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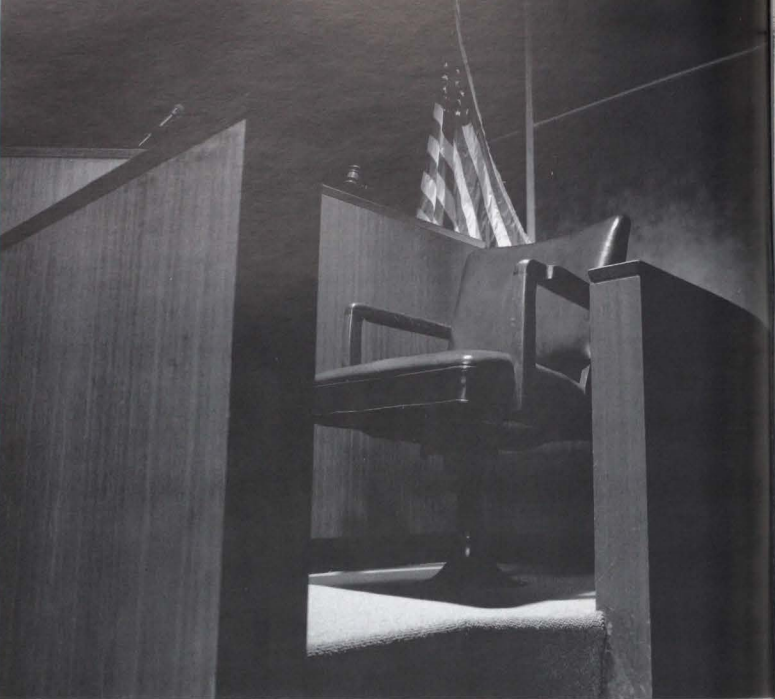


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number records

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APRIL 25-28

1995 Annual Spring Convention
Sponsored by the American College of
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Location: Ritz-Carlton Hotel, Chicago, IL
Contact: ACOP Headquarters,
202-362-3229

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HealthFind Exchange
Sponsored by the Center for Rural Health
Initiatives
Location: Austin Marriott at the Capitol,
Austin, TX
Contact: 512-479-8891

MAY 8-12

99th Annual Convention
Sponsored by the Indiana Association of
Osteopathic Physicians and Surgeons
Location: Radisson Plaza & Suite Hotel,
Indianapolis, IN
Contact: IAOPS, 800-942-0501 or
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JUNE 6-7

46th Annual Southwest Conference on
Diseases in Nature Transmissible to Man
Sponsored by the University of North Texas
Health Science Center at Fort Worth
Location: University of North Texas Health
Science Center at Fort Worth
Fort Worth, Texas
Hours: 12 Category 1-A, AOA
Contact: Dr. Thomas G. Murnane,
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6-9

97th TOMA Annual Convention and
Scientific Seminar
Sponsored by Texas Osteopathic Medical
Association
Location: Hyatt Regency on the Riverwalk
and San Antonio Convention Center
San Antonio, Texas
Hours: 27.5 Category 1-A, AOA
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13-16

16th Annual Primary Care Update:
Pearls of Wisdom
Sponsored by University of North Texas
Health Science Center at Fort Worth
Location: Sheraton Fiesta Padre Island, TX
Hours: 18 CME Hours
Contact: UNT Health Science Center
Office of Continuing Medical Education
817-735-2539

21-23

Colorado Society of Osteopathic Medicine
Annual Meeting
Location: Manor Vail Lodge, Vail, Colorado
Hours: 18 Category 1-A, AOA, FP and
Physician Assistants credit
Contact: Patricia Ellis, 303-322-1752
FAX 303-322-1956

JULY 11-14

Second Annual Surgery Update for Primary
Care Physicians
Sponsored by University of North Texas
Health Science Center at Fort Worth
Location: Ruidoso, New Mexico
Hours: 18 CME Hours
Contact: UNT Health Science Center
Office of Continuing Medical
Education
817-735-2539

AUGUST 1-4

39th Annual Convention and 23rd Medical
Seminar
Sponsored by the Texas Society of the
American College of Osteopathic
Family Physicians
Location: Arlington Hilton, Arlington, TX
Contact: Janet Dunkle, Executive Director
Texas Society of the ACOF
512-708-9959 or 800-825-9888



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Call for Committee Members

Each year, the president-elect of the Texas Osteopathic Medical Association must name TOMA members to the Association's various committees when he or she assumes the office of president at the close of the TOMA convention. With changes in the medical profession seemingly occurring on a daily basis, the importance of a strong and unified state association cannot be stressed enough. One way of ensuring that sense of unity is by becoming active in TOMA committees. Strong committees are an essential part of TOMA's operations, and require dedicated and knowledgeable members.

Arthur J. Speece, III, D.O., who will succeed William D.

Hospers, D.O., as TOMA President during the 1996 Annual Convention in San Antonio, is actively seeking TOMA members interested in serving on a committee.

If you are interested or know of someone who is, check the bylaws beginning on page 94 of the 1996 TOMA Membership Directory for more details and information on the various appointed positions available, or contact the TOMA State Office for specific committee charges.

TOMA members have an immense amount of talent. The Association's future depends on you and your willingness to become an active part of the organization. In order to have time to consider appointees, Dr. Speece would appreciate hearing from you by May 1.

Appointments will be made to the committees listed below. Please check the committee(s) in which you are interested, print your name, and mail or FAX the completed form, along with a brief CV detailing your training, practice and related experiences, to: Dr. Speece, c/o Terry Boucher, Executive Director, Texas Osteopathic Medical Association, 1415 Lavaca Street, Austin, TX 78701-1634; FAX 512-708-1415.

TOMA Committees

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ATOMA News

By Inez Suderman
ATOMA Parliamentarian

Proposed Change to the ATOMA Bylaws

The following Bylaws change will be presented to the Auxiliary to the Texas Osteopathic Medical Association House of Delegates meeting on Thursday, June 6, during TOMA's 97th Annual Convention and Scientific Seminar in San Antonio.

(Deleted language struck out, new language underlined.)

ARTICLE VIII

SECTION 2 - ALL DELEGATES SHALL BE ACTIVE PAID MEMBERS OF THE STATE AUXILIARY, AND BE REGISTERED AT THE STATE CONVENTION.

For Your Information

The following standing rule was adopted at the ATOMA Midyear Board meeting in Fort Worth:

ANY RECEIPTS, WITHIN BUDGETED AMOUNT, MUST BE SUBMITTED FOR REIMBURSEMENT TO THE TREASURER ON OR BEFORE THE PRE-CONVENTION BOARD MEETING OF THE CURRENT BOARD YEAR.

MEDWATCH UPDATE

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FDA MEDWATCH

Labeling Changes for Ritalin

In conjunction with the Food and Drug Administration Medical Products Reporting Program (MEDWATCH), Ciba-Geigy and other manufacturers of methylphenidate, would like to advise all health care professionals of a labeling change for Ritalin®, methylphenidate hydrochloride, and Ritalin-SR® tablets. The labeling modification will include a description of the findings from two, 2-year carcinogenicity studies of methylphenidate conducted by the National Toxicological Program.

The exact wording of these labeling changes is as follows:

Carcinogenesis/Mutagenesis

In a lifetime carcinogenicity study carried out in B6C3F1 mice, methylphenidate caused an increase in hepatocellular adenomas and, in males only, an increase in hepatoblastomas, at a daily dose of approximately 60 mg/kg/day. This dose is approximately 30 times and 2.5 times the maximum recommended human dose on a mg/kg and mg/m² basis, respectively. Hepatoblastoma is a relatively rare rodent malignant tumor type. There was no increase in total malignant hepatic tumors. The mouse strain used is sensitive to the development of hepatic tumors, and the significance of these results to humans is unknown.

Methylphenidate did not cause any increases in tumors in a lifetime carcinogenicity study carried out in F344 rats; the highest dose used was approximately 45 mg/kg/day, which is approximately 22 times and 4 times the maximum recommended human dose on a mg/kg and mg/m² basis, respectively.

Methylphenidate was not mutagenic in the in vitro Ames reverse mutation assay or in the in vitro mouse lymphoma cell forward mutation assay. Sister chromatid exchanges and chromosome aberrations were increased, indicative of a weak clastogenic response, in an in vitro assay in cultured Chinese Hamster Ovary (CHO) cells. The genotoxic potential of methylphenidate has not been evaluated in an in vivo assay.

Further questions can be directed to Ciba's Consumer Affairs Department at 800-742-2422.

Safety Information on LANDMARK Midline Catheters

Since its introduction in January, 1989, Menlo Care has received 173 reports of adverse events either during or within 30 minutes of the placement and flushing of the LANDMARK Midline Catheter. These events range from minor signs and symptoms to rare life-threatening incidents. During this same period, Menlo Care shipped 726,000 catheters. The frequency of reports is such that you should be prepared to initiate appropriate medical intervention if an adverse event occurs.

The most frequently reported signs and symptoms include:

- flushing of the face, which may progress to the neck and torso;
- pain, including chest pain or tightness, abdominal pain and back pain;

- breathing difficulties including shortness of breath, respiratory distress, and throat tightness;
 - diaphoresis;
 - hives/welts or rash;
 - cyanosis; and/or
 - alterations in vital signs, more commonly hypotension.
- Other signs and symptoms less frequently reported include:
- respiratory changes, such as wheezing, coughing, sneezing, head/neck/oropharynx swelling;
 - circulatory changes such as pallor;
 - neurological changes such as restlessness, loss of consciousness, seizures, agitation, tingling sensations or lightheadedness;
 - gastrointestinal changes such as nausea and vomiting; and/or
 - dermatological changes such as mottling of skin and itching.

Some rare events have been reported to Menlo Care. These events include four reports of cardiac arrest and the reports of respiratory arrest.

The cause of these adverse events is not known at this time. These signs and symptoms both resolved with removal of the catheter and while the catheter was still in place. For some patients, medical intervention such as parenteral epinephrine or other drugs has been the course of action. Menlo Care and the FDA are working together to try to understand the nature of the events and how to prevent them. A comparative study of midline catheters is planned this year.

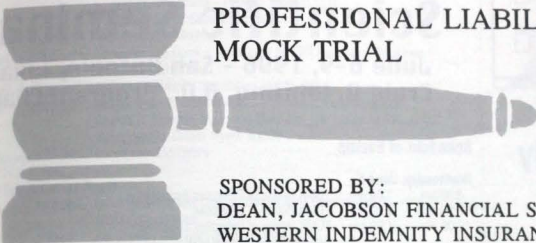
In the meantime, Menlo Care has been emphasizing slower insertion with constant flushing during advancement of the midline catheter as a possible means of minimizing adverse events. In January, 1994, Menlo Care began an education program to emphasize this technique. The reports of adverse events to the company have declined since that time.

Any adverse patient responses or problems with Menlo Care products can be directed to Menlo Care, Inc., at 800-752-4848.

Malfunctions, serious illnesses and injuries, and deaths should take place as a result of or during the use of any catheter should be reported to the device manufacturer. The Safe Medical Devices Act requires hospitals and other user facilities to report deaths, serious illnesses and serious injuries while a medical device may have caused or contributed to the adverse event. Practitioners who become aware of any medical device-related adverse event or product problem/malfunction should report to their Medical Device User Facility Reporting Center.

As a reminder, any serious adverse events should be reported to either the company involved, or to the FDA MEDWATCH program at 800-FDA-1088; by FAX at 800-FDA-0178; by modem at 800-FDA-7737; or by mail to MEDWATCH, HF-2, FDA, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, MD 20857.

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If you did not attend the 1994 Houston convention, you will certainly not want to miss out this time. If you attended the first presentation two years ago, then you know how interesting and helpful this seminar will be. Laws, legal strategies and, most noticeably, the practices of medicine have changed over the past two years. It is more important now than ever to be attuned and sensitive to the risks of malpractice claims against you. Come ready to participate and learn.

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TOMA's Family Day Events



Long Drives, Short Putts, Tall Tales. It's tee time, in the Hill Country.

The Hyatt Regency Hill Country Resort is the site for this year's golf tournament. Designed by acclaimed golf course architect Arthur Hills, it was nominated in its first year by *Golf Digest* for best new resort course, listed among *Golf Magazine's* "Top Ten Courses You Can Play" and was the recipient of *Corporate Meetings & Incentives* "Golden Links Award."

Enjoy an afternoon of golf and an evening awards banquet with your colleagues. The cost is \$85 per person and limited to the first 72 registrants. Be sure to include your handicap on the registration form.



Sea World of Texas

Immerse yourself in a full day of fun at Sea World of Texas, the largest marine life park! It's the splashiest, wettest, coolest showplace you can imagine. Brace yourself for a tidal wave of spectacular shows that educate as well as entertain.

After spending several hours of seeing the attractions, take a break for a hamburger cookout with other conference participants and their families. The cost is \$15 per person and includes round-trip transportation, admission to the park and the cookout. Sea World of Texas is fun for all ages!

TOMA's 97th Annual Convention and Scientific Seminar

June 6-9, 1996 - San Antonio, Texas
Craig D. Whiting, D.O., Program Chair

Schedule of Events

Wednesday, June 5

8:00 am - 1:00 pm
9:00 am - 5:00 pm
12:00 pm - 1:00 pm

1:00 pm - 6:00 pm
2:30 pm - 6:00 pm

OPTIONAL

5:30 pm - 7:30 pm

TOMA House of Delegates Registration
TOMA House of Delegates
TOMA House of Delegates Luncheon
Sponsored by UNTHSC-FW
ATOMA Board of Trustees' Meeting
Early Registration

Anatomy of the Computer (Additional Fee; Pre-Registration Required)
Suzanne Gravois and Mark Wilson
Sponsored by IBM Healthcare Solutions

Thursday, June 6

7:30 am - 5:00 pm
8:00 am - 9:15 am

8:30 am - 11:15 am
9:00 am - 4:00 pm
9:15 am - 10:15 am

9:30 am - 2:30 pm
10:15 am - 10:45 am
10:45 am - 11:30 am
11:30 am - 12:45 pm
12:45 pm - 2:30 pm

2:30 pm - 3:00 pm
3:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Registration Open
Multi-Culturalism in Politics and Medicine Breakfast - Senator Judith Zaffirini
ATOMA House of Delegates Meeting
Exhibit Hall Open
The Difficult Patient in Pain Management - Paul Caldron, D.O.
Sponsored by Ortho-McNeil Pharmaceutical
Computer Lab Open - *Sponsored by IBM Healthcare Solutions*
Exhibit Hall Break
Pediatric Rashes - Bill Way, D.O.
Keynote Luncheon - Dennis Gaines
Evaluation and Treatment of the Knee, Foot & Ankle
• Anatomy & Physiology - Frank Willard, Ph.D.
• Orthopedic & Sports Medicine - Brad Tolin, M.D.
• Osteopathic Perspective - Jerry L. Dickey, D.O.

Exhibit Hall Break

Concurrent Workshops (Pre-Registration Required)

- OMT Workshop - Jerry L. Dickey, D.O.
Co-Sponsored by the Texas Academy of Osteopathy
- Radiology and Acute Care Medicine - Patrick J. Hanford, D.O. and Charles H. Wheeler, D.O.
- Beginners Spanish for Medicine - Craig D. Whiting, D.O. and Mariam Perez
- Electronic Medical Records for the Physician's Office - Clynt Taylor - *Sponsored by IBM Healthcare Solutions*
- EKG Workshop - Robert J. Chilton, D.O. - *Sponsored by Pfizer*

4:30 pm - 5:30 pm
5:00 pm - 6:00 pm
5:30 pm - 6:30 pm
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6:00 pm - 7:00 pm
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7:00 pm - 11:00 pm

TACOPF Pacer's Meeting
MOPPs Reception
UNTHSC/TCOM Alumni Reception
KCOM Alumni Reception
UHS-COM Alumni Reception
POPPs Reception
SpectraCell Reception
Sustainers' Party - La Villita with the Jody Jenkins Band

Friday, June 7

6:50 am - 7:50 am
 7:30 am - 8:00 am
 7:30 am - 1:00 pm
 8:00 am - 9:30 am

TACOFF Breakfast Meeting
 Breakfast with Exhibitors
 Registration/Exhibit Hall Open
 Osteopathic Considerations of the Chest
 • Anatomy Review - Frank Willard, Ph.D.
 • Update on Asthma - Philip C. Slocum, D.O.
Sponsored by Glaxo Wellcome, Inc.

8:00 am - 11:00 am
 9:00 am - 12:00 pm
 9:30 am - 10:00 am
 9:30 am - 12:30 pm
 10:00 am - 12:00 pm

TACOFF Board Meeting
 Computer Lab Open - *Sponsored by IBM Healthcare Solutions*
 Break with Exhibitors
 ATOMA President's Installation and Brunch
 Ask the Experts about Diabetes - Robert L. Peters, Jr., D.O.,
 Charles A. Reasner, M.D., and Mary Ann Morgester, M.S.N., R.N.C.
Sponsored by Bristol Myers Squibb
 Lunch with Exhibitors

12:00 pm - 1:00 pm

Family Day Activities Begin

1:15 pm

Hyatt Regency Hill Country Resort Golf Tournament
 (Buses depart hotel)
 Hill Country Golf Club Shotgun Start
 Tournament Concludes - Awards Banquet Begins
 Buses depart for the Hyatt Regency on the Riverwalk

1:15 pm

Sea World of Texas (Buses depart hotel)

1:45 pm

Arrive at Sea World of Texas, On Your Own to Enjoy Park

6:00 pm

Cookout at Sea World

8:00 pm

Buses depart for the Hyatt Regency on the Riverwalk

Saturday, June 8

7:30 am - 8:00 am
 7:30 am - 12:00 pm
 8:00 am - 9:00 am

Breakfast with Exhibitors
 Registration/Exhibit Hall Open
 Geographic/Travel Medicine - John C. Licciardone, D.O.
Sponsored by Merck Vaccine Division
 ATOMA Board of Trustees' Post Convention Breakfast Meeting
 A Lifetime of Vaccinations - Muriel A. Marshall, D.O.
Sponsored by Merck Vaccine Division

9:00 am - 11:00 am
 9:00 am - 2:30 pm
 10:00 am - 10:30 am
 10:30 am - 12:00 pm

Texas Academy of Osteopathy Treatment Service
 Computer Lab Open - *Sponsored by IBM Healthcare Solutions*
 Break with Exhibitors
 Estrogen Replacement Therapy - New Perspectives on Treatment -
 Elizabeth L. Vliet, M.D.

12:00 pm - 1:15 pm
 1:15 pm - 2:00 pm
 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm
 3:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Sponsored by Bristol Myers Squibb
 AOA Luncheon - John P. Sevastos, D.O., AOA President Elect
 Plugged In: Medicine - Regina Lee and Velma Jackman
 Latest Developments in Medicaid Reform - Commissioner David Smith
Current Workshops (Pre-Registration Required)

- Focus on the Internet - Regina Lee and Velma Jackman
Sponsored by IBM Healthcare Solutions
- Advanced Colposcopy - John M. Chapman, D.O.
- Practice Management/Reimbursement Issues - Don Self
- Intermediate Spanish for Medicine - Craig D. Whiting, D.O.
- Preceptor and Rural Rotation Supervisor Workshop - William Mygdal, Ed.D., Marty Kinard, Ed.D., and Cindy Passmore, M.A.

5:15 pm - 6:15 pm
 6:30 pm - 7:00 pm
 7:00 pm - 12:00 am

Texas Academy of Osteopathy Meeting
 President's Reception
 President's Banquet with a repeat performance from HOTCAKES
 America's Band

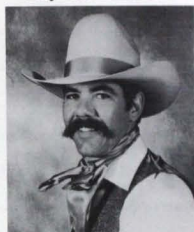
Sunday, June 9

7:30 am - 10:00 am
 8:00 am - 1:00 pm

Registration Open
 In Pursuit of a Physician - Professional Liability Mock Trial
Sponsored by Dean, Jacobson Financial Services

Other Special Events

Keynote Luncheon



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Sustainer's Party

La Villita, Spanish for "little town," is the original settlement of "Old San Antonio." It is one square block in the heart of downtown San Antonio alive with artist and craftsmen, shops and restaurants.

Located on the east bank of the San Antonio River, La Villita was developed in the mid to late 19th Century as a settlement adjacent to Mission San Antonio de Valero (The Alamo).

Enjoy this historic district of San Antonio while eating fajitas and dancing to the country western sounds of the Jody Jenkins Band, winner of the Marlboro Music Talent Roundup in Nashville in 1991. Water taxis will provide round-trip transportation along the scenic San Antonio River.

The Sustainer's Party is open to the Sustaining Member and one guest as a special "Thank You" for their support. In order for TOMA to obtain a more accurate count of those sustaining members who will be attending the party, personalized invitations will be mailed and a R.S.V.P. will be required.

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REGISTRATION FORM

Hyatt Regency on the Riverwalk and San Antonio Convention Center - June 6-9, 1996

27.5 AOA Category 1-A Hours Available

Pre-Registration Deadline is May 15, 1996

Please print or type.

Name _____ First Name for Badge _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

D.O. College _____ Year Graduated _____ AOA # _____

If you are registering your spouse/guest, please provide their name _____

_____ Yes, I will be attending the Basic Computer Workshop on Wednesday, June 5, 1996, at 5:30 pm for an additional \$25.

Please select ONE of the following concurrent sessions for Thursday and Saturday afternoon:

Thursday, 3:30 - 5:30 pm

- _____ OMT Workshop
- _____ Radiology & Acute Care Medicine
- _____ Beginners Spanish for Medicine
- _____ Computer Workshop - NextGen
- _____ EKG Workshop

Saturday, 3:30 - 5:30 pm

- _____ Advanced Computer Workshop
- _____ Advanced Colposcopy
- _____ Practice Management/Reimbursement Issues
- _____ Intermediate Spanish for Medicine
- _____ Preceptor and Rural Rotation Supervisor Workshop

Convention Pre-Registration Fees:

- _____ TOMA Members \$300
- _____ 1st & 2nd Year in Practice \$200
- _____ Spouse, Military, Retired, Associate \$150
- _____ Interns and Residents \$0
- _____ TOMA Non-Members \$500

Registration Postmarked After May 15, 1996, or On-Site

- _____ TOMA Members \$400
- _____ 1st & 2nd Year in Practice \$250
- _____ Spouse, Military, Retired, Associate \$200
- _____ Interns and Residents \$0
- _____ TOMA Non-Members \$600

ATOMA Note - A luncheon ticket is required for the President's Installation and Luncheon. If you have not registered for the convention and want to attend the luncheon, you must buy a ticket. _____ Yes, I need a ticket at \$20; _____ No, I have registered.

Family Day Activities, Friday, June 7, 1996 (See separate article for more details on these events.)

Please choose a family day activity below. No clinical programs will be held on Friday afternoon.

- _____ Sea World of Texas - \$15 per person Number Attending _____ Total Cost \$ _____
 _____ Yes, I (my family) will need transportation to Sea World of Texas.
 If you are bringing children to Sea World, what are their ages _____.
- _____ Hill Country Resort Golf Tournament - \$85 per person Number Attending _____ Total Cost \$ _____
 _____ Yes, I will need transportation to the golf tournament. My handicap is _____; Registration is limited!

PAYMENT

- Registration \$ _____
- Basic Computer Workshop \$ _____
- ATOMA Luncheon Ticket \$ _____
- Family Day Activity \$ _____
- TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ _____

Mail completed form and payment in full (only check)

and money orders accepted) to:
 Texas Osteopathic Medical Association
 1415 Lavaca Street
 Austin, Texas 78701-1634

No registrations will be taken over the phone.

Other Special Events, Continued

If you would like to attend the Sustainer's Party - it's not too late to join. Just call Stephanie Boley, TOMA's Membership Coordinator, at 800/444-8662 and she will sign you up!

President's Banquet

The Annual President's Banquet (black tie optional) will be held on Saturday evening in honor of TOMA's President William D. Hoppers, D.O. The raffle will be passed from Dr. Hoppers to President-Elect Arthur J. Speece, III, D.O. Many prestigious awards will be presented during the banquet including the Distinguished Service Award and the Meritorious Service Award. HOTCAKES America's Band will make an encore performance following the presentations, so plan for an evening full of exciting entertainment.

FYI

IMPORTANT NEWS - CME Sign In

In your registration packet, you will receive a two-part form with each educational session and its CME hours listed. It will be **your** responsibility to check which sessions you attended, total the number of CME hours and sign the form certifying your attendance. Once you have completed the form, you will keep the bottom copy for your records and turn the top copy into the TOMA Registration Desk for reporting to the AOA.

Computer Lab



Because of its success last year, TOMA will have a computer lab open throughout the convention. Review the schedule of events for specific times. IBM Healthcare Solutions will provide twenty computer terminals for your use - please take advantage of their kind support.

Hyatt Regency on the Riverwalk

The Hyatt Regency on the Riverwalk

will be the host hotel for TOMA's 97th Annual Convention and Scientific Seminar. The group rate is \$125 single/double per night and be sure to mention you are with TOMA. To make your reservations, call the Hotel directly at 210/222-1234 no later than **May 15, 1996**, or complete the Hotel Reservation Card on next page and mail it to the Hyatt Regency on the Riverwalk, 123 Losoya Street, San Antonio, Texas 78205.

Southwest Airlines

Southwest Airlines in cooperation with Texas Osteopathic Medical Association, is offering attendees to the Texas Osteopathic Medical Association's 97th Annual Convention & Scientific Seminar, a discount on both Southwest's low everyday unrestricted fares and Southwest's even lower restricted fares for travel on Southwest Airlines.

To take advantage of these discounts, reservations must be made by phoning Southwest Airlines Group Desk at 1-800-433-5368, Monday - Friday, 8am - 5pm. Call no later than **May 27, 1996**, and refer to identifier code M7206.

Disability Statement



Individuals needing special accommodations during TOMA's 97th Annual Convention and Scientific Seminar should contact either D.J. Kyle or Heather Alexander prior to **May 15, 1996**. They can be reached at the Texas Osteopathic Medical Association, 1415 Lavaca Street, Austin, Texas 78701-1634, 512/708-8662, 800/444-8662.

Refund Policy

All cancellation requests must be received in writing and will be charged a 25% handling charge. Cancellations post-marked on or before **May 15, 1996**, will receive a full refund minus the 25% handling charge. No refunds will be given to those cancellation requests postmarked after **May 15, 1996**. ■

Study Shows Big Increase in Prescription Drug Prices

The elderly, uninsured and others least able to pay are being hit with drug price increases at nearly twice the rate of inflation, according to the National Association of Chain Drug Stores and the Prime Institute, a research group at the University of Minnesota.

Although the Consumer Price Index rose just 2.5 percent in the third quarter of 1995, the groups say that wholesale prices of the top 500 prescriptions sold in drugstores rose 4.1 percent during that period.

The patients who must pay drugstore prices, representing about 45 percent of the public, include those who aren't members of HMOs or other insurance plans, and Medicare recipients. HMOs and prepaid drug insurance programs pay less because they negotiate discounts directly with drug makers.

The study backs up reports of price increases from drug industry securities analysts and Medispan, Inc., an independent research corporation. In order to obtain business from HMOs, some drug manufacturers are forced to give price breaks of as much as 25 percent. People who must pay out of their own pocket are making up the difference.

Hemant Shah, an independent drug industry securities analyst in Warren, New Jersey, stated, "What's happening is that old people are subsidizing the discounts being offered to managed care. For the long-term prosperity of a company, pricing should not be a major tool for growth. The major tool for growth has to be new products."

Questioning the accuracy of the survey are drug industry spokesmen, who said price increases are necessary in order to fund research into new medicines. Also doubting the survey's accuracy, Pat Korten, a spokesman for the Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers of America, noted that the government inflation rate for prescription drugs was just 1.9 percent during the same period, which included discounts to HMO members and other insureds.

Membership *On-The-Move*

It's not too late to refer a new member to TOMA! You will receive \$50.00 off your registration fee at the Annual Convention for each new member you recruit. For more details or membership applications, call Stephanie in Membership at 800-444-8662.

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- ☐ Hearing impaired equipped room
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- ☐ Other (please specify) _____

Name(s) _____

Company Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Work Phone Number (____) _____

Home Phone Number (____) _____

Accommodation:

Number of Rooms	Single	Double	Triple	Quad

Special Requests _____

(Type of Accommodation is based on availability)

Method of Arrival: Fly _____ Drive _____

I will arrive on: _____ I will depart on: _____

Date/Time

Date/Time

GOLD PASSPORT #: _____

GUARANTEE:

Reservations not guaranteed by an Advanced Deposit or Major Credit Card will be cancelled at 4:00 PM on day of arrival. Reservations arriving on a Friday or Saturday must be guaranteed. It is highly recommended that all Reservations be guaranteed as follows:

ADVANCED DEPOSIT – Please enclose one night's room rate and tax (15%) as the deposit. Deposits are refundable if cancelled within 48 hours of arrival date.

GUARANTEED BY CREDIT CARD – Please fill in American Express, Carte Blanche, Diner's Club, MasterCard, Visa, JCB, Discover Card number, name of cardholder and expiration date in the space provided:

Cardholder's name: _____

Number: _____

Expiration Date: _____ (Month/Year)

Reservations not guaranteed will be released at 4:00 PM. In the event you are unable to cancel this reservation within 48 hours of the arrival date, a charge equal to one night's room rate will be assessed on the credit card above, or the advance deposit forfeited.

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Understanding Risk

The average American has an inaccurate perception of the meaning of investment risk, according to a recent study by the Investment Company Institute.

Risk, the study found, is one of the most misunderstood principles of investing.

Broadly defined, risk is the chance of loss. However, financial risk has many dimensions. Investments have a host of risk factors such as interest rates, inflation, credit, liquidity, prepayment, etc. Further, each investor has an individual set of parameters to measure his or her own risk tolerance. An investment considered high risk to one investor may in fact be low risk to another. For example, an equity investment may be highly appropriate for a young couple in their 30s, but may be highly unsuitable for a retired senior on a fixed income.

Common mistakes

Ask yourself the following questions. How do you perceive risk? How do you perceive your own personal tolerance to risk based on your financial circumstances? Does your portfolio reflect your individual risk tolerance?

The ICI found that 60% of those defined as low risk-tolerant shareholders own individual stocks and nearly half own stock funds. By the same token, 40% of those defined as high risk-tolerant share

holders own US savings bonds, which hold almost no credit risk.

By these percentages, the content of many investors' portfolios contradicts their tolerance for financial risk. These findings indicate that many investors could benefit from professional guidance in building a portfolio suitable to their current financial needs and risk tolerance.

Another study conducted by the American Association of Retired Persons shows that less than 20% of 1,000 bank customers surveyed understood that mutual funds purchased from banks, like all mutual funds, are not federally insured. Additionally, half of the customers who actually bought the funds believed that they were. This is an example of how many investors take risks unknowingly. It is the responsibility of your investment representative to ensure you understand the risks involved with your investments.

Assessing Your Personal Risk Tolerance

In Building your portfolio, the importance of assessing your risk tolerance is vital to meeting your particular financial needs. As investment representatives, we ask you many questions to determine your financial needs and objectives. We will explore the many investment possibilities open to you and choose those most appropriate for you based on your personal risk tolerance, as well as your investment objectives.

Periodically we will re-evaluate these same factors to determine if your investments are still appropriate for you. As your life changes, your portfolio needs to be adjusted accordingly.

Understanding the relationship of risk to your investments and your objectives is an important part of building your portfolio. If you would like to make sure that your investments are appropriate for you, call Dean, Jacobson Financial Services today.

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Speakers for TOMA's 97th Annual Convention and Scientific Seminar Continued

"Ask the Experts about Diabetes" will be presented by **Robert L. Peters, Jr., D.O., Charles A. Reasner, M.D., and Mary Ann Morgester, M.S.N., R.N.C.,** during TOMA's 97th Annual Convention and Scientific Seminar, to be held June 6-9 in San Antonio. Attendees are encouraged to bring their most difficult cases to this session in order to receive answers from the experts.



Dr. Peters notes that diabetes management is a pervasive illness that remains a great challenge for the family physician. Since the family physician has to face and manage this disease in a different manner, often using new modalities and diet, it can be challenging and, at times, confusing. This presentation will view diabetes in a new light and provide direction to the family practitioner.

Dr. Peters has been on the staff of the Round Rock Clinic, Round Rock, Texas, for 24 years. He is board-certified by the American College of Osteopathic Family Physicians, the American Board of Quality Assurance Review Physicians and the U.S. Department of Transportation, as a Federal Aviation Medical Examiner. **Dr. Peters** is a past president of the Texas Osteopathic Medical Association and is a member of the Board of Trustees of the American Osteopathic Association. He is a 1958 graduate of Kirksville College of Osteopathic Medicine.



According to **Dr. Reasner**, the prevalence of diabetes has increased five-fold in the last 30 years. Until recently, few advances had been made in the therapy of this devastating disease. In the past two years, new therapies including metformin, acarbose and troglitazone have been shown to lower glucose levels in the diabetic patient via different pathogenic mechanisms. This presentation will outline a logical approach to the treatment of the diabetic patient utilizing older and new medications.

Dr. Reasner is an Associate Professor of Medicine in the division of Endocrinology and Metabolism at the University of Texas Health Science Center in San Antonio. Clinical activities include serving as Chief of Clinical Endocrinology and Medical Director of the Texas Diabetes Institute. He is a Fellow of the American College of Physicians and the American College of Endocrinology. **Dr. Reasner** serves as the Secretary of the Endocrine section of the Texas Medical Association and as Chairman of the Professional Education Committee of the Texas Affiliate of the American Diabetes Association.

Ms. Morgester states that since 80 percent of diabetes patients are treated by family practice physicians, with most of the patients' diabetes education provided by office staff, of whom many are unlicensed personnel, the presentation will focus on the education and training type II diabetes mellitus (DM) patients must receive in order to motivate them to adhere to the treatment regimen. Topics will include basic



survival skills, intensive education factors that influence learning, motivational strategies for improving compliance. Also to be addressed are practical methods for accomplishing patient education and regimen adherence in the family practice setting.

Ms. Morgester is a diabetes clinical specialist at the Audie L. Miller Division of the South Texas Veterans Healthcare System, San Antonio, where she follows a case load of patients in the Endocrine Clinic and has three nurse-managed clinical diabetes patient education/management. She is the President of the Alamo Area Chapter of the American Association of Diabetes Educators, which received a grant from the national association of diabetes educators to present seminars on Type II diabetes teaching skills to health care providers in underserved areas. **Ms. Morgester** is the recipient of the Association of Military Surgeons of United States Excellence in Clinical Nursing Award.



A workshop entitled "Electronic Medical Records for the Physician Office" will be presented by **Mr. Taylor**.

According to **Mr. Taylor**, the electronic medical record has been a dream for many years. Having instant access to medical history information, current problems, current medications and allergies without looking through a paper chart, was an idea with the technology to support it. Today, however, the hardware, software, wireless and voice technologies have made electronic medical records a reality. This presentation will focus on how electronic medical records in a physician's office can reduce costs, reduce risk and improve the quality of patient care.

Mr. Taylor began a career with IBM in 1985 as a market representative in Tulsa, Oklahoma. He specialized in the health industry and gained experience working with clients which included hospitals, physician offices, clinics and other health related companies. **Mr. Taylor** is currently the Vice President of Braemar Group, a systems integration firm located in Dallas, contracted by IBM, to represent ambulatory care information solutions throughout the central U. S. **Mr. Taylor** serves as the product specialist for the NextGen application for IBM and focuses exclusively on application solutions relating to electronic medical records, patient data bases and practice management solutions.



Bill V. Way, D.O., will discuss "Pediatric Rashes" as his topic for TOMA's convention.

During this presentation, **Dr. Way** will discuss interesting cases of dermatitis and therapies in relation to pediatric dermatology.

Dr. Way is Medical Director of the Dermatology Clinic and Associate

ancenville. He also serves as the Dermatology Residency Program Director at Dallas Family Hospital, and as Dermatology Consultant for Dallas Family Hospital, Harlton Methodist Hospital, Methodist Medical Center, Midway Park Medical Center and over 15 local nursing homes. Board-certified by the American Osteopathic Board of Dermatology, Dr. Way is a member of the TOMA Board of Trustees and Chairman of the Department of Public Affairs. He is a 1975 graduate of the University of Health Sciences College of Osteopathic Medicine, Kansas City, Missouri. ■

AIDS Notes

Influenza Vaccine Recommended for Persons Infected With HIV

Influenza may cause serious illness and secondary bacterial infections such as pneumonia among immunocompromised persons, including persons with HIV infection. Influenza vaccination may result in protective antibody levels in many immunocompromised recipients, although the antibody response to vaccine may be low in persons with advanced HIV-related illnesses. Therefore, as HIV disease progresses, the ability to gain protection through vaccination may diminish.

Limited studies suggest that among persons already infected with HIV, influenza vaccination may cause a temporary increase in levels of HIV in the blood. However, an actual influenza infection might increase blood HIV levels to an even greater extent. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) are aware that further studies are needed to better understand the potential risks and benefits of influenza vaccination of HIV-infected persons.

Based upon present knowledge, the U. S. Public Health Service, the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices, the Infectious Disease Society of America and the CDC suggest that persons infected with HIV be offered influenza vaccine. To further decrease the likelihood of influenza infection among HIV-infected persons, care givers and household members, including children, of individuals with HIV should also receive influenza vaccine each year, since persons who are clinically or sub clinically infected with influenza and who care for or live with HIV-infected persons can transmit influenza virus to them.

News From the Texas Workers' Compensation Commission

96 Medical Fee Guideline Available for Purchase

The 1996 Medical Fee Guideline, adopted by the Texas Workers' Compensation Commission on February 15, 1996, is available for purchase from the Commission's Publications Office.

Those who wish to purchase the Guideline can pick one up for \$5.00 at the Commission's Publications Office, located at 4000 S. -35, Austin, TX 78704. The Guideline is also available by mail for \$12.70.

As a reminder, the 1996 Medical Fee Guideline is effective for fees of health care services or treatments rendered on or after April 1, 1996.

Contact 512-440-3618 with any questions regarding purchase of the Guideline.

Carrier Request for Required Medical Examinations

FWCC Advisory notice 96-01 states that disputes have arisen when an injured employee failed to submit to a carrier's Required Medical Examination because the doctor would not allow a witness other than the employee's doctor to attend the examination or allow the examination to be video or audio taped.

Texas Labor Code §408.004(b) authorizes the Commission to require an employee to submit to a medical examination at the request of an insurance carrier. Texas Labor Code §408.004(d) and Commission Rule 126.6(c) allow the employee to have his/her doctor present at the examination. Should the employee desire to have anyone other than his/her doctor present at the examination, he/she must obtain prior authorization from the examining doctor. Additionally, video cameras or other recording equipment will not be allowed in the examination without prior authorization from the examining doctor. The examining doctor shall decide on a case by case basis, and must base his/her decision on the facts presented showing the employee's need for the special request, e.g., the need for a sign-language interpreter. A doctor's decision not to allow a witness other than the employee's doctor to attend the examination or allow the examination to be video or audio taped is not, in and of itself, good cause for failure to submit to the examination.

Under Texas Labor Code §408.004(f), failure of an employee to submit to a Required Medical Examination without good cause may result in the issuance of an administrative penalty against the employee in an amount not to exceed \$500.00. Additionally, if the employee fails to submit to the Required Medical Examination, the insurance carrier may request a Benefit

Two-Dose AIDS Vaccine Test Will be Given to Volunteers

Five hundred U.S. and French volunteers will begin testing a potential AIDS vaccine next year in a joint venture between two drug companies and the U.S. government. Although it is unknown if or how well this two-dose experiment will work, Dr. Anthony Fauci, Director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID), noted that the threat of AIDS is so great that the U.S. must accept a less-than-perfect vaccine. "God bless us if we get 85 percent effectiveness," he said.

Various experimental vaccines against AIDS are in human testing worldwide, mostly in the first stage that determines whether the vaccine itself harms people. Although several that have finished Phase II trials offered some protective responses, none have been effective enough to perform final testing in thousands of people.

The newest vaccine that has made it to Phase II testing is a joint venture between NIAID, Pasteur-Merieux of France and Biocine, Inc., of Emeryville, California. Known as "prime-plus-boost," this vaccine genetically engineers a virus to emit several HIV proteins that, theoretically, will prime the immune system to recognize and fight HIV. The 500 volunteers will first receive this shot, made by Pasteur-Merieux.

Next, the volunteers will receive Biocine's booster shot, containing a core HIV protein called gp120, known by scientists to stimulate some immune response against HIV.

The vaccine will be deemed effective if 30 percent of the volunteers develop immune lymphocytes capable of killing HIV-infected cells, and 90 percent develop another immune protection called neutralizing antibodies, which can inactivate HIV or prevent it from infecting cells. ■

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Texas Will Regulate Viatical Industry

Texas Insurance Commissioner Elton Bomer recently announced adoption of the state's first regulations designed to protect terminally ill people who sell the proceeds of their life insurance policies for living expenses.

Viatical companies, as they are known, usually pay 50 to 90 percent of the value of a person's life insurance proceeds. The ill individual, in turn, names the company as beneficiary for the full amount of the life insurance policy.

In announcing adoption of the rules, Commissioner Bomer noted, "Financially, this may be the most important decision a terminally ill person makes."

The new rules require more disclosure for the terminally ill. Companies must explain how viatical settlements work,

any tax consequences, the effect of such settlements on a person's eligibility for Medicaid and other public assistance and the person's right to privacy. A person must also be informed of his or her right to cancel the contract within 30 days of signing it.

In addition, all companies operating in Texas must register with the Insurance Department using forms approved by state regulators, and all advertising and marketing materials used by the companies must be filed with regulators as well.

Texas becomes the 13th state to regulate viatical companies, which number approximately 60 nationwide. In 1995, the companies bought an estimated \$400 million in life insurance policies.

★ District Stars ★

Senator Carlos Truan Honored by TOMA District VIII

During a meeting of TOMA District VIII on January 25, 1996, Senator Carlos Truan was presented with a plaque in his honor.

Bobby Howard, D.O., TOMA District VIII Secretary/Treasurer, and TOMA President William D. Hospers, D.O., recognized Senator Truan for his dedication and support in the passage of Senate Bill 965.

S.B. 965, TOMA's Hospital Staff Privileges bill, was our number one priority during the 74th legislative session. It was authored and sponsored by Senator Truan and signed into law on May 11, 1995, by Texas Governor George W. Bush.

Last year, TOMA's House of Delegates passed Resolution 95-10, "TOMA Recognition of Senator Carlos Truan," which read as follows:

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 965 was important so that all physicians receive fair and equitable treatment when applying for hospital staff privileges, regardless of their medical degree or post graduate training, and

WHEREAS, proper and effective sponsorship is needed to have any bill become law, and

WHEREAS, Senator Carlos Truan of Corpus Christi was author and sponsor of Senate Bill 965, and

WHEREAS, appropriate recognition and expression of gratitude should be given, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the 50th Annual Texas Osteopathic Medical Association's House of Delegates hereby recognizes Senator Carlos Truan for his dedication and support in passage of this important law.



Senator Truan (center) accepts plaque from Dr. Howard (left) and Dr. Hospers (right).

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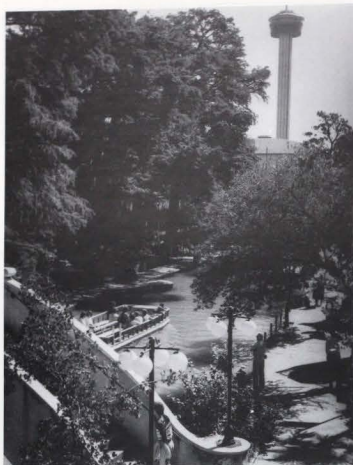
Additional Warning Label on OTC PPA Products Proposed

New labeling for all over-the-counter drugs that contain phenylpropanolamine (PPA) has been proposed by the Food and Drug Administration. The warnings will advise consumers not to take a PPA-containing drug with any other product that contains PPA, phenylephrine, pseudoephedrine or ephedrine. The proposed labeling also would require that PPA-containing weight control products be used by adults only (over 18 years of age).

FDA officials are concerned that taking more than the recommended dose of PPA, an ingredient in OTC weight control, cough-cold, allergy, and nasal decongestant drug products, may be harmful. Some data indicate that PPA, in OTC drugs, may increase the risk of hemorrhagic stroke. Although the FDA agrees with the conclusion that, to date, there is no definite link between using OTC PPA-containing drugs and hemorrhagic strokes, further safety data are needed. The FDA is awaiting data from an industry-sponsored PPA safety study.

In reviewing all available information, it appears that PPA's possible risk may be further increased when consumers inadvertently exceed normal doses, either by consuming more than the label's recommended dose or by simultaneously taking the drug in other products labeled for different uses (i.e., taking PPA-containing weight control and cough/cold products).

PPA affects the central nervous system and the cardiovascular system and should not be taken with other products that contain PPA, phenylephrine, pseudoephedrine or ephedrine, which have similar effects on the body. PPA also interacts with certain antidepressants known as monoamine oxidase inhibitors (MAOI) which, when combined with PPA, can cause life-threatening adverse effects. In addition, persons with high blood pressure, heart or thyroid disease, or diabetes should not use PPA without consulting a physician.



San Antonio River Walk: Located downtown along a mile and a half section of the meandering San Antonio River, the River Walk, or Paseo del Rio, hugs the banks of the river 20 feet below street level offering visitors and local residents a picturesque collection of shops, restaurants, hotels and night clubs. One can dine indoors or at patio cafes, enjoying German, Irish, Italian, Japanese, Cajun, Tex-Mex and Texan cuisine. The towering cypress trees and semi-tropical vegetation create a beautiful oasis in the middle of America's ninth largest city. (Photo courtesy of San Antonio Convention & Visitors Bureau.)

Join Us in San Antonio Annual Convention June

San Antonio, often called the Alamo City in honor of the most historic cities of the United States. San Antonio is the site of the first permanent Spanish settlement, the Alamo (known as the Alamo). It became the major Spanish stronghold.

Dissatisfaction with Mexican rule led Texas settlers to remain under their control until March 6, 1836, when Santa Anna stormed the Alamo. One of the most famous battles in Texas history was the Alamo. One of the most famous battles in Texas history was a task, as one Alamo scholar commented, for which the 13-day siege, the Alamo fell, thus giving birth to the best known symbols of Texas history and liberty, carrying on the fight.

On April 21, Texas forces defeated the Mexicans in the Battle of San Antonio. In 1837, San Antonio was incorporated as a city of the state. In 1877, San Antonio developed as a cattle market and center during both world wars.

A city of contemporary glitter and colorful history, San Antonio is reflected in such views as time-worn adobe buildings that share the present in a way that charms visitors and residents.

The beauty of the city is undeniable. A bend in the San Antonio River, where shops and restaurants line the riverbank, is the original settlement of Old San Antonio, occupies the site and shops built by early Spanish settlers.

Visitors can tour the historic Alamo, as well as four other historic sites in bygone years. The city also boasts Sea World of Texas, the World of the Americas, originally built for HemisFair '68, the Mexican market, as well as at the city's stores, boutiques, tubing, swimming and more.

San Antonio's vivid charm is a great place for the tourist. The heritage of the city offers something for everyone.



A Carriage in King William Historic District: Horse-drawn carriages provide tours of certain parts of downtown, including the King William Historic District. Wealthy German merchants and craftsmen settled in this area in the mid to late 1800's. Two homes, the Steves Homestead and the Guenther House, are open to the public on a regular basis. (Photo courtesy of San Antonio Convention & Visitors Bureau.)



HemisFair Water Park: The City of San Antonio's water fountains, cascades, streams and pools around the base of the Tower of the Americas serves as a "connector" between the Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center, the Tower of the Americas, the Institute of Texan Cultures and the Tower of the Americas. (Photo courtesy of San Antonio Convention & Visitors Bureau.)

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of the Alamo that was fought there in 1836, is one of the oldest in 1718 by Father Antonio Olivares, with the establishment of Antonio de Valero, (converted after 1793 into a fortress until 1821, when Mexico won its independence from Spain. Antonio was captured by Texans in December, 1835, and under the leadership of General Antonio Lopez de Santa Fe for Texas independence ensued, with 187 men defending nearly three acres, defending this improvised fortress would have barely sufficed." On March 6, 1836, after a "Remember the Alamo." This cry continues as one of the many names of men such as Davy Crockett and Jim Bowie. Santa Fe, and Texas became independent.

After the American Civil War and the arrival of the railroad for south central Texas, and prospered as a military

is a unique contrast between past and present. This characterizes the shadows of modern skyscrapers. The old and the new

encircles the heart of downtown San Antonio in the center of the Paseo del Rio (River Walk). La Villita (Little Village), the downtown riverfront, and includes restored houses

built during the 1700's, catching a glimpse of life as it was in San Antonio Zoo; the Arneson River Theatre; the Tower of the city's 250th anniversary; shopping at Market Square, a park; and outdoor activities, such as golfing, fishing, rafting,

atation, June 6-9, 1996. The rich color, culture, history and



La Villita Historical District: La Villita was one of the original settlements of San Antonio. Located on the banks of the San Antonio River in the downtown area, the restored homes now contain the shops and studios of artists and craftsmen, as well as several restaurants. The plazas of La Villita are often the site of private parties and public events, such as "Night In Old San Antonio" during the city's annual Fiesta Celebration in April. The Cos House in La Villita was the site of Mexican General Perfecto Cos' signing of the articles of capitulation during the Texas Revolution. (Photo courtesy of San Antonio Convention & Visitors Bureau.)



Beautiful series of historic buildings, including the Fair Park, the Center, the playground.



Mission San Jose Y Miguel De Aguayo: This mission, as part of the San Antonio Missions National Historical Park, was founded in 1720 by Father Margil de Jesus from Valencia, Spain. San Jose is a beautiful example of Spain's endeavor to civilize and colonize the New World through its Missionary Church. The mission abounds with magnificence in its architecture and its art. Father Morfi, sent to inspect the mission in 1771, said, "The Queen of all the Missions of New Spain in point of beauty, plan and strength, is a symbol of faith, courage and vigor of Franciscan Fathers." Mission San Jose is still known as the "Queen of Texas Missions." (Photo courtesy of San Antonio Convention & Visitors Bureau.)

What's Happening In Washington, D.C.

• **Flat Tax Will Force State Action.** The adoption of a flat tax that is revenue neutral for the federal government would cost California about \$10 billion, according to a recent study of the California Franchise Tax Board. If the federal rate structure is flattened to promote savings and economic growth, every state with an income tax will have to reevaluate those state provisions that are directly impacted by the federal tax structure.

• **Another Budget Effort.** A bipartisan group in Congress is trying to do what the Republican leadership and the Clinton Administration have been unable to do - agree on a budget-balancing package. The group's approach is to keep most of the expenditure cuts, but eliminate most of the tax cuts. A tax credit for dependent children and a capital gains relief provision are still on the table.

• **Home Bargains?** Any tax structure that eliminates the mortgage interest deduction will cause home values in the U.S. to drop \$1.7 trillion or about 15 percent. So says a recent study of the National Association of Realtors. The study also indicated that such a tax structure would only reduce interest rates one-half to one percent.

• **S Corporation Election in Jeopardy.** In December, 1995, the Clinton Administration announced proposals to treat an S election by large C corporations as a liquidation for tax purposes. Such a provision would make it prohibitively expensive for many C corporations to elect S status. The Administration initially proposed an effective date of December 7, 1995, but recently proposed that the date be moved to January 1, 1997.

• **Dream On?** On February 22, President Clinton announced a list of legislation that he believed Congressional Democrats and Republicans could complete within the next thirty days. The list included a balanced budget, welfare reform and health insurance reform.

• **New Auto Numbers In.** The IRS recently announced its new limitations on depreciation deductions for owners of passenger cars that are first placed in service during 1996. The limitations are \$3,060 for the first tax year, \$4,900 for the second tax year, \$2,950 for the third tax year, and \$1,775 for each succeeding tax year.

Split Dollar Life Insurance Setback

Many companies offer select executives split dollar life insurance benefits. Usually the company pays the premium on a whole life policy for the executive, and the company and the executive split the death benefit. Typically, the company's share of the death benefit only reimburses the company for its investment in the premiums; the lion's share of the death benefit is for the executive's family. The executive ends up with a permanent life insurance benefit that is funded by the company.

When this employer-pay-all form of split dollar insurance has been used, the executive has had to recognize taxable

compensation income each year equal to the one-year term cost of the life insurance. The IRS recently ruled that the executive must also recognize as income each year the building in the policy's cash surrender value in excess of the amount repayable to the company. This ruling is going to increase the tax cost of many split dollar insurance programs.

The above information was provided by Dean, Jacobson Financial Services, Fort Worth, Texas.

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Highlights from TOMA's 40th MidWinter Conference and Legislative Symposium

TOMA's 40th MidWinter Conference and Legislative Symposium was a huge success! Thanks to the dedication of Program Chairman Gregory A. Dott, D.O., F.A.A.O., the conference offered a wide variety of topics and speakers that appealed to the masses. This was proven in the high attendance of 179 physicians registered.

The exhibit hall was well attended with 39 table top exhibits representing a wide range of companies from pharmaceutical to educational. Many of the exhibitors gave high praise to this year's meeting because of the increased traffic through the hall. Best of all, the exhibitors said they would be back next year!

There were many interesting sessions held at this year's conference. On Saturday, Representative Kyle Janek, M.D., spoke to the 115 physicians in attendance at the Legislative

Luncheon. His presentation covered many areas of concern to physicians including managed care and the Patient Protection Act.

Sunday was dedicated to risk management with a two-hour session on "Ethical Issues in Managed Care" by Richard Lauve, M.D. His topic got participants debating about right vs. wrong. One quote overheard was "I'm not sure that I agree with him but he sure has made me think."

Overall, the sessions and exhibit hall were highly rated in the evaluations received from those in attendance. Many thanks to Greg Dott, D.O. for his hard work!

Next year's 41st MidWinter Conference and Legislative Symposium will be held at the Fairmont Hotel in Dallas on February 14-16, 1997. Block your calendar now to attend!



Scenes from TOMA's 40th MidWinter Conference





TOMA Executive Director Terry Boucher, M.P.H., Representative Kyle Junek, M.D. and David Armbruster, D.O.

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Texas Society of the ACOFP Update

By Joseph Montgomery-Davis, D.O., Texas Society of the ACOFP Editor

It is that time of the year again when the Texas ACOFP requests candidates for the Texas Osteopathic Family Physician of the Year award. The recipient of this award will automatically be the nominee to the Board of Governors of the National ACOFP for their similar annual award.

Only Texas ACOFP members in good standing can submit nominees for the Osteopathic Family Physician of the Year for 1996. The proposed nominees must be nominated by a Texas ACOFP member and must possess the following requirements: 1) be a member of the National ACOFP; 2) the nominee can be shown to have made outstanding contributions to his or her profession and community, depictive of unselfish devotion in serving others; 3) the nominee must have been in active family practice for at least the past 15 years, or the past 10 years plus an internship or residency in family practice; 4) the name and completed supportive information shall be forwarded to the Executive Director of the Texas ACOFP for consideration by the Awards Committee.

The nominators should supply as much detail as possible for the consideration of their nominee. In addition, the nominator should supply at least one (two preferred), black and white (no color photos, please), four-by-six or five-by-seven photos of the nominee, if at all possible. The Texas ACOFP Executive Director will contact the nominee, if necessary, in an effort to complete the needed data on all candidates.

With the name change from the Texas ACGP to the Texas ACOFP, the time spent in General Practice/Family Practice will be counted towards the years in practice requirement for this award. This is the highest award that the Texas ACOFP can offer to a member. Please take the time to nominate a worthy candidate for 1996.

One of the actions of the Texas ACOFP Board of Governors, during their meeting on February 17, 1996, at the Fairmont Hotel in Dallas, was to recommend three Bylaw changes to the membership. One proposed Bylaw change is the establishment of a Long Range Planning Committee as a standing committee of this society; another is the abolishment of the current Hospital Committee. The third proposed Bylaw change is to allow associate Texas ACOFP members, who are allied health professionals, to pay approximately one-third of the regular dues.

Once the Constitution and Bylaw changes are in the proper form, they will be mailed to Texas ACOFP members, along with a ballot. Please take the time to read the changes and indicate your approval or disapproval, and sign and date the ballot. Either mail or FAX your completed ballot to the Texas ACOFP, 1415 Lavaca St., Austin, TX 78701-1634; FAX 512-708-1415. If you have any questions, please call the Texas

ACOFP Executive Director, Janet Dunkle, at 512-708-9999 or 800-825-8967. She will be happy to respond to any questions you may have regarding the proposed Bylaw changes.

As you may recall from the March, 1996, "Texas ACOFP Update," OMT codes and the updated fees for the new Texas Workers' Compensation Medical Fee Guideline were published, effective April 1, 1996. They are as follows:

Code	Fee
98925	\$39.00
98926	\$45.00
98927	\$52.00
98928	\$58.00
98929	\$64.00

The osteopathic physician will be allowed to bill an established office visit 99212 in those instances where only manipulation is performed. This provision under the new Medical Fee Guideline overrides the 1995 AMA CPT code book that states that a separate and identifiable procedure must be performed before billing an office visit plus OMT.

Another significant change is that once the sum of OMT's are billed under Texas Workers' Compensation, then pre-authorization is needed.

Barring any unforeseen circumstances, by the time you read this article the new OMT fees will be in effect.

Final plans are being made for the Texas ACOFP's 39th Annual Convention and 23rd Mid-Year Seminar, to be held August 1-4, 1996. The convention will be hosted at the Arlington Hilton, 2401 E. Lamar Boulevard, Arlington, TX 76006; 817-640-3322. This year's Fun Night will be spent at the Texas Rangers' new stadium, watching the Rangers play against the Chicago White Sox. When was the last time you and your family attended a major league baseball game? Probably was a long time ago! Watch your mail for more details!

Those Texas ACOFP members in the Metroplex should be on the alert in regards to managed care companies which are attaching riders to standard managed care health policies which will also cover work-related injuries and motor vehicle injuries as part of the standard capitated health plan. No Texas physician can afford to take care of work-related injuries and motor vehicle injuries for \$7.00 per month under the provisions of an HMO capitation plan.

TOMA and the Texas ACOFP will be working hard to prohibit these riders through the proper state officials and agencies.

New Members

TOMA would like to welcome the following new members who were approved at the February 16, 1996, Board of Trustees Meeting:

REGULAR MEMBERS

Stanley C. Evans, D.O., Family Practice, 2412 Old North Rd., Suite 100B, Denton, TX 76201. Medical education: University of North Texas Health Science Center/Texas College of Osteopathic Medicine, Fort Worth, TX, 1992. Internship: Osteopathic Medical Center of Texas, Fort Worth, TX, 1992-93. DOB 6-18-59.

Joe F. Helpenstell, D.O., Family Practice, 208 E. Purdom, Alvarado, TX 76009. Medical education: University of North Texas Health Science Center/Texas College of Osteopathic Medicine, Fort Worth, TX, 1992. Family Practice residency: LaGrange Memorial Hospital, LaGrange, IL, 1992-95. DOB 12-28-50.

John Robert Randall, D.O., Internal Medicine, Cardiology, Cardiac Electrophysiology, 4100 W. 15th Street, #208, Plano, TX 75093. Medical education: University of North Texas Health Science Center/Texas College of Osteopathic Medicine, Fort Worth, TX, 1988. Internship: Scott & White Hospital, Temple, TX, 1988-91. Internal Medicine and Cardiology residency: Scott & White Hospital, 1988-94. Cardiac Electrophysiology fellowship: Scott & White Hospital, 1994-95. DOB 8-9-58.

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Stephen Max Dentler, D.O., Pediatrics, 153 Eagle Drive, Leesville, LA 71446. Medical education: University of North Texas Health Science Center/Texas College of Osteopathic Medicine, Fort Worth, TX, 1992. Internship: Brooke Army Medical Center, San Antonio, TX, 1992-93. Pediatric residency: Brooke Army Medical Center, 1993-95. DOB 1-31-65.

Arthur Godfrey Lapping, D.O., Family Practice, 204 Monroe Street, Warren, OH 44483. Medical education:

Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine, Philadelphia, PA, 1983. Internship: Warren General Hospital, Warren, OH, 1983-84. DOB 11-15-53.

OUT-OF-STATE MILITARY

David Nga Hoang, D.O., Family Practice, B Co., 168th Medical BN., Unit #15585, APO, AP 96205. Medical education: University of North Texas Health Science Center/Texas College of Osteopathic Medicine, Fort Worth, TX, 1994. Internship: LSU-Shreveport/Monroe Hospital, Monroe, LA. DOB 10-11-58.

INTERN/RESIDENT MEMBERS

Cheryl Ann Bray, D.O.; Laine Foran, D.O.; Chris G. Maguire, D.O.; Michael Martin Seto, D.O.; and Moin Absan Shaikh, D.O.

Group Says Foreign Medical Graduates Aren't Contributing to Physician Surplus

The American College of International Physicians (ACIP), which represents international medical graduates, says limiting the number of foreign medical graduates allowed to train in the United States will not result in a more favorable marketplace for U.S. medical students.

The ACIP noted that the problems faced by U.S. medical graduates are not because of a foreign doctor surplus, and it is time to end the "finger pointing and hate mongering."

Several groups contend that there is an oversupply of physicians in America, with one of the reasons being a large number of foreign medical students taking U.S. government-funded residencies.

THANK YOU!

TOMA would like to thank the following "Texas Stars" who have contributed above the \$1,000 donation level:

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News from Osteopathic Health System of Texas

Physician, Physician Assistant Join Staff at Saginaw Osteopathic Family Medicine Clinic

T. Eugene Zachary, D.O., F.A.C.G.P., a family physician with more than 36 years of experience in delivering family medicine, joined the Saginaw Osteopathic Family Medicine Clinic on February 19. Dr. Zachary takes over for Suzanne Schafer, D.O., who left the clinic to relocate to the Houston/Galveston area.

Dr. Zachary will lead the clinic's medical team consisting of one physician assistant, two externs from Texas College of Osteopathic Medicine, and nurses and support staff who work at the clinic. Dr. Zachary is an Associate Professor of Family Medicine at the University of North Texas Health Science Center/TCOM, and is Director of UNTHSC's family medicine preceptor program. Dr. Zachary will oversee two medical school externs who will assist him in delivering family health care. He is certified by the American College of Osteopathic Family Physicians and is a member of the American Osteopathic Association, the Texas Osteopathic Medical Association and the American College of Osteopathic Family Physicians.

Larry Dennis, P.A., is the physician's assistant who will be working with Dr. Zachary. Larry brings more than 26 years of health care experience to the clinic, and has a strong background in providing primary care and general patient education in a family practice setting. He is a member of the American Academy of Physician Assistants and the Texas Academy of Physician Assistants.

The Saginaw Osteopathic Family Medicine Clinic offers complete family health care Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. The clinic offers employment physicals, worker's compensation services, school physicals, minor surgery and emergency care, X-rays, EKG and laboratory services. The clinic files insurance and participates in most managed care and insurance plans, and accepts both Medicare and Medicaid.

Barton Head Elected to Osteopathic Medical Center of Texas Board

The Board of Directors for the Osteopathic Medical Center of Texas (OMCT)



Barton Head

and I welcome the opportunity to help in any way that I can."

His career in accounting spans more than 30 years. He began at the accounting firm of James Guinn & Company in 1957. He opened his own firm in 1967 and formed a partnership in 1984 called Head, Head, Linan & Tibbels. Mr. Head is currently associated with Head, Linan & Tibbels located in downtown Fort Worth.

A native Texan, he is a long-time Fort Worth resident and a 1959 graduate of Texas Christian University.

Mr. Head has been very active professionally and in his community. He served as President of the Tarrant County chapter for the National Association of Accountants and as the Secretary of the Fort Worth chapter of the Texas Society of Certified Public Accountants. He is presently the Vice Chairman of the Board at Lake Worth National Bank and serves on several of the bank's committees, including the Audit Committee and Loan Committee.

Cardiac Rehab Services

The Life Beat Cardiac Rehabilitation program at OMCT is designed for those recovering from heart attack, heart surgery or cardiovascular disease and patients at high risk of developing heart problems. Cardiac Rehabilitation is divided into three phases. The Cardiac Rehab staff is dedicated to meeting patients' needs at every stage of recovery.

The Phase I inpatient program is initiated immediately, through education and exercise therapy. Phase I lessens the deconditioning that normally accompanies prolonged bed rest, and it helps the patient understand what has happened, what is to follow and how to cope with lifestyle changes after a cardiac event.

Phase II is a 12-week outpatient program that assists cardiovascular patients with cardiovascular disease on a

daily basis. The Cardiac Rehab shows why a change in diet and lifestyle is necessary and how to maintain it. Active exercise programs are prescribed for each participant and they are closely supervised by the Cardiac Rehab staff. Patients are re-evaluated at six and twelve weeks, and progress reports are sent to their physicians. Educational classes are offered every week. Transportation can also be provided necessary via the OMCT Care-A-Van.

Phase III or the Special Populations program offers participants a flexible workout schedule and an unlimited number of supervised workout sessions, plus free health and fitness appraisals. The Phase III program is designed to help participants increase and maintain endurance and strength. Based on the philosophy that Prevention Works Wonders, this program encourages participants to head off health problems before they occur.

Special populations who benefit from this phase include patients with one or more of the following: cardiac problems, diabetes, renal problems, stroke, obesity, pulmonary, cancer, psychological problems, hypertension, arthritis, elderly (deconditioned), and peripheral vascular disease. Phase III includes circuit training, cross training, aerobic conditioning, individualized exercise program, weight management and more.

Other Cardiac Rehabilitation services offered in the programs are outpatient stress testing, body fat composition, lipid evaluation and nutritional assessments. You will also have access to the Mended Hearts organization. The organization is made up of volunteers who have heart disease, their family members, medical professionals and other interested individuals. The program is endorsed by the American Heart Association.

Physician referrals are required for all phases of the Cardiac Rehabilitation programs. For more information on the program or enrollment, please call us at 817-735-6404.

OHST Awards Scholarships

"It's not often that you get to be lunch with four Olympic athletes," said the welcoming statement by Bill Stephen, Executive Vice President and Administrator at OMCT, to parents and students at the fifth annual Convocation.

OHST Awards Scholarships



Scott Murray and Heidi Francen

Marathon Track Scholar-Athlete Scholarship reception held February 23, at the V.L. Jennings Conference Room. The event was emceed by KXAS Channel 5 sports personality Scott Murray.

The Olympians Mr. Stephen was referring to were Frank Shorter, Bill Rodgers, John Treacy and Gwynn Coogan. Also in attendance was the first Cowtown Track Scholar-Athlete recipient Megan Flowers, who has just qualified for the 1996 pre-Olympic trials in Atlanta. "When I received the award in 1992, it was special because it represented support and encouragement from my community, and provided a foundation for college," Megan said. The committee representing Osteopathic Health System of Texas awards two \$1,500 Scholarships. They select the best high school seniors, one male and one female, based on three criteria: academics, community involvement and athletic achievement. "The award started five years ago," Mr. Stephen said. "It was a natural follow to the race, something Osteopathic Health System could do in an effort to continue direct involvement with the community."

This year, for the first time in the scholarship's history there was a tie in the female category. "Two female students nominated for the award represented such high achievements in the chosen criteria that the committee decided to award each student the full amount of the scholarship," said Mr. Stephen.

The winners of the 1996 scholarships were Alison Harvey and Theo Thompson, of Arlington Heights High School, and Heidi Francen of Grapevine High School.

The Cowtown Marathon Track Scholar-Athlete selection committee members are: Chairman Sam Pearson, D.O., radiologist at OMCT; Ron Stephen, OMCT Administrator; Raligh Green, owner of Greenwood Office

Outfitters; Ronnie White, retired Director of Athletics for the Fort Worth Independent School District; Jim Gilliland, owner of Jim Gilliland Insurance Company and race director of the Cowtown Marathon and 10K run; Tiffany Hoffman, member of the Health & Fitness Connection Running Team; and Travis Mann and Amy Brumby, Communications Department at Osteopathic Health System of Texas.

Marriott Health Systems at OMCT Named Metropolitan Employer of the Year

The Goodwill Industries of Fort Worth awarded Marriott Health Systems at OMCT the Metropolitan Employer of the year award for 1995, on February 20 at the Fort Worth Club. The prestigious award was presented to Shae Mukadam, Director of Environmental Services for Marriott Health Systems, and Ron Stephen, Executive Vice President and Administrator at OMCT.

Each year Goodwill Industries recognizes outstanding corporations or organizations that have provided special assistance in the employment of individuals with disabilities.

"We have a commitment to the community," Shae said. "Not just the community that doesn't have disabilities but the whole community. Making reasonable accommodations for those that are challenged is part of our day-to-day jobs as managers."

Shae has found some unique individuals that add to the quality of his program. One such person is Thomas Perez, one of four Goodwill employees presently working at OMCT. Thomas is deaf and communicates through sign language. Thomas started with the program after Christmas. "He is such a hard worker," Shae said. "Thomas has told me, through an interpreter, that all he has been qualified to do is wash dishes - no one would ever give him an opportunity to be out in the public, or to work with other people."

Shae speaks highly of Thomas. He says that everyone who knows Thomas knows he is a hard worker. "When most people are slowing down, Thomas is picking up the pace," Shae said.

Thomas works in the Emergency Room and has been one of the top floor techs in the department. "He's been a perfect match for the department, and they get upset when Thomas isn't there, they want to know where he is," Shae said.



Thomas Perez, left, and Shae Mukadam

Shae said that the people from Goodwill are committed to their jobs and are just asking for an opportunity to be a part of the community.

Goodwill Industries, with help from Shae, set up a training program on housekeeping and floor care. The training begins at the Goodwill Industries and lasts for six weeks. Then the employees are trained with Marriott at OMCT for two additional weeks. The employees are provided with a job coach, who works by the employee's side making sure the employee is getting all the information and doing everything that is asked of him or her.

Shae said one of the major reasons Marriott and OMCT won the prestigious award was because of OMCT's commitment to the community. "I was just fulfilling that commitment, to see the community as all the people, not just some of the people," he said. ■



Roy Fisher, D.O., was surprised to see Suzanne Reeves from Quality Management on his doorstep bearing birthday cards and gifts from OHST employees. Dr. Fisher, who turned 86 on February 28, later said, "I'd like to thank all of the kind people who wrote birthday cards to me. It was the happiest birthday I'd had in many a year!"

Blood Bank Briefs for Physicians

"Use of Intravenous Rh Immune Globulin in Treatment of Immune Thrombocytopenic Purpura"

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

The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has recently licensed WinRho SD, an intravenous form of Rh Immune Globulin (IV RhIG). This biologic has been available for many years in Canada. IV RhIG can be administered for the suppression of Rh isoimmunization which can occur during pregnancy or after transfusion of Rh-positive blood to an Rh-negative recipient. It is also licensed for the treatment of Rh-positive individuals with immune thrombocytopenic purpura (ITP).

There are several types of therapy for the treatment of ITP. These therapies include the use of corticosteroids, standard IVIG therapy, splenectomy, chemotherapy and apheresis. The availability of IV RhIG offers another option for the treatment of ITP. When given intravenously, IV RhIG has been shown to increase platelet counts in ITP patients who are Rh-positive.

Platelet counts have been shown to rise within one to two days and peak within seven to 14 days after initiation of therapy. The average duration of response varies but is approximately 30 days. The mechanism of action is not completely understood, but may relate to reticuloendothelial system blockade or some form of immune modulation in which Rh-positive red cells, coated with RhIG, produce an ameliorating effect on removal of antibody-coated platelets. This therapy is indicated only for treatment of non-splenectomized patients, including Rh-positive children with acute or chronic ITP, adults with chronic ITP or children and adults with ITP secondary to human immunodeficiency virus infection in clinical situations requiring an increased platelet count to prevent excessive hemorrhage. IV RhIG is not recommended for treating splenectomized patients or for Rh-negative individuals with ITP.

IV RhIG deserves a place in the physician's armamentarium because the material is virus-inactivated and its use is noninvasive. Thus, many would consider IV RhIG as a first

line therapy for Rh-positive individuals with ITP along with corticosteroids, other forms of IV gamma globulin and apheresis (with or without Staph Protein A column therapy). Because this therapy is noninvasive and relatively free of side effects, WinRho probably should be considered prior to use of chemotherapeutic agents, such as cytoxan and azathioprine, and also prior to splenectomy. IV RhIG should not be administered during a course of apheresis therapy. Whether IV RhIG will fulfill the potential shown in previous studies for treatment of ITP once it achieves widespread clinical use remains to be seen.

Reference:

Report, AABB Ad Hoc Intravenous Rh Immune Globulin Committee. Guidelines for the use of intravenous Rh immune globulin; Newsletter of the American Association of Blood Banks 1996;18:2.

Rogaine Now Available Over-the-Counter

Beginning this month, the hair growth drug Rogaine will be available over-the-counter, making it the only medically proven baldness drug available without a prescription. Packages will be formulated as Rogaine for Men and Rogaine for Women to provide gender-based instructions and illustrations on its usage.

Nonprescription Rogaine will contain a two percent minoxidil formulation, which is the prime ingredient in Rogaine. Manufacturer Pharmacia & Upjohn has requested that the Food and Drug Administration also approve a five percent minoxidil formulation as a prescription drug. That request is pending.



The Texas Society of the American College of Osteopathic Family Physicians

39th Annual Convention and 23rd Mid-Year Seminar
will be held on August 1 - 4, 1996.

The convention will be hosted at the Arlington Hilton, 2401 E. Lamar Blvd.,
Arlington, Texas 76006, 817/640-3322.

Watch your mail for more details!

First Conjoint Board Exam for Addition Medicine to be Offered October 6

The first examination for certification of added qualification in addition medicine will be held October 6 in Las Vegas, the day before the American Osteopathic Association's 1996 Scientific Convention opens. The exam is conjointly developed by interested osteopathic specialty boards and the American Osteopathic Academy of Addition Medicine.

Requirements for eligibility include membership in the AOA, addition medicine practice experience or completion of approved training in addition medicines, primary certification by one of the AOA boards listed below, and continuing education credits in addition medicine, at least some of which must be Category 1.

To receive an application packet, contact your primary certification board (family practice, internal medicine, anesthesiology, or neurology and psychiatry). All applicants must submit a completed application, a nonrefundable application fee of \$150, a notarized passport size photo, and a copy of the current state medical license with the expiration date. The examination fee is \$500. **The deadline for applications is May 17, 1996.**

The American Osteopathic Academy of Addition Medicine (AOAAM) is offering a 16-hour review course for the exam on August 15-17, at the Chicago O'Hare Hyatt. The cost of the course is \$325 before August 1, and \$350 after. For more information or to register, please call Dawn Mitter at AOAAM, 202-966-7732.

M.D. Anderson Moncrief Cancer Center Names Donald Dirks Chief of Staff

Dr. Donald C. Dirks has been named chief of the medical staff of M.D. Anderson Moncrief Cancer Center in Fort Worth. Dr. Dirks is the senior radiation oncologist at Texas Cancer

Care, a part of the M.D. Anderson Physicians Network.

As Chief of Staff, Dr. Dirks is responsible for all medical staffing, administrative activities and medical protocols administered at the M.D. Anderson Moncrief Cancer Center. Dr. Dirks has practiced medicine in Fort Worth since 1972, maintaining a private practice until joining Texas Cancer Care.

Dr. Dirks graduated with a Doctor of Medicine degree from the Kansas University School of Medicine and served two residencies in General Radiology and in Therapeutic Radiology and Nuclear Medicine. He is certified in Radiation Oncology by the American Board of Radiology.

Texas Cancer Care is a regional cancer treatment physician group providing patient-centered medically advanced care. TCC treats disease with specialized services in medical oncology, radiation oncology, hematology and bone marrow transplantation, as well as with nutritional therapy, patient and family support groups and pastoral care. Texas Cancer Care serves North Texas with clinics throughout the area.

DNA Urine Test Can Detect Early Bladder Cancer

Bladder cancer can be detected with 95 percent accuracy by a new test that finds abnormal genetic material in the urine, which could result in early treatment for thousands of patients. According to Dr. David Sidransky of Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine, simple urine samples can be analyzed for the presence of abnormal DNA, which appears at a very early stage of tumors. "Under the current methods," he said, "we wait for symptoms to appear, and by that time it often is too late."

Early detection raises the five-year survival rate for bladder cancer to 91 percent, compared with a nine percent survival rate for advanced bladder cancer.

A study appearing in the journal

Science reported that a pilot study using the new test detected 19 of 20 patients with bladder cancer. The current bladder cancer tests detected fewer than half the patients with the disease. Researchers say that the DNA urine test could become a part of a routine physical exam.

According to the American Cancer Society, approximately 51,000 new cases of bladder cancer were diagnosed in 1994. It is the fifth leading cancer killer among American men ages 75 and older.

Emergency Supplies of ACTH Available to Physicians

A severe shortage of ACTH gel, sold under the name Acthar, has prompted the medicine's manufacturer to announce that it will immediately provide the drug again. ACTH, the primary anti-seizure medicine for infants, is manufactured solely by Rhone-Poulenc Rorer. The company unexpectedly stopped producing the drug, leading to a shortage discovered by physicians in February.

Epilepsy Foundation President W. Edwin Dodson recently informed the government that the rapidly dwindling supply posed "a catastrophic situation." After discussions with the Food and Drug Administration, Rhone-Poulenc Rorer announced that its limited supplies of ACTH will be provided free to emergency patients until normal manufacturing can resume in approximately four months.

Until then, the National Organization for Rare Disorders will administer the emergency program, providing ACTH immediately to infants with life-threatening or severely debilitating conditions. Infants with less serious conditions will be placed in a computerized lottery to ensure fairness in distributing remaining supplies.

Physicians can obtain emergency supplies of ACTH by calling 800-798-7425. ■

News from the University of North Texas Health Science Center at Fort Worth

Nominations Sought for UNTHSC Awards

The University of North Texas Health Science Center at Fort Worth is accepting nominations of recipients for the center's highest honors, the Texas College of Osteopathic Medicine Founders' Medal and the Mary E. Luibel Distinguished Service Award, presented by UNTHSC. The awards will be presented during the center's annual fall convocation in September.

The Founders' Medal, awarded in honor of TCOM's founders George Luibel, D.O., Carl E. Everett, D.O., and D.D. Beyer, D.O., has been presented annually since 1978. It is awarded to "deserving individuals in recognition of significant contributions to health care and/or osteopathic medical education." Recipients must have "demonstrated the highest character and integrity, whose recognition will enhance the reputation of the Founders' Medal."

The Distinguished Service Award, established in 1993, is given in honor of its first recipient, Mary E. Luibel, wife of Dr. Luibel. The recipients must be a person "whose distinguished service to his/her profession, business or vocation has ensured a better world for others." Nominees are to have the "highest character and integrity, and be a caring individual who lives by the precept that service to others is life's highest calling."

Letters of nomination for the awards must be received by Tuesday, **April 30, 1996**. The nomination should include:

- pertinent biographical information about the nominee, including a curriculum vitae or resume, as appropriate;
- a detailed rationale for the person's nomination; and
- the signature(s) of the person(s) making the nomination.

Nominations for the Founders' Medal and Mary E. Luibel Award should be mailed to: Bill Hix, Public Affairs Manager, University of North Texas Health Science Center at Fort Worth, 3500 Camp Bowie Blvd., Fort Worth, TX 76107.

Recipients of the Founders' Medal are presented with a medallion bearing the seal of the Texas College of Osteopathic

Medicine, and those awarded the Mary E. Luibel Distinguished Service Award receive a medallion bearing the likeness of Mary E. Luibel. Both awards also include an appropriate citation recognizing the person's accomplishments.

Lewis Library Awarded AOA Contract

The Gibson D. Lewis Health Sciences Library has won a \$300,000 contract to create a national database on osteopathic medical research literature, called the Osteopathic Research Information Center (ORIC).

The five-year contract was approved by the American Osteopathic Association Board of Trustees and the American Association of Colleges of Osteopathic Medicine Board of Governors in November, 1995. The award was confirmed in February by AOA's Osteopathic Research and Development Fund.

Bobby Carter, Library Director, says the announcement follows two years of competitive review by AOA's Bureau of Research. The project will be jointly funded by the AOA and the 17 osteopathic medical schools.

ORIC will index all available materials on osteopathic medicine from the 17 colleges' libraries, including the historical research archives from Kirksville College of Osteopathic Medicine.

The center will also provide essential support for osteopathic researchers worldwide through telephone and electronic access to the full range of the Lewis Library's services and resources.

Departments Restructure to Support Growing Needs of Health Science Center

Two departments at UNTHSC were restructured in February in hopes of creating more opportunities to build greater visibility and support for the institution. A growing institution, expanding alumni base and competition for charitable giving were among the issues considered in the restructuring.

Continuing Medical Education is now part of the Office of Institutional Advancement, which includes develop-

ment and alumni affairs. The Office of Publications and Public Affairs, formerly part of advancement, now makes up the new Office of Marketing Communications.

"CME and advancement reach out to the same people - alumni, Texas D.O. pharmaceutical companies and foundations - and already support each other's programs in many ways," said Associate Vice President of Institutional Advancement, Mark Davenport. "Merging our offices is natural. It should allow us to offer a broader scope of programs to our audiences and, at the same time, build a stronger network of prospective donors and advocates for the school."

A search for a director of the new marketing office has begun, said Vice President for Administrative Affairs, David Bell, Ph.D. The director will guide the development and coordination of an aggressive, campus-wide plan to promote the school's identity, mission and educational and service programs.

"Our image - the perceptions of others - can make the difference between success and failure, particularly in community relations and fundraising," Dr. Bell said. "The time is right at this point in our growth to give more attention to the complex challenge of developing that image. The impact of a unified marketing plan will be immediate and long-term rewards for all of us."

Director for Medical Practice Plan Named



tor of the UNTHSC's Medical Practice Plan. Hall brings 15 years experience in medical services management to the position.

Hall said he plans to spend the next few months reviewing all the contracts to see where they are, and to explore

Luther Hall, former Associate Director of the Medical Practice Plan at the University of North Texas Health Science Center, San Antonio, has been named Executive Director

use of software packages to increase efficiency in the billing process.

"The practice plan's organization is sound. Now we need to scrutinize our procedures and look at how we can clean up our billing system," said Hall. "We also want to work on getting more things processed electronically, such as electronic claims filing, electronic remittance from major carriers, that type of thing. We want to do away with a lot of the paperwork."

In addition to Hall, the practice plan also has a new Manager of Managed Care, Sandra Soria. Soria will be responsible for credentialing physicians and reviewing contracts.

Silver Anniversary Gala Planned for September 7

UNTHSC has set September 7 as the date for its final event celebrating the institution's year-long Silver Anniversary observance. The "Rhapsody in Silver Ball" will be held in the Worthington Hotel's Grand Ballroom.

Honorary co-chairs of the gala are University of North Texas Regent Lupe Lurchison of Dallas, and former Regent Billie Parker of Fort Worth. Marilyn Richards, President of the Auxiliary to the Texas Osteopathic Medical Association and wife of UNTHSC President David Richards, D.O., is planning coordinator for the event.

With the theme of a supper-club ballroom scene from the 1940s, the gala will feature music by the nationally-recognized bands and orchestras from the University of North Texas. Ballroom dancers will entertain guests throughout the evening.

Proceeds from the event will be directed toward the UNTHSC's programs on aging, including geriatric medical care and research into age-related diseases such as Alzheimer's disease, heart disease, cancer, glaucoma and others.

Invitations to the gala will be mailed in June, but mark your calendars now for September 7. For information about sponsoring a table, contact the Office for Institutional Advancement at 817-735-2613.

New Jr. Medic Club Inspires Youngsters to Achieve

"What do you want to be when you grow up?"

Children hear this question all the time. Their answers reflect the environment around them, the role models they're exposed to and the choices they



Patrick Gaylord, TCOM Class of 1999, takes a lot off the top of classmate Shaun Jester on March 8 in the UNTHSC Atrium before a large crowd. Jester and two other students, who are members of the Christian Medical and Dental Society, pledged to have their heads shaved to raise money for the group's Spring Break mission trip to Mexico. The stunt raised more than \$1,300 from faculty, staff and students.

think they have. Too often, if the youngster is a minority or economically disadvantaged, those choices don't include a career in medicine.

Students, staff and faculty members of the UNTHSC want to help change that by working with a group of Fort Worth black and hispanic fourth-graders who have been newly dubbed the Jr. Medics.

"Focusing on students of this age is important because many minority or disadvantaged youngsters have already made the decision not to pursue a medical career, usually from the belief that it is out of reach for them," said Liz Davis, Associate Director for Multicultural Affairs and Coordinator of the UNTHSC's Adopt-A-School partnership with a local elementary school, Maude I. Logan.

The first 10 Jr. Medics were hand-picked by Logan teachers and administrators after the entire fourth-grade class visited the campus in January for tours and presentations on medicine and careers. In February, the students took classes in basic CPR and first aid from members of TCOM's

chapter of the National Osteopathic Women Physicians Association. In March and April, with the help of their campus mentors, the Jr. Medics will teach what they've learned to about 70 classmates and 30 parents.

The Youngsters' specialized curriculum - which covers topics such as who to call for help, how to take a pulse, poisoning, fainting, choking, burns and cuts - was developed by Frank Degler, an adjunct instructor in TCOM's Department of Family Medicine.

"We hope this kind of exposure will enhance the students' sense of leadership, confidence and self-esteem," Davis said. "Our goal is to send the message that a career in medicine is achievable for anybody. We believe that through the Jr. Medic Club, their interest and curiosity will be heightened."

Davis said program planners hope the Jr. Medic Club will continue for many years, involving more medical students and faculty, as well as school principals, teachers and students. For information about the program, call Liz Davis at 817-735-2483. ■

Public Health Notes

"Fourth Texas Hantavirus Case Confirmed"

Alecia Anne Hathaway, M.D., M.P.H., F.A.C.P.M.

The Texas Department of Health has confirmed the fourth case of hantavirus pulmonary syndrome (HPS) in this state. The patient, a 23-year-old man from Jefferson County, survived. He presented to a local hospital on November 5, 1995, with a 7-day history of worsening back pain, fever, shortness of breath, myalgias, nausea, vomiting, and diarrhea. On admission he had a partial pressure of oxygen (pO₂) measuring 60 millimeters of hemoglobin on room air and a chest x-ray showing bilateral interstitial infiltrates. Initial clinical laboratory results showed a white blood cell count of 22,500 per cubic mm with 57% band forms and a platelet count of 40,000/cu mm. Other laboratory values included: sodium 129 milliequivalents per liter, blood urea nitrogen (BUN) 34 milligrams per deciliter, creatinine 1.9 mg/dL, albumin 3.1 grams per dL, alkaline phosphatase 116 Units/L, aspartate aminotransferase (AST) 124 U/L, and lactate dehydrogenase (LDH) 1,668 U/L. Despite aggressive supportive care, the patient developed renal failure and hypoxemia.

On November 8, the patient was transferred to the intensive care unit of a tertiary care hospital. On arrival he was in moderate respiratory distress and had a temperature of 97.2° pulse of 110 beats per minute, respiratory rate of 32 breaths per minute, and a blood pressure of 210/100 mm mercury. Significant laboratory findings included sodium 134 mEq/L, bicarbonate 24 mEq/L, BUN 46 mg/dL, creatinine 2.1 mg/dL, cholesterol 91 mg/dL, triglycerides 515 mg/dL, calcium 5.4 mg/dL, phosphate 2 mg/dL, total protein 4.6 mg/dL, albumin 2.4 g/dL, alkaline phosphatase 87 U/L, alanine aminotransferase (ALT) 665 U/L, AST 665 U/L, and LDH 3,292 U/L. His creatinine phosphokinase (CPK) was 1171 U/L, white blood cell count 27,330/cu mm, hemoglobin 12.2 g/dL, hematocrit level 35.7%, and platelet count 77,000/cu mm. Prothrombin time was 17 seconds, and partial thromboplastin time was 37 seconds. His chest x-ray continued to show bilateral interstitial infiltrates.

On November 10, the patient was intubated for severe hypoxemia. His renal function deteriorated, and his BUN and creatinine levels rose to 47 mg/dL and 3.3 mg/dL, respectively. The following day, he developed disseminated intravascular coagulopathy in addition to his thrombocytopenia. His condition began to improve over the next six days, as his hypoxia, renal failure, and coagulopathy resolved. He was discharged on November 17.

TDH was notified on December 5 that the patient's serum contained antibody to hantavirus. Further testing indicated that this patient was infected with Bayou virus - not Sin Nombre virus (SNV), the agent of the first recognized outbreak of HPS in May, 1993. Investigation by TDH's Infectious Disease Epidemiology and Surveillance Division and Public Health Region 6 Zoonosis Control Division revealed that the man probably became infected at a local land-fill. There was no evidence of rodent activity in or around his home.

Hantaviruses are widely distributed, negative-stranded RNA viruses that infect wild rodents. These rodents shed the virus in their urine, feces and saliva. Transmission to humans usually occurs when aerosolized urine from an infected animal is inhaled. In Eurasia hantaviruses are associated with hemorrhagic fever and renal failure. The vast majority of hantavirus cases in the U.S. have been caused by SNV and are characterized by adult respiratory distress syndrome. At least five cases in the U.S. have been due to hantaviruses other than SNV: two caused by New York virus (NYV), two (including the current case) by Bayou virus, and one by Black Creek Canal virus (BCCV). NYV-associated HPS is similar to SNV-associated HPS. In contrast, the three patients with infections due to either Bayou virus or BCCV had both the typical pulmonary syndrome and acute renal insufficiency.

After four or five days of a flu-like illness, patients with HPS usually present with fever, tachypnea, tachy-

cardia, hypotension and rales crackles. Symptoms include fever, myalgias, chills, cough, nausea, vomiting, headache, diarrhea, malaise, shortness of breath, dizziness, arthralgia, back or chest pain, abdominal tenderness, and sweats. Abnormal laboratory findings typically include thrombocytopenia, elevated hematocrit, elevated LDH, AST and ALT. BUN and creatinine levels usually remain normal. A recent report from Belgium suggests that decreased cholesterol and increased triglyceride levels together with a decreased platelet count may be an indicator of clinically severe disease. This recent Texas case was notable for the presence of hypocholesterolemia, hypotriglyceridemia, and thrombocytopenia.

Since the first recognized outbreak of HPS in May, 1993, 124 cases have been confirmed from 24 states. Fifty-seven percent of the patients have been male and ages have ranged from 11 to 69 years. The case fatality rate is about 50 percent.

Three other cases of HPS have been reported in Texas. The first, in late 1993, was a fatal case in a previously healthy 58-year-old woman from Angelina County. In March, 1994, a 43-year-old Hispanic woman from Kleberg County survived HPS infection. The third case, which occurred in early 1995, was the state's second HPS fatality. The patient was a 15-year-old Hispanic male from Deaf Smith County.

Hantavirus infections are reportable in Texas. Physicians should call the Texas Department of Health at 512-458-7272 to report possible cases and to obtain case report forms. A case report form should be included with any specimen for serologic confirmation of a possible case, send at least 1 milliliter of serum, ambient temperature to: Texas Department of Health laboratory, 1100 W. 26th Street, Austin, TX 78756.

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