporating individuals highly experienced in insurance company management.

Dr. Royce Keilers is a Board member and Dr. T. Robert Sharp serves on the Advisory Board of PMICRRG.

GUIDELINES ON TERMINATION OF LIFE-SUSTAINING TREATMENTS ISSUED

A 159-page comprehensive report, entailing more than two years of research and deliberation, addresses the controversial issue of ending life-sustaining therapy. Prepared by the Hastings Center, the guidelines are issued in an attempt to promote discussion and reflection concerning the issue, and not to be used as a easy reference guide. The guidelines stress the patient's role, or the patient's guardian, in some instances, in assuming the ultimate decision.

A copy of the guidelines may be requested by writing: Hastings Center, Department T, 225 Elm Road, Briarcliff Manor, New York 10510.

AOA APPROVES NAVY CME FOR 1-A, 1-F

The Association of Military Osteopathic Physicians and Surgeons (AMOPS) reports that the AOA Committee on CME, with the support of the AOA Board of Trustees, has approved the Health Sciences Educational and Training Center (HSETC) of the U.S. Navy, as a Category 1 CME sponsor.

AMOPS initiated the action with a letter to HSETC noting the need for AOA Category 1 credits for continued

state licensure of military D.O.s. Under the plan, HSETC is a sponsor of Category 1-A and 1-F CME programs.

A supplemental section to the Navy CME manual has been completed and distributed to all medical command COs, said LCDR. Richard R. Jeffries, MC, USN, the military liaison member of the AOA CME committee. Dr. Jeffries has been named the "subject matter expert" for approval of programs.

Further details about the program will be forthcoming. The AOA hopes to develop similar programs with the Army and Air Force, said Dr. Jeffries.

MEDICARE ALERT

Physicians should take note that December 31, 1987 is the deadline for your decision concerning whether to change your status in the Medicare program. Consideration must be made promptly, if you are contemplating a change.

In order to make an informed decision, based upon your personal situation, you will need copies of your customary, prevailing and MAAC reports. This information can be requested, in writing, from: Karen Foxall, Medicare Part B, P.O. Box 660156, Dallas, 75266-0156. Data should be requested now in order to have some time in which to decide which way to go.

Please note that physicians who make no change in their status need not notify Blue Cross.

AMENDMENTS IN THE CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES SCHEDULES

The Administrator of the Federal Drug Enforcement Administration and, subsequently, the Commissioner of Health of the State of Texas, have announced changes in the scheduling of certain drugs/preparations.

Tiletamine and Zolazepam have been moved into Schedule III; Nabilone has been placed in Schedule II; and MPPP and PEPAP have moved into Schedule I.

The TOMA State Headquarters has copies of these changes, as set forth by the Texas Department of Health, which provide greater detail as to brand names and so on. Any physician wishing copies should contact us by mail or phone.

NAME CHANGE FOR JCAH

The Joint Commission on Accreditation of Hospitals (JCAH) has been renamed the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations. The announcement was made in early September by Dennis O'Leary, M.D., president of the commission. This marks the first name change for the 36-year-old organization.

The reason for renaming the organization is the current movement to develop quality standards for non-hospital-based programs, thereby providing a clearer description of the commission's duties.

CPT-4 CODES REQUIRED FOR BILLING OUTPATIENT MEDICARE SERVICES

As of October 1, 1987, the federal Health Care Financing Administration (HCFA) has required the use of CPT-4 codes when billing for outpatient Medicare services. In 1986, the use of HCFA's Common Procedural Coding System (CPCS) was required by Congress for payment of hospital outpatient surgical services. The CPCS is based on the CPT-4, developed in 1966.

Copies of the CPT-4 manual may be ordered, at \$29 each, from: CPT Ordering, Book and Pamphlet Fulfillment, OP-341/7, AMA, P.O. Box 10946, Chicago, Illinois 60610-0946 or call (800) 621-8335.

HERE'S AN OFFER YOUR PATIENTS CAN'T REFUSE!

A plan which would offer refunds to patients for any physician-prescribed medication manufactured by G.D. Searle & Company, which does not accomplish the therapeutic benefits for which the drug was prescribed, was announced at a recent press conference.

Known as the "Searle Patient Promise", the plan will refund 100 percent of the out-of-pocket expense borne by the patient for the most recent prescription of the drug in question. The program begins immediately and the company will take the physician's word that a particular drug did not achieve the intended benefits, for one reason or another. It is not known yet whether the program will be advertised, in some fashion, to the general public.

Physicians wishing additional information regarding the "Searle Patient Promise" should call (800) 542-2526.

ACS NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS TO RELOCATE

The American Cancer Society, based in New York since its founding in 1913, has ended a long search entailing possible locations for its national headquarters. The site chosen is Atlanta, Georgia, and plans to relocate will be accomplished as rapidly as possible.

Houston and Dallas, along with Baltimore, Indianapolis, Denver, St. Louis, and Memphis, had all been considered during the search for a new site.

TMF ALERT — ATTENTION OPHTHALMOLOGISTS

The Texas Medical Foundation (TMF) has alerted TOMA as to a change in the preprocedural requirements for assistants at cataract surgery for ophthalmologists. The change is as follows:

"Preprocedural approval by TMF is no longer required for assistants at cataract surgery when performing insertion of an intraocular lens as a separate procedure (HCPCS Code -66985)." ■



UNDIAGNOSED DIABETES A GROWING CONCERN

A recent study conducted by the National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases has estimated that the number of diabetics in the country will rise from 11 million to approximately 18 million in five to 10 years. Additionally, the number of undiagnosed diabetics will also become more prevalent.

As presented during a meeting of the American Diabetes Association, other data brought to light revealed that approximately 20 million people have impaired glucose tolerance (IGT), previously called borderline diabetes, and about five million adults in this country have undiagnosed type 2, non-insulin dependent diabetes. Of vast concern is the fact that about one-third of persons with IGT will most likely be added to the growing list of overt diabetics, as evidenced by studies in other countries of persons with IGT.

Risk factors show that persons 25 pounds overweight are at higher risk for IGT, while those 40 pounds overweight are at higher risk for diabetes. Additionally, the rate of IGT increases about 70 percent and the incidence of diabetes doubles when an individual is obese or has a diabetic parent.

Vision impairment, an important factor in undiagnosed diabetes, as well as findings from the study, justify including diabetes testing as part of adults' regular checkups, especially those who have greater risk factors.

MEDICARE PREMIUMS TO CLIMB AGAIN

Medicare premiums are expected to rise from the current monthly premium of \$17.90 to \$24.80, a 38 percent jump, the largest increase since the beginning of the Medicare program.

The increase is being blamed on a 22 percent increase in Medicare expenditures for physicians services, durable medical equipment and other Part B services throughout the past year. However, the increase is also due to the need to compensate for Part B premiums, which were held down during the past two years.

The proposed increase is expected to be published in late November, with a January effective date, and administration officials have commented that they have no expectations as to withdrawing the proposal.

However, Congress, incensed by the idea of Medicare beneficiaries shelling out more money per year, is viewing such ideas as setting stringent new caps on fees, coupling such limits with mandatory assignment so that expenses are not shifted onto the elderly.

Straight Scoop on Morality

Folks, at Duke University this year, their commencement speaker said . . .

"We have actually convinced ourselves that slogans will save us. 'Shoot up if you must, but use a clean needle!'

'Enjoy sex whenever and with whomever you wish, but wear a condom!'

"NO!" he said, "the answer is NO! Not because it isn't cool or smart or because you might end up in jail or dying in an AIDS ward, but NO because it's wrong, because we have spent 5,000 years as a race of rational human beings, trying to drag ourselves out of the primeval slime by searching for truth and moral absolutes!" He concluded, "In its purest form, truth is not a polite tap on the shoulder. It is a howling reproach. What Moses brought down from Mount Sinai were not the Ten *Suggestions*."

No, folks, the man saying it's imperative that America have some moral absolutes was not Jerry Falwell or Billy Graham . . . It was none other than Ted Koppel, the host of the popular program "Nightline".

(Reprinted from the September, 1987 "Mike Richards Report")



FDA PUBLISHES SPECIAL AIDS ISSUE

Your attention is called to *FDA Drug Bulletin*, dated September, 1987, Volume 17, Number 2. This issue is devoted exclusively to the subject of AIDS and gives timely information as to precautions to be utilized by health care professionals; counseling patients about prevention; informational materials that can be ordered to help answer patients' questions; current drug treatment, and so on. A letter from Frank E. Young, M.D., Ph.D., Commissioner of Food and Drugs, is included, which addresses the FDA's role in the government-wide effort to contain the epidemic.

The FDA, concerned about fraudulent AIDS products, is encouraging health professionals to help in identifying such fraud, by submitting examples of questionable AIDS products being marketed directly to the public or to health professionals to: FDA Health Fraud Staff, HFN-304, Center for Drugs and Biologics, FDA, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, Maryland 20857.

The "FDA Drug Bulletin" is mailed primarily to health professionals, whose names are taken from the mailing lists of national associations or organizations, such as the AOA and AMA. Health professionals who do not receive the bulletin may be placed on a separate mailing list maintained by the FDA. Requests for placement on the list should be sent to: FDA Drug Bulletin, Circulation Department, HFI-43, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, Maryland 20857.

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Contact Charles R. Webb, Jr., M.D. (PHR-1), Texas Department of Health, 1100 West 49th Street, Austin, 78756. Telephone inquiries to Dr. Webb may be made by calling 817/778-6744. (17)

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