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Calendar of Events

DECEMBER

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TOMA Board of Trustees Meeting

The Registry Hotel
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7:00 p.m.

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6-7 Public Health Seminar Texas Osteopathic Medical Assoc. The Registry Hotel Dallas

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Texas ACGP Board Meeting The Flagship Inn Arlington 1:00 p.m.

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214-279-4224

JANUARY

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22-25 American Osteopathic College of Radiology, Winter Seminar Marquis Hotel Palm Springs, California

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AOCR
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Milan, Missouri 63556
816-265-4991

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29-31 ACOS In-Depth Review: Oncology Update Mandalay Four Seasons Hotel Dallas/Fort Worth Airport 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. daily 18 hours CME Fees: Members - \$350 Non-members - \$400

Contact: ACOS
122 C Street, N.W.
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MARCH

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7-14 American College of Osteopathic Obstetricians and Gynecologists, 54th Annual Convention Maui Marriott Lahaina, Hawaii

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Pontiac, Michigan 48057
313-332-6360

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ACGP Annual Convention Scottsdale, Arizona

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2045 So. Arlington Heights
Rd., Suite 104
Arlington Heights, Illinois
60005
800-323-0794 or
312-228-6090

April

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23-25 88th Annual Convention & Scientific Seminar Texas Osteopathic Medical Association The Wyndham Hotel — Northwest Austin

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Medicare Prevailing Charge Increased 3.2 Percent

Late last month, President Reagan signed the Sixth Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act, enacting deficit reductions and other changes approved by the 99th Congress. Following is a summary of major health provisions in the bill:

Physician Payments

All physicians will receive an increase in prevailing charges January 1, 1987, based on the percentage increase in the Medicare Economic Index (MEI). The increase is set at 3.2 percent. For future years, prevailing charges in effect December 31 of the previous year would increase by the MEI. This makes permanent the current differential in the prevailing charges of participating and non-participating physicians.

The legislation also replaces the existing freeze on actual charges of non-participants. The freeze is replaced with a limit on actual charge increases. Physicians whose actual charges exceed 115 percent of the current year prevailing charges for non-participants, could increase charges by one percent. Those whose actual charges are less than 115 percent of the current year's prevailing charges could increase their actual charges by either one percent or a percentage of the difference between their actual charges and the prevailing charge levels. Under a complex formula, such charges would be permitted to reach the 115 percent level over four years. The law requires carriers to provide each non-participating physician with a list of the maximum allowable actual charges for the procedures most commonly provided by the physician.

In addition, the Secretary of HHS would be prohibited from implementing the proposed recalculation of the MEI to adjust for alleged overstated housing costs.

With regard to unassigned claims for elective surgical procedures exceeding \$500, the physician must disclose to the patient, in writing, the estimated charge, the estimated approved charge and the excess of the physician's actual charge over the approved charge.

Graduate Medical Education

The final reconciliation legislation included favorable action with regard to payments for graduate medical education (GME). The proposal to reduce direct GME payments for the fifth year of training was deleted, while the provision requiring direct payments

for interns and residents in free-standing outpatient sites was retained.

Pro-Related Provisions

Included in the reconciliation package is a compromise delaying PRO review of HMOs and CMPs from January 1 to April 1, 1987. Beginning in April, PROs will have review authority of HMO and CMP services for those 25 states having at least half of the total risk-based Medicare enrollment in HMOs. The Secretary, however, has the authority to seek competitive bids for quality review of HMOs in the remaining 25 states on a state-by-state basis.

Each PRO is required to ensure that a reasonable proportion of its activities is involved with reviewing the quality of services, and that a reasonable allocation of such activities is made to the different cases and settings (including inpatient hospital care, post-acute care settings, and ambulatory care settings). Review of services provided by physicians in an office setting would be delayed for two years.

The legislation also requires that PROs, upon request, share confidential information relating to a specific case or possible pattern of substandard care, with a state licensing or certification agency or with a national accreditation body, including the AOA.

Reasonable Charge Limits

The legislation underscores the authority of the Secretary of Health and Human Services to reduce "inherently unreasonable" Medicare payments for certain services and procedures in light of new technologies or practice patterns. The Secretary is required to review by October 1, 1987, the inherent reasonableness of at least 10 of the most costly procedures under Part B of Medicare. HHS has not yet completed the calculations necessary to determine which 10 procedures are most costly.

The maximum allowable prevailing charges for cataract surgery will be cut by 10 percent effective January 1, 1987. These charges will then be cut by an additional two percent the following year. In addition, HHS regulations imposing reasonable charge limits on anesthesia services were ratified by the reconciliation bill.

Payment to Non-Physicians

Optometrists will be reimbursed under Medicare for services already covered when performed by a physician, effective April 1, 1987.

Services performed by a physician's assistant under the supervision of a physician in a hospital, SNF or as an assistant-at-surgery will be covered by Medicare.

Nurse anesthetist (CRNAs) services will be directly reimbursed under Medicare at the lower of 80 percent of the actual charge or 80 percent of a fee schedule established by the Secretary. CRNAs must accept assignment for Medicare cases.

Judicial Review

Administrative and judicial review previously available only for Part A of Medicare is extended to Part B with some limits on the scope of Judicial review.

Moratorium on Regulations

The HHS Secretary is prohibited from issuing any regulation regarding hospitals or physicians before September 1, 1987 which would achieve Medicare savings greater than \$50 million in fiscal year 1988. The Secretary also is prohibited from changing the capital-related costs payment for Part A inpatient services before September, 1987.

PIP Payments

Periodic Interim Payments (PIP) for inpatient services are eliminated with the exception of hospitals with a disproportionate share adjustment of at least 5.1 percent.

Miscellany

HHS will develop a plan to refine PPS to reflect severity of illness.

HHS will study quality assurance standards for hospitals, including AOA quality assurance standards. As a condition of participation in Medicare, hospitals must provide discharge planning.

Hospitals will provide beneficiaries with a statement of discharge rights.

Hospitals designated as rural referral centers retain that designation through October 1, 1989.

Medicare HMOs will no longer be required to enroll two new Medicare beneficiaries for every one converted from cost-based reimbursement. HMOs and CMPs will provide an explanation to patients of their rights. Beneficiaries may disenroll through the local Social Security office. Changes are made to the HHS Secretary's authority to grant waivers regarding composition of enrollment and prompt claims payment. ^



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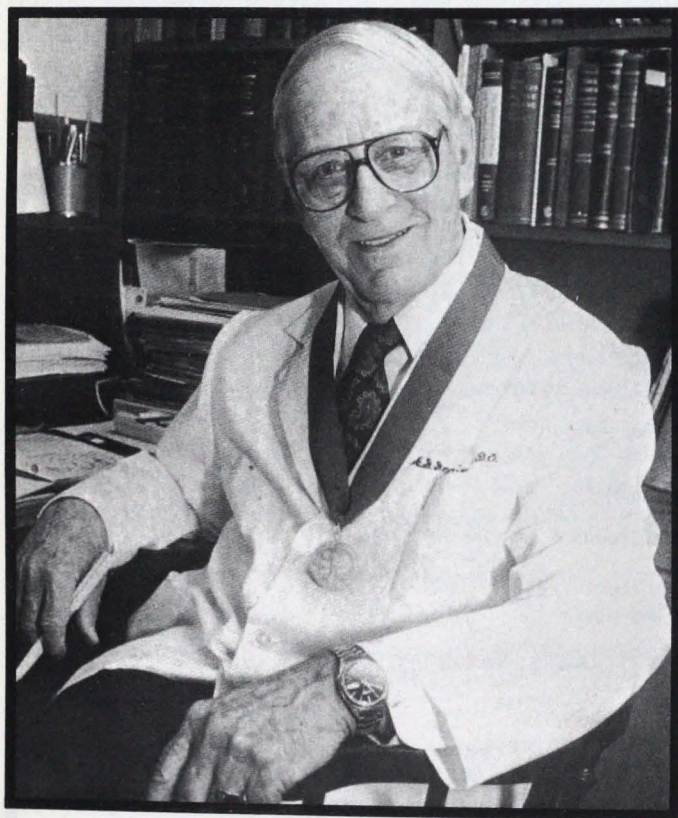
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KCOM Awards

Anniversary Medallion to TOMA "Georges"

Who has over 108 combined years of practice, are graduates of Kirksville College of Osteopathic Medicine, served as TOMA presidents, are TOMA life members, are recipients of TCOM's Founder's Medals, have both been honored as "General Practitioner of the Year", were instrumental in getting TCOM off the ground, and currently serve or have served in numerous national, state and district offices? To help in solving this puzzling question, both respond to the name of George.

The answer is Drs. H. George Grainger and George J. Luibel, and if we were to list all of their personal and professional accomplishments throughout the years, this issue of the *Texas DO* would most certainly be limited to one, and we stress one, feature story!



H. George Grainger, D.O.

Dr. Grainger, a family physician in Tyler for the last 57 years, was a member of the founding board of directors of TCOM in the years before it became state supported in 1975. He was recently awarded a 50th anniversary medallion by his alma mater. KCOM and the

Kirksville Osteopathic Alumni Association, after much thought and planning, designed an impressive gold medallion for presentation to each alumnus who has celebrated 50 years and more as an osteopathic physician in recognition and appreciation for dedicated service to the osteopathic profession.

Dr. Grainger was recently featured in the *Tyler Morning Telegraph* with an accompanying photograph showing off his medallion (we are wondering if he has taken it off yet). The headline read, "No End In Sight For Tyler Doctor's Long Career." According to the article, he has no plans to retire because he "can't afford to". This statement, the nature of which we hope was made in jest, makes TOMA and the osteopathic profession very lucky indeed.



left to right: John Scancarella, D.O., President of the Kirksville Osteopathic Alumni Association; George J. Luibel, D.O.; Fred C. Tinning, Ph.D., President, KCOM

The other "George", namely Dr. Luibel, began practicing in 1936 and maintains his office in Fort Worth. He began his association with TCOM in 1962, studying the feasibility of opening an osteopathic medical

school. The state charter was obtained in 1966 and he served as the first chairman of TCOM's Board of Directors. He was appointed chairman of the advisory committee last year which began the search for TCOM's next president, culminating in the selection of David M. Richards, D.O.

In October, Dr. Luibel attended his 50th class anniversary reunion at which time he was presented the TCOM anniversary medallion as tangible recognition of appreciation.

In addition, Dr. Luibel was recently elected President of the Tarrant County Hospital District Board of Managers, which oversees John Peter Smith Hospital in Fort Worth.

Both of these physicians are still practicing, active in community and professional affairs and highly honored members of the Texas Osteopathic Medical Association due to their loyalty and dedication to the profession. Such qualities are what makes for greatness and, by George, we couldn't agree more!^

ATOMA News

By Nancy Hawa
District II

Busy fall months are slipping by now that Thanksgiving is over and Christmas will soon be here. District II members have been plenty busy with District and family activities as you can "read".

The National AOA Convention in Las Vegas, Nevada in November was well attended by many District II members, this writer and spouse included. The convention was held at Bally's Grand Hotel (formerly the MGM Grand) which is enormous! District II members that were seen by this writer included Dr. and Mrs. David Richards, Dr. and Mrs. Eugene Zachary, Dr. Bill Devenport, Mrs. Steve Urban, Dr. Nancy Faigin and Dr. Al Faigin, Dr. Clyde Gallehugh, Dr. and Mrs. Tom Trese, Dr. and Mrs. George Luibel, S/D and Mrs. Duane Selman, and Dr. and Mrs. Irwin Schussler.

The exhibit hall at this convention was especially nice with many interesting participatory types of displays. A real favorite with many visitors was Stuart Pharmaceuticals' "Art from the Heart", an infrared picture taken of the participant after inserting their index finger in a pulse cuff. Another popular event was Sytex Laboratories' "All Things Chocolate". The name of that event speaks for itself. Everyone reported a productive and fun convention and the weather in Las Vegas was

terrific. See you next year in Orlando, Florida!

The D.O. community is on the grow! The following news is announced by Happy Parents:

Expecting any minute: Dr. Mark Baker and Rita Baker. Dr. Mark is a radiologist at Fort Worth Osteopathic Medical Center and wife Rita is a speech pathologist, also on staff at FWOMC.

Arrived: David Conrad Beyer, son of Dr. David Beyer and Sally Conrad Beyer. Dr. David is in general practice in Fort Worth and on the Board of Directors of Fort Worth Osteopathic Medical Center. Sharing the honors, besides David and Sally, is "big sister" Laura, age nine, and proud grandparents, Dr. R.B. and Barbara Beyer.

Arriving soon: A grandchild for Dr. Carl Everett and Mary Hope Everett. Proud parents-to-be are Reverend and Mrs. Wayne Menking. Mrs. Menking is Mary Hope Everett's daughter, Nancy.

Please remember to participate in the Holiday Card Project. Card Chairman Melinda Teitelbaum has the letters out requesting your par-

ticipation and we are hoping for everyone's help. The card project is an inexpensive, tax-deductible way to greet other District II members and wish them Happy Holidays. The card project also provides "seed-money" for the Osteopathic Scholarship Ball in March. Please send your contribution to Melinda Teitelbaum STAT!

Happy Holidays to Everyone!

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Dear District II ATOMA Members:

On behalf of the Student Associate Auxiliary of TCOM, I would like to thank you for the proceeds (\$170) given to us from the bake sale held at Fort Worth Osteopathic Medical Center. As in many organizations, monetary support is not easily come by and yours could not have come at a more opportune time. We really appreciate your generosity and the effort put forth in taking the time from your busy schedules to support us in this capacity. I cannot fully express our gratitude for your unfailing and continuous support. Thank you so much again.

Sincerely,  
Rosemary Randell  
SAA Corresponding Secretary^



# Newsbriefs

## **LAWYERS COMPUTERIZED SERVICE IS REAPING BIG TROUBLE**

Earlier this year, the Los Angeles County Medical Association (LACMA) announced a proposal to initiate a computerized service designed to help warn physicians of potentially litigious patients. The program had already been implemented in several major cities. In response to the announcement, the LACMA received a statement from county trial lawyers to the effect that they would start up such a program for patients. Their program would be to tell it like it is, in other words, inform patients of the number of times their physician had been sued for malpractice. It was feared that a major battle would erupt between the two groups due to this service. Unfortunately, the battle may already be won with the lawyer's group scoring points.

The LACMA has been forced to abandon the program due to lack of interest on the part of physicians. The bad news is the local trial lawyers program, which is free-of-charge, is spreading like wildfire - so quickly, in fact, that extra personnel have been hired to handle the vast volume of calls. This spells trouble with a capital "T" for physicians.

## **MEDICARE UPDATE FOR MEDICARE PART B PARTICIPATING PHYSICIANS AND SUPPLIERS**

Section 9301 of the Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act (COBRA) provides for the development of a professional relations staff dedicated to addressing the billing and other problems of participating physicians and suppliers. This staff is to enhance professional relations with participants ONLY.

To provide this service, Texas Blue Shield has established additional telephone lines and equipment to respond to calls from participants, and a special post office box for participant correspondence.

This participant provider telephone number is 214-437-2747. The phone lines will be staffed from 8:30 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. Central Time.

The post office box for written correspondence is: Medicare Part B, Participating Provider Correspondence, P.O. Box 650208, Dallas, Texas 75265-0208.

The implementation of this activity is planned as a gradual process and your continued cooperation is appreciated.

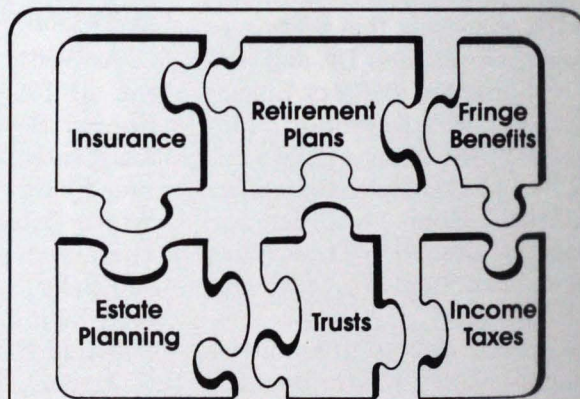
## **AN OSTEOPATHIC "FIRST" FOR MICHIGAN**

As always, it is a pleasure to announce positive osteopathic "firsts" simply because first "firsts" need not be repeated, which spells success and achievement for the osteopathic profession. In this instance, the Michigan Association of Osteopathic Physicians and Surgeons report that Mr. Gerson I. Cooper has been inaugurated as chairman of the Board for the Michigan Hospital Association, the "first" representative of the osteopathic medical community to be accorded such an honor. Mr. Cooper is president of the Zieger Health Care Corporation and Chief Executive Officer for the restructured Corporation and all of its subsidiaries.

## **ON TIPPING**

Legend has it that the custom of tipping originated in a London coffeehouse (some say tailor's shop) where a coin box was put out with a sign "To Insure Promptness." If you wanted fast service, you fed the box. The message "T.I.P." became the word "tip." No one knows when the concept changed from pre-payment to reward, but the idea of paying extra for service shows no sign of disappearing.

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## **PUZZLED?**

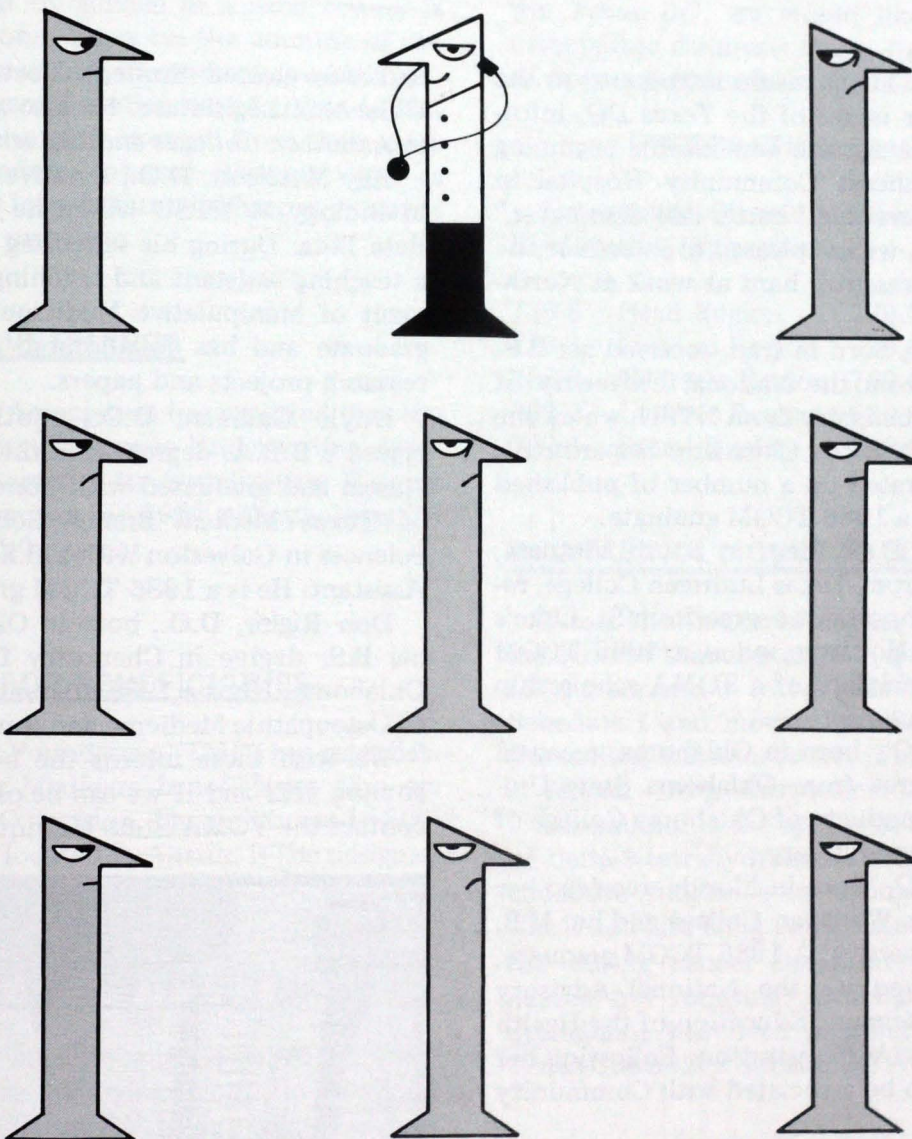
We can help you put the pieces together.

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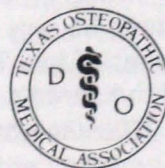


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# Northeast Community Hospital

## Introduces New Interns

Although most new interns were introduced in the August and September issues of the *Texas DO*, information was unavailable for the new interns beginning their training at Northeast Community Hospital in Bedford. Since we believe that "better late than never" applies in this instance, we are pleased to introduce the 1986-87 intern class presently hard at work at Northeast Community.

Nooshi Jahani, D.O., born in Iran, received her B.S. degree in Chemistry from the National University of Iran and a M.S. in Biochemistry from NTSU, where she was a teaching assistant in the Chemistry Department. Dr. Jahani has collaborated on a number of published scientific papers and is a 1986 TCOM graduate.

Ngoc-Phuong Tran, D.O., born in South Vietnam, graduated cum laude from Texas Lutheran College, received her medical technologist degree from St. Luke's Episcopal Hospital in Houston and is a 1986 TCOM graduate. She was a recipient of a TOMA scholarship and Dean's Scholarship.

Francita Franks, D.O., born in Oklahoma, received her undergraduate degree from Oklahoma State University. She is a 1986 graduate of Oklahoma College of Osteopathic Medicine and Surgery.

Nancy Chasteen, D.O., born in Florida, received her B.S. degree from Texas Wesleyan College and her M.S. from Angelo State University. A 1986 TCOM graduate, Dr. Chasteen has served on the National Advisory Council on Health Professions Education of the Health Resources and Services Administration. Following her internship, she plans to be associated with Community Hospital of Lubbock.

Keith Vasenius, D.O., is a native of Minnesota. His undergraduate training was received at Harrisburg Area Community College, George Washington University and the University of Texas at El Paso. During his schooling at TCOM, where he was a 1986 honors graduate, he was the recipient of two TOMA scholarships. He also appeared on the Dean's List, the National Dean's List and *Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities*.

Michael Ogle, D.O., a native of Oklahoma, received his B.S. degree from Oklahoma State University and his D.O. degree from Oklahoma College of Osteopathic Medicine and Surgery in 1986, where he served as Student Body President, was on the Dean's Honor Roll

and was elected Student Doctor of the Day by the Oklahoma Legislature. He also appeared in *Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities*.

Ray Morrison, D.O., a native Texan, earned his B.S. in Biology at NTSU where he was a member of Beta Beta Beta. During his schooling at TCOM, he was both a teaching assistant and teaching fellow in the Department of Manipulative Medicine. He is a 1986 TCOM graduate and has collaborated on several osteopathic research projects and papers.

Doyle Gallman, D.O., another native Texan, received a B.B.A. degree from the University of Texas in Austin and graduated with honors from the University of Texas Medical Branch School of Allied Health Sciences in Galveston with a B.S. degree as a Physician's Assistant. He is a 1986 TCOM graduate.

Don Rigler, D.O., born in Oklahoma City, received his B.S. degree in Chemistry from the University of Oklahoma. He is a 1986 graduate of Oklahoma College of Osteopathic Medicine and Surgery.

We wish these interns the best of luck during the coming year and if we can be of assistance, feel free to contact the TOMA State Headquarters.



Left to right, front row: Nooshi Jahani, D.O., Ngoc-Phuong Tran, D.O., Francita Franks, D.O., Nancy Chasteen, D.O.

Left to right, back row: Keith Vasenius, D.O., Michael Ogle, D.O., Ray Morrison, D.O., Doyle Gallman, D.O., Don Rigler, D.O. ^



# Texas Ticker Tape

## ATTORNEY GENERAL OPINION REGARDING STUDENT LOANS

In a request concerning whether a physician whose student loan is repaid by service in a rural county is liable for federal income taxes on the amount of the loan discharged, the summary of opinions is as follows:

"Physician and surgeon beneficiaries of article 4498c, V.T.C.S., student loans may exempt from their gross income under the Federal Internal Revenue Code as amended in 1984 any loan amount discharged pursuant to an authorized loan provision."

## JUA RAISES RESERVE CHARGE

The Texas Medical Association has reported that the Texas Medical Liability Insurance Underwriting Association (JUA) has increased its Stabilization Reserve Fund charge to 25 percent for 1987 policyholders. In 1986, the charge was 20 percent.

## TMF ESTABLISHES TOLL—FREE LINE FOR BENEFICIARIES

The Texas Medical Foundation (TMF) has established a toll-free line for Medicare beneficiaries who are dissatisfied with a PRO decision. The number is 1-800-252-8315. The TMF, located in Austin, is the designated Peer Review Organization for Texas.

## THESE PHYSICIANS ARE JUST PLAIN FED UP

Several physicians who are just downright tired of malpractice claims are emerging from the foxholes directly into the war zone. According to *The Howe & Hutton Report*, a publication of Howe & Hutton, a Chicago-based law firm, some obstetricians in Brunswick, Georgia are refusing to treat lawyers who have filed malpractice claims against physicians. Additionally, these physicians are also refusing treatment to the families of the lawyers. The newsletter reports that rumblings of similar threats are being heard in other parts of the country as well.

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"We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give."

By Winston Churchill

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## OMT RECOMMENDATIONS FROM TOMA

In reference to "OMT Recommendations From TOMA" which appeared in the November issue of the *Texas DO*, we would like to further clarify the osteopathic diagnosis codes by adding the 739 series of diagnosis codes from the ICD-CM.

### OSTEOPATHIC DIAGNOIS CODES

Osteopathic Structural Diagnosis includes: Somatic Dysfunction (by region).

|       |                 |       |                   |
|-------|-----------------|-------|-------------------|
| 739.0 | Head Region     | 739.5 | Pelvic Region     |
| 739.1 | Cervical Region | 739.6 | Lower Extremities |
| 739.2 | Thoracic Region | 739.7 | Upper Extremities |
| 739.3 | Lumbar Region   | 739.8 | Rib Cage          |
| 739.4 | Sacral Region   | 739.9 | Abdomen and Other |

## DRONABINOL MOVES TO SCHEDULE II

Texas Health Commissioner Robert Bernstein, M.D., has ordered that dronabinol (synthetic), when in sesame oil and encased in soft gelatin capsules, be taken out of Schedule I and moved into Schedule II of the Texas Controlled Substances Act. This action is prompted by a federal Drug Enforcement Administration order.

Dronabinol is the synthetic equivalent of the isomer of delta-9-tetrahydrocannabinol (THC), the main psychoactive substance in *Cannabis sativa* L, marijuana. The Food and Drug Administration has approved it for use during cancer chemotherapy for treating severe nausea and vomiting. Although not listed specifically, dronabinol has been included in Schedule I of the Texas Controlled Substances Act.

## TSBME COUNT SHOWS D.O.'S GAINING GROUND

The Texas State Board of Medical Examiners (TSBME), in their official count reflecting statistics for July 1 each year, reveal that the number of licensed physicians in Texas has increased three percent since 1985, for a total of 27,846. The total breaks down to 1,398 D.O.s and 26,448 M.D.s, a four percent growth for D.O.s during the year and a three percent growth for M.D.s.



# Texas ACGP Update

By R. Greg Maul, D.O.  
*President, Texas ACGP*

On behalf of the Texas ACGP Board and Trustees, I'd like to thank the members of our state society for their support in 1986.

The Texas ACGP is working hard to address and solve those problems confronting osteopathic general practitioners in Texas.

To improve communication between the Texas ACGP Board, Trustees and its grassroot D.O. — G.P. members, a District Liaison Network has been established. Take advantage and utilize this network to keep your Board and Trustees up to date on issues important to us.

The following is a list of the members in the different TOMA districts: District I — Steven J. Davis, D.O., Pampa; District II — Gerald P. Flanagan, D.O., Fort Worth; District III — David Norris, D.O., Tyler; District IV — Wiley Rountree, D.O., San Angelo; District V — Richard Anderson, D.O., Mesquite; District VI — John Mohny, D.O., Houston; District VII — Robert Peters, D.O., Round Rock; District VIII — David Bruce, D.O., Corpus Christi; District IX — Royce Keilers, D.O., La Grange; District X — Robert Maul, D.O., Lubbock; District XI — John J. Walton, D.O., El Paso; District XII — Harvey Randolph, Jr., D.O., Groves; District XIII — John E. Galewaler, D.O., Whitesboro; District XIV — Joseph Montgomery-Davis, D.O., Raymondville; District XV — R. Greg Maul, D.O., Arlington; District XVI — Ted C. Alexander, Jr., D.O., Wichita Falls; and District XVII — Howard

Galarneau, D.O., San Antonio.

Our midyear seminar this past August was a huge success. We had approximately 130 doctors attending. Nelda Cuniff, D.O., Program Chairman, did an excellent job and is hard at work with the help of Richard Hall, D.O., on next year's program. We will keep you informed. There is a probability that the location of the meeting (Flagship Inn) will be changed. We will try and notify members with their dues notice in January, 1987.

While attending the AOA National Convention in November, the President of the AOBGP gave us a fact we G.P.s need to be proud of. The ACGP has the highest percentage of certified members of any other specialty group of the AOA! Let's keep this a tradition!

I would like to call your attention to last month's ACGP Update appearing in the November issue of the *Texas DO*. Beginning with the third paragraph, the sentence should read, "One recommendation is a new reimbursement system for physicians which would not be based on the present usual and customary rate system." We had inadvertently used the word "our" which naturally changed the meaning of the sentence. In actuality, the recommendation was made by the Sunset Committee staff that reviewed the Department of Human Services.

In closing, I want to wish all Texas D.O.s, TCOM student doctors, their families and staffs a very *Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!*^

## Jensen Appointed Director of External Affairs



Dan Jensen, director of development at Texas College of Osteopathic Medicine for the last two years, has been named the college's director of external affairs.

In his new position, Jensen will be responsible for TCOM's governmental and community affairs. He will continue as executive director of the TCOM Foundation.

Jensen, a 1977 graduate of Texas Tech University, earned his master's degree at Texas Christian University. He worked in governmental affairs

and public relations at Texas Osteopathic Medical Association for a year and a half before joining the TCOM staff. He headed successful political campaigns for several Texas candidates, including former Congressman Bob Gammage and State Senator Mike Richards. He also worked on the staffs of both after they took office.

Jensen is married to Lynette Jensen, former administrative assistant to State Representative Mike Millsap.^



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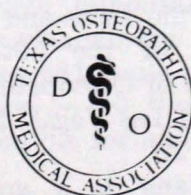
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## Texas Osteopathic Medical Association



# Ten Years Ago in the "Texas DO"

The nation's first "right-to-die" law was enacted in California, permitting terminally ill patients the right to refuse artificial life-supporting procedures by signing a "living will" in the presence of two witnesses. The attending physician could not be held liable for the patient's death and insurance companies were not permitted to classify the death as suicide for the purpose of denying life insurance payments.

T. T. McGrath, D.O., was awarded a fellowship in the American

Osteopathic Academy of Orthopedics at its annual meeting in New Orleans. This was the first year such awards were presented by the Academy and Dr. McGrath was one of 10 receiving fellowships.

In the first year and a half that Blue Cross Blue Shield of Texas had administered the TOMA Group Health Insurance Program, \$1.25 in benefits were paid out for each \$1.00 paid in premiums. There were 177 D.O.s covered under the plan which included low-cost group

term life insurance and group health and major medical coverage. There were 1,233 individuals covered which included 177 D.O.s, 354 employees plus 702 dependents of D.O.s and employees. The purpose of the program was to protect the covered individuals against severe medical problems up to a limit of \$250,000 for each policy. After the \$100 deductible was satisfied and \$500 in coinsurance was paid out in any one year, the coverage was 100 percent.▲

## A few Days in the Life of Dr. Schmidt

For those of you who have ever experienced those occasional days of intense boredom, thank your lucky stars! After you read the following true account, we believe no explanation will be needed.

One day in September, the newspaper headlines read, "Auto slams into doctors office". The unfortunate doctor in question was none other than TOMA member Daniel L. Schmidt, D.O., of Pearsall. According to the article, a 1977 Pontiac Gran LeMans came through the rear wall of an examining room at Dr. Schmidt's family clinic located at 422 South Oak. "The examining room was completely demolished

and the front of the car wound up in the reception room, where it pushed the counter onto the top of the front desk."

To make matters worse, an air conditioning unit on the back wall was pushed completely out the front door of the clinic. The driver was charged with running a stop sign at the railroad tracks, no proof of liability insurance, driving on the wrong side of the road, and failure to control speed.

Dr. Schmidt said the article failed to mention that the driver was drunk and the damage to the clinic was about \$16,000.

But wait, unfortunately there is more! In a letter to the TOMA State Headquarters, Dr. Schmidt stated, "This was the day after my house caught on fire and the day after the pipes broke. My nurse quit the same day and my EKG machine broke. "It's just as well, I guess. I was thinking earlier how things were so boring."

Our sympathy is certainly extended to Dr. Schmidt on these bizarre series of mishaps and may he experience many blissful days of boredom in the years to come. We sure hope this is one prescription that will be filled!▲

## TOMA Member Winner in Award Competition

Robert Catana, D.O., of Bellmawr, New Jersey, was presented first place award for his orthopedic surgery scientific paper on "Vascularized Iliac Pedicle Bone Graft and Sacroiliac Joint Arthrodesis in Luque Segmental Spinal Fusion". His paper was based on work done at the Alfred I. DuPont Institute with J.R. Bowen, M.D., in Wilming-

ton, Delaware. The award was presented by the Davis and Geck representative at the 59th Annual Convention of Osteopathic Specialists held in Las Vegas, Nevada on September 29.

Dr. Catana is a graduate of Temple University, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania and North Texas State University. He obtained his osteo-

pathic medical degree in 1982 from Texas College of Osteopathic Medicine and interned at Kennedy Memorial Hospital-University Medical Center in Stratford, New Jersey. He is presently an orthopedic resident at Kennedy Memorial.

We extend our congratulations to Dr. Catana on this well-deserved honor.▲



# IN MEMORIAM

## John B. Donovan, D.O.

John B. Donovan, D.O., of Austin, passed away October 24. He was 90 years of age.

He was a 1938 graduate of Kirksville College of Osteopathic Medicine and interned at Dr. Coat's Clinic in Tyler, Texas. Dr. Donovan moved to Austin in the late 1930's and practiced there until his retirement in June of 1979.

He was a TOMA life member and also held life membership in the American Osteopathic Association, TOMA District VII and honorary life membership in the Cranial Academy of the American Academy of Osteopathy.

Dr. Donovan was also a member of St. Ignatius Catholic Church and the Kiwanis Club.

Rosary was recited October 26 at Weed-Corley Funeral Home with Mass on October 27 at Assumption Mausoleum Chapel. Burial took place in the Mausoleum Assumption Cemetery.

Survivors include his wife, Maxine, of Austin; one son, John C. Donovan and daughter-in-law, Anne P. Donovan; and three grandsons, John P. Donovan, Peter L. Donovan and Michael H. Donovan, all of Austin.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Cranial Academy, 1140 West 8th Street, Meridian

Idaho 83642 or St. Ignatius Building Fund, in lieu of flowers.

*(Editor's note: The following letter was written by Dr. Donovan's wife, Maxine, which we felt pertinent to print. Dr. Donovan will indeed be missed by everyone who knew him.)*

To TOMA:

This is to let you know that John passed away in his sleep Friday, October 24, about 9:00 p.m.

I am happy I have shared with him these past 15 and one-half years. There are Tears of Sorrow for I have lost a Dear Husband but Tears of Joy because I know he is with the Lord.

Although he had been incapacitated for the past four years with Parkinsonism, he was feeling good. He was the best patient, so content. Each day became more precious and strengthened our Love and Faith.

The happy memories will never be forgotten: His dedication to his work...Love of his patients...our travels...seeing the States and Canada. All these and more are the Joys we shared. We were Blessed in so many ways.

With Love,  
Maxine^

## S. John Candas, D.O.

S. John Candas, D.O., of Dallas, passed away November 3, 1986. He was 67 years of age.

Funeral services were held November 6 at Sparkman Hillcrest Funeral Home in Dallas with burial at Sparkman Hillcrest Cemetery.

A TOMA member since the mid-1940's, Dr. Candas graduated from Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine in 1945 and interned at Doctor's Hospital in Columbus, Ohio, at which time he relocated to Dallas. He maintained an active practice specializing in endocrinology until his death.

Dr. Candas was a member of TOMA District V and the American Osteopathic Association. He was an active member of the Southern Methodist University Alumni Association and also Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church, participating in church events and functions.

Survivors include one daughter, Sari Candas, and one son, John Walter Candas, both of Dallas.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorial contributions be made to the American Heart Association.^

## TMF States Texas Physicians Deliver Quality Care

As of November 15, 1986, 1,100 records were referred on the basis of quality from 550,000 reviews (two-tenths of one percent). Of these same 1,100 cases, only 28 were considered gross and flagrant violations. There are 27,783 licensed practicing physicians in Texas; 190 (less than seven-tenths of one

percent) were responsible for the quality of care concerns.

There are 481 acute care hospitals in Texas — 10 (two percent) were responsible for quality of care concerns.

In essence, the TMF is addressing the problem of quality care in Texas. Allegations eluding to the

fact that quality care concerns are a wide and major problem are not backed up by the facts as far as the scope of quality care delivered by Texas physicians.

The TMF, based in Austin, is the designated Peer Review Organization (PRO) for Texas.^



# Hyperbaric Oxygen Treatment Facility Opens at TCOM

Opening ceremonies for a hyperbaric oxygen treatment facility took place on November 11 at Texas College of Osteopathic Medicine (TCOM), with noted physicist Edward Teller, Ph.D., as featured speaker. Dr. Teller has been actively involved as a consultant on the Strategic Defense Initiative (also known as the Star Wars defense system) and receives periodic treatments himself in a hyperbaric chamber. He is currently research director Emeritus of Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory and lectures worldwide.

An anonymous donor supplied the funds to TCOM to purchase the equipment and the hyperbaric oxygen chamber will be used in clinical treatments and in research in wound healing, the body's reaction to high altitudes and chronic lung disease.

Two TCOM researchers, Peter Raven, Ph.D., an exercise physiologist, and Robert Garmon, D.O., a specialist in pulmonary disease, will be seeking ways to treat a variety of diseases using the chamber, which is now used to treat divers who get air bubbles in their blood.

According to Dr. Raven, hyperbaric chambers, first located in places like the Florida Keys, save divers' lives through their ability to change the atmospheric pressure on the human body. "Air bubbles, which can kill a diver if they get to the brain or other vital organs, are forced into the circulation when a diver comes to the surface too quickly," he said.

The chamber saves divers' lives, continued Dr. Raven, by increased pressure on the body forcing the air bubbles out of the blood. If the air bubbles stay in the blood, Dr. Garmon said, they can become emboli that interrupt blood flow in many blood vessels of the brain and

heart.

The chamber's usefulness in medical research lies in its ability to change pressure on the body, said Dr. Raven. "The pressure can be used to force increased amounts of oxygen into tissues," he explained.

"We already know that increased oxygen seems to speed up wound healing in damaged tissue. But it might also be useful in increasing the oxygen supply of people who have lung disease," Dr. Garmon said.

The two scientists will use the chamber to look at ways of improving the oxygen supply of patients with emphysema or bronchitis, two chronic lung diseases. "Patients with those diseases have problems getting enough oxygen because their lungs are abnormal and have been damaged by disease. We want to study whether the chamber can improve that situation," Dr. Raven commented. He added that earlier work has shown that hyperbaric chambers can limit the damage caused by gangrene. In that disorder, tissue is destroyed by bacteria, which can live without oxygen.

Dr. Garmon said the chambers have also been used to treat carbon monoxide poisoning. "The chamber also might be useful in wound healing in diseases where the victims have a decreased supply of blood and low oxygen delivery to the tissues," he said. He listed diabetes and atherosclerosis (narrowing of the arteries due to cholesterol deposits) as two conditions in which patients have poor wound healing.

In addition, the chamber will be useful in studies on the body's reaction to low or no pressure, conditions that exist in space, Dr. Raven said. TCOM has recently been awarded a \$131,000 contract of work for NASA related to the proposed space station. ^

## TDH Implements Program in Hepatitis B Prevention

Physicians and other health care providers can help protect high-risk pregnant women and their newborns from contracting Hepatitis B by their participation in a program offered by the Texas Department of Health (TDH).

The prevention program, which began in September, involves testing the blood of high-risk, income-eligible women at about their 34th week of pregnancy. In addition, their infants will be given a series of immunizations. According to the TDH, \$193 will be saved for every \$1 spent.

Local health departments/districts and the TDH public health regions will coordinate and implement the program at the local level.

High-risk women include those of Asian, Pacific Island, or Alaskan Eskimo descent, women born in Haiti or sub-Saharan Africa, or those with a history of intravenous drug use. Women with other lifestyle characteristics, particular acute or chronic diseases, or a history of certain health problems also may be at risk.

Complete guidelines have been developed by the Bureau of Maternal and Child Health and the Bureau of Communicable Disease, which provide detailed information and include *Recommendations for Protection Against Viral Hepatitis*.

For a copy of the guidelines or more information on the program, contact either Gilbert Levine, M.D. at 512-458-7700 or Thomas Betz, M.D. at 512-458-7455. ^





# The Brophy Case is Closed

Paul Brophy, the comatose firefighter and emergency medical technician in Massachusetts, passed away eight days after his feeding tubes were removed. (See November issue of *Texas DO*). His physician said the cause of death was pneumonia and resulting fever, common among patients not receiving "aggressive treatment." However, his physician also commented that the pneumonia would have killed Brophy even if the feeding tubes had not been removed.

The decision to remove feeding tubes was authorized by the Mass-

achusetts Supreme Court on September 11, ruling that such feedings are a form of "medical treatment" and that a patient has the right to refuse all medical treatment. The ruling was sought by Paul Brophy's wife who said she was following his wishes.

This case was watched closely because the issue dealt with the legality of withholding food and water from a "hopelessly ill" patient even though death was not imminent. In this case, Brophy, stricken by a burst aneurysm in

1983, had lain in a coma after unsuccessful neurosurgery. Although a victim of brain damage, all major organs functioned and the only device which kept him alive was a surgically implanted tube in his stomach for feeding purposes due to his inability to chew or swallow.

Frank Reardon, attorney for Brophy's wife, commented that this particular case might make it easier for other families faced with similar decisions as it pursued the legal limits of a patient's right to die with dignity.▲

# Optometrists' Privileges in New York are Expanded

Optometrists in New York are now placed in the same position as other health care professionals in regards to consideration of their application at medical facilities under a law recently signed by Governor Mario Cuomo.

The controversial law, the first of its kind in the country, was supported by lawmakers and opposed by medical societies. Since hospitals must state why they will not accept certain physicians, podiatrists and dentists, the law now adds optome-

trists to the list whereby they must be given a reason for denial from hospital officials. In addition, they cannot be excluded for reasons based exclusively on their optometric backgrounds and cannot be dismissed without the investigative process given to the other health care professionals.

The executive director of the New York State Optometric Association stated that, "The statute doesn't force them into hospitals. It just gives them due process." Also,

out of approximately 2,036 optometrists in the state, about 100 already have attending or courtesy privileges, especially in rural areas and, according to the executive director, they are not seeking admitting privileges.

Advocates feel availability of optometrists to hospitals is an asset while opponents believe there is no reason for optometrists to have hospital privileges due to the nature of their practice.▲

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# ***TOMA Major Medical Program Explained***

By Bill Foster, Benefit Consultant  
*Ted Ferguson Agency*

Your TOMA House of Delegates and Board of Trustees asked for a Major Medical Group Health Insurance Program that will not be subject to cancellation by third party carriers and such a program has been underway since last spring with the Ted Ferguson Agency designated as the marketing arm and manager of the program through our subsidiary called Total Association Insurance Planning.

In this brief article we will try to explain some of the insurance lingo in plain words and explain some of the features of the program which can be of importance to you in stabilizing your office staff and protecting your family.

Under your TOMA Comprehensive Major Medical Insurance Program you have a choice of several deductibles with coinsurance and also you have first dollar coverage on accidents as well as allowing usual and customary charges for all allowable expenses up to one million dollars lifetime benefits.

Here are some highlights of the program:

1. **Deductible** — That is the amount of money that comes out of your pocket before the insurance company pays any part of the medical costs. The deductible can be \$100, \$200, \$500 or \$1,000 depending on your desires. This deductible is payable on a calendar year basis. Keep all of your prescription drug bills because they count toward the deductible. Once three members of a family have paid the deductible there are no more deductibles for that family during the year. Only one deductible a year is paid by each of the three family members mentioned.
2. **Coinsurance** — Once the deductible has been paid then the insurance company will pay 80 percent of the next \$5,000 of eligible medical expenses and you must pay the other 20 percent of the medical expenses for a total out-of-pocket expense of \$1,000 (\$5,000 times 20 percent) plus the deductible amount.
3. **Comprehensive Major Medical** — This means that there are no limitations to the amounts and types of medical coverages (there are certain procedures, however, that are not covered by this policy; an example would be routine dental work, unless

your policy has the dental provisions, just like all policies, and certain restrictions that are written into the policy. For example the insurance pays for the average semi-private room, with no room rate limit. There is no specific limitations on operations and other medical procedures, except that the charges made must be usual and customary fees charged in the area where the person has the medical work performed. If you have any question about a certain medical procedure being covered, take the time to call the Ted Ferguson Agency to make sure of the exact amount of coverage. However, in most cases, most medical procedures are covered.

4. **Usual and Customary Charges** — Your insurance premiums are based on several factors and the most important is where you live. Health care costs are less in some areas in Texas. Insurance companies know that medical treatment is usually rendered fairly close to the patient's home. If you happen to be on a trip and need medical attention the insurance company will pay the usual and customary charges wherever you are.
5. **Supplemental Accident Expense Insurance** — This provision provides first dollar coverage for each accident for all insureds. In other words you are covered 100 percent for the first \$300 of medical expenses if you or a covered member of your family has an accident that requires medical attention. If the costs run more than \$300 then you pay the deductible and coinsurance explained above.
6. **Lifetime Maximum Benefit** — Each insured person is covered for up to one million dollars in lifetime benefits. If there are five members of a family, the family has five million of major medical insurance coverage, but no more than one million dollars per individual. There are restrictions for psychiatric and drug rehabilitation and this plan will only pay up to \$20,000 for those two medical problems. Alcohol care is covered as any other medical problem and comes under the lifetime one million dollar coverage.



7. **Maternity** — Is optional for each group. If your plan has the maternity benefits then maternity is covered just like any other medical procedure.

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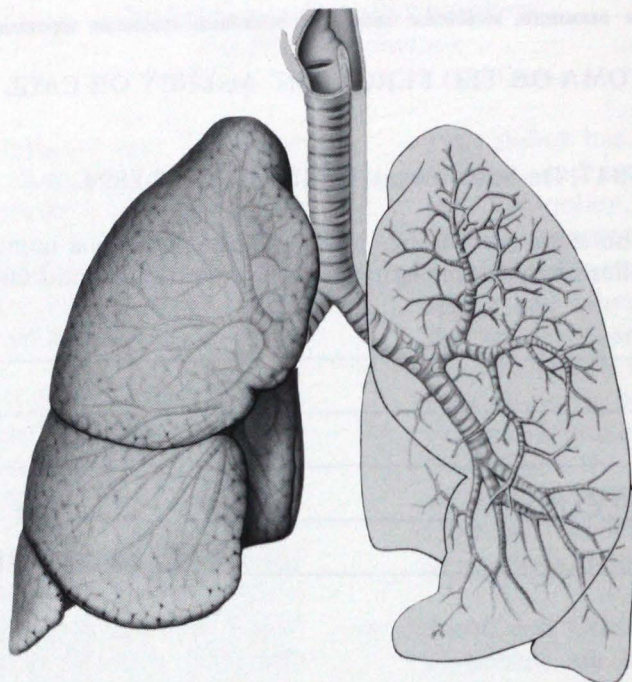
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- Cases of anaphylaxis have been reported, half of which have occurred in patients with a history of penicillin allergy.
- Other: eosinophilia, 2%; genital pruritus or vaginitis, less than 1%.

#### **Abnormalities in laboratory results of uncertain etiology**

- Slight elevations in hepatic enzymes.
- Transient fluctuations in leukocyte count (especially in infants and children).
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# AOHA Installs New Chairman of the Board

George R. Strohl, Jr., has been installed as chairman of the board of the American Osteopathic Hospital Association (AOHA). He is currently president of Community General Hospital in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.

In his inaugural address in San Francisco during the 52nd Annual Meeting and Convention, Strohl said, "We, as board members and management of osteopathic hospitals, are guiding our institutions

through a period of dizzying change — a period which has already dramatically altered intraindustry relationships as well as relationships with the business and regulatory communities. The days of conservative evolution in healthcare are over. The five-year long range plan has gone the way of the dinosaur. Long range today is a year at the most, and, more likely, much less."

Strohl has served on AOHA's

board of trustees for the past four years and is an active member of the College of Osteopathic Healthcare Executives.

The AOHA represents osteopathic hospitals across the nation, providing representation, advocacy, communication, education and management improvement services to its members. Headquarters for AOHA are in Arlington Heights, Illinois with an additional office in Washington, D.C.▲

## Old Cold Remedies Perhaps Worth a Try

This is the cold and flu season. As a service to our clients we hereby list some old-fashioned cold remedies published in 1905 in a book titled *Dr. Chase and His Recipe Book and Household Physician*.

We find that General Washington used to eat a roasted onion at night just before he went to bed and if his cold was bad he ate three onions. If that doesn't work try Syrup of Squills, 2 oz.; paregoric 1 oz.; extract of licorice and 1 oz. of ipecac; antimonial wine one-half oz. and 1 oz. essence of wintergreen or peppermint. Take one teaspoon every two hours, but not on an empty stomach.

If you have a really bad cold then this may be for you, epsom salts, gun powder, borax, alum, copperas and sulphur 1 oz. each and one quart of soft water. The alum and copperas will be heated on a shovel and pulverized, then all mixed and bottled for use. Shake when used. Hold a little of the wash in the mouth for half a minute, then gargle the throat twice daily. At the same time take a little sulphur and cream of tartar to cleanse the blood. It has cured "bad" cases where regular remedies failed.

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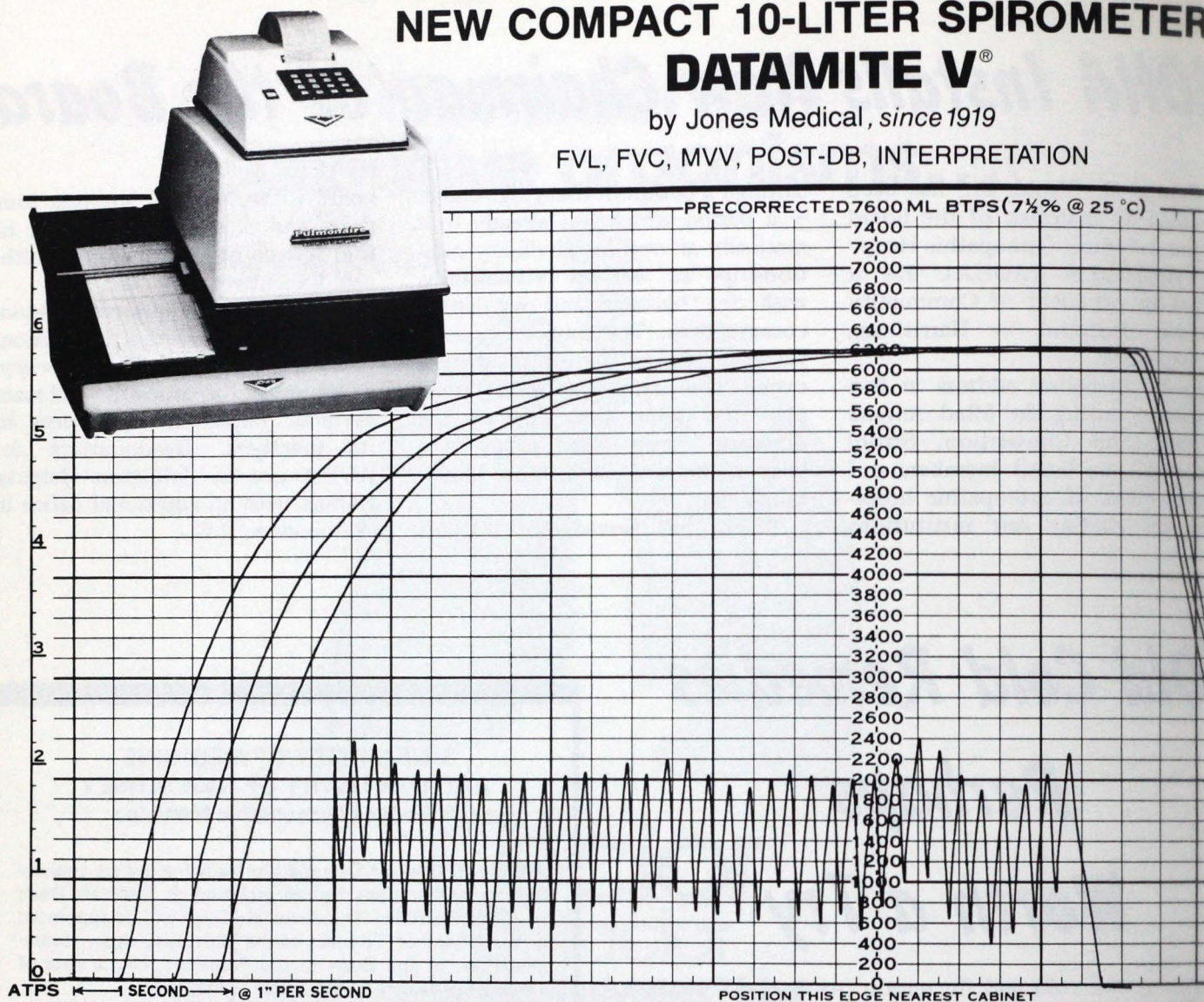
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# Alexanders Celebrate the "Big Forty"

Joe P. Alexander, D.O., and wife, Janie, of Abilene, were recently honored with a surprise reception at the Embassy Suites Hotel in observance of their 40th wedding anniversary. According to an article in the *Abilene Reporter News*, hosts for the celebration were their children and grandchildren.

The couple met at Scott and White Hospital in Temple while he was a patient and she was his nurse. They married October 16, 1946 in Cat Spring, lived in Spur for a short time and relocated to Abilene in 1956 where they have been living since. Dr. Alexander graduated

from Kirksville College of Osteopathic Medicine in 1944 and has been a TOMA member since the mid 1940's, active in numerous committees within the association. He is a member of TOMA District IV and the AOA.

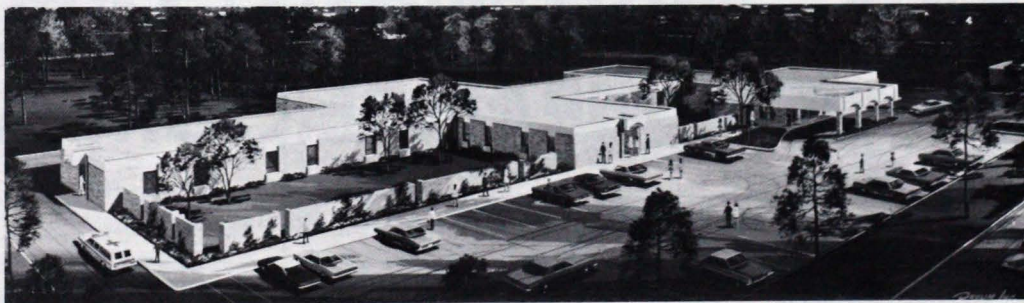
Also active in community affairs, he is a member of the Abilene Chamber of Commerce, Abilene Masonic Lodge 559, Scottish Rite and York Rite bodies, past potentate of Suez Shrine Temple, past president of the Royal Order of Jesters and a member of Founders Lions Club and the executive committee of the Abilene Boy

Scouts of America. In October of 1981, Dr. Joe P. Alexander Day was proclaimed by the mayor, honoring him during a Shrine Ceremony. He has also been honored with the Silver Beaver Award for his work in Boy Scouts.

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Although the fee freeze on non-participating physicians will expire, the "participating/non-participating" program remains in place. In recalling previous, last-minute sign-up periods for those physicians wanting in or out of the participating program, this year looks like another twelfth-hour situation. The Health Care Financing Administration (HCFA) had hoped to start the new sign-up on November 1, but as of press time for this issue, HCFA was trying to get things in order for mid-November, which would mean physicians will have about a month to make a decision, to become effective January 1, 1987.

New legislative provisions require carriers to implement attractive programs to recruit and retain participating physicians. These programs are to include such inducements as educational and outreach activities and the assigning of professional relations personnel to handle problems specifically for participating physicians. Social Security checks will include notices informing Medicare beneficiaries of free directories listing participating physicians. To determine the effectiveness of Medicare carriers, the secretary of HHS will take into account the carriers' success in encouraging physicians to participate and beneficiaries to utilize services of participating physicians. Carriers will receive bonus payments from the HHS secretary to reward them for increasing the proportion of participating physicians in their service areas.

In addition, Medicare must pay interest on "clean" claims that remain unpaid after 30 days in fiscal year 1987; after 26 days in fiscal year 1988; 25 days in 1989 and 24 days in fiscal year 1990. An added enticement for participating physicians is that beginning in 1988, the time limit for paying for their claims will be seven days shorter than the

deadline for non-participating physicians.

A new requirement for hospitals will place a burden on providers who choose not to participate. A hospital's provider agreement will be amended effective October 1, 1987, to the effect that when hospital personnel, which includes staff of any emergency or out-patient department, refer a patient to a non-participating physician for further treatment on an outpatient basis, personnel must inform the patient that the physician is non-participating and furthermore, whenever possible, personnel should inform the patient of at least one qualified participating physician who is listed in the directory of participating

physicians, from whom the patient may receive the necessary treatment. Hospitals will be required to make available to patients a directory or directories of participating physicians for the area served by the hospital.▲

## TOMA Member "A Neighborhood Favorite"

When speaking of doctors and nurses my mind automatically thinks of Dr. Louis L. Dullye, a great neighborhood doctor whose office is at the Circle Pharmacy on Nogalitos. He has been at this location longer than I've been alive, and that's been ... well, a long time.

Dr. Dullye is one of my most memorable characters because he made house calls long after his peers had abandoned the practice and because after all these years he still takes the time to explain the ailment and the full treatment prescribed to his patients, many of whom speak little or no English. Dullye's stature in the mostly Hispanic community also has grown because he expresses a sincere concern when handling his sick patients. And it is common knowledge in the neighborhood that his fees are considerate of his patient's circumstances and ability to pay.

Dr. Dullye is oblivious to his legendary reputation or the hardships of practicing in a barrio and says today he does not regret his decision to practice medicine. All he ever wanted to do as a country boy in Yoakum, he says, was to be a doctor and heal the sick.

*(Reprinted from the San Antonio Light)▲*

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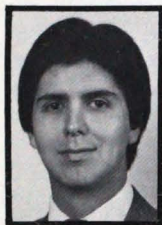
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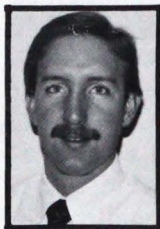
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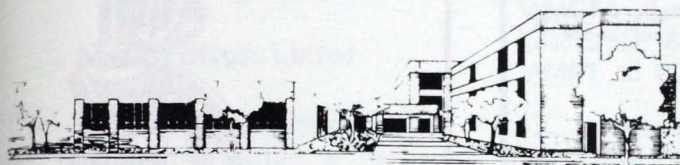
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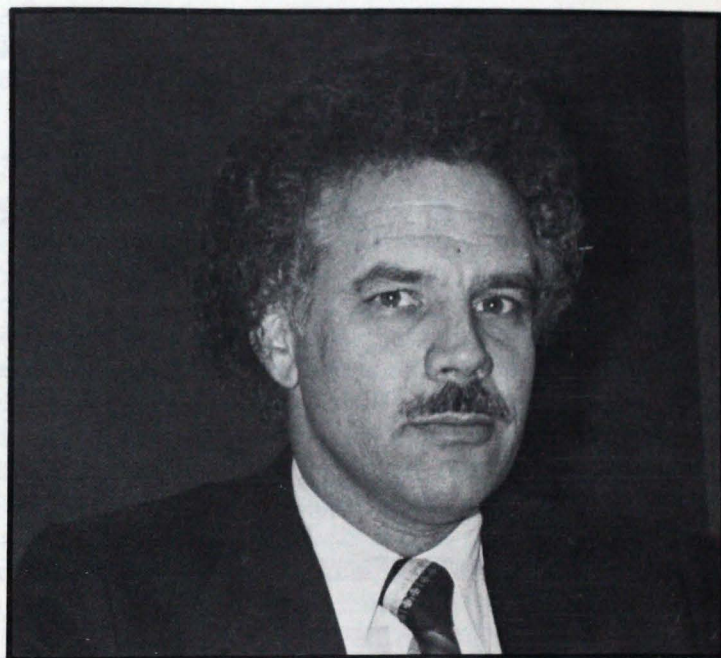
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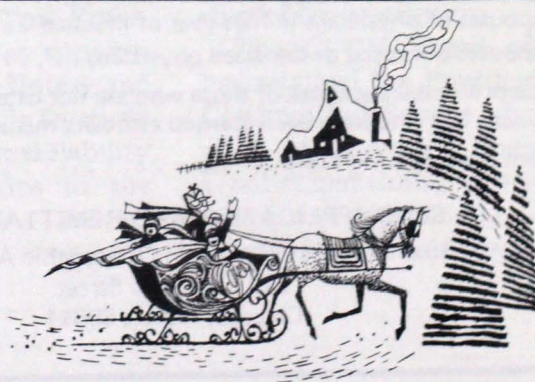
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Thomas E. Rozewicz has joined Continental Hospital North as executive director, assuming responsibility for the management functions of the acute/general care facility located at 2100 Highway 183 N.W. in Fort Worth.

Prior to joining Continental, Rozewicz served as assistant administrator at Mesquite Physicians Hospital. From 1980 to 1985, he was associated with Park Place Hospital, Port Arthur, as director of pharmacy and assistant to the administrator.

He holds a Bachelor of Science degree in pharmacy and a Master of Business Administration degree. Memberships include the American Society of Hospital Pharmacists and the Texas Society of Hospital Pharmacists and, additionally, Rozewicz is a nominee for membership in the American College of Healthcare Executives.





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## Chief Osteopath?

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*The leader instructs the guests, simultaneously, to rub the tops of their heads with their right hands, and at the same time to pat their stomachs with their left hands. He then calls, "Now reverse!" He continues, varying the time between commands. Those who fail are eliminated. The survivor is called Chief Osteopath.*

(Reprinted from the New Mexico Osteopathic Medical Association Newsletter)



# Medicaid Updates

## Revised Medicaid Notification Letter

The Department of Human Services (DHS) has issued a revised Form 1027 (Medicaid Verification Letter) which is issued by DHS staff to eligible Medicaid recipients who have lost their Medical Care Identification Card (Form 3087) or have not received delivery by the Postal Service. The new Form 1027 became effective October 1. All Medicaid recipients should be asked to present evidence of eligibility (Form 3087 or Form 1027) before services are provided. Providers should contact the local DHS office in cases where there is a question regarding a person's eligibility for Medicaid.

## A Reminder Concerning EPSDT Claim Forms

The DHS is currently revising the Form 3087 (Medical Care Identification Card). The revised version should be available in January of 1987.

## Revised Medical Care Identification Card

Effective for claims received on or after October 1, 1986, providers must now use the revised EPSDT (T19-249) claim form. The claim forms were mailed to providers in September. The revised claim form must include information on specific immunizations administered by the provider when a screen is performed.

## TMA Survey Reveals Staggering Statistics

A recent survey conducted by the Texas Medical Association (TMA) has put into perspective alarming figures which indicate just how bad the professional liability crisis really is. According to Jim Bob Brame, M.D., TMA president, the fear of being sued has forced 69 percent of family doctors to limit the services they provide. He added, "Thirty-seven percent said they no longer deliver babies. This means many people in Texas are not getting the services they need or they must go far from home to get them."

Statistics reveal that up to 38 percent of family doctors are giving patients more care than they may need because of the threat of a lawsuit looming in the background. Thirty-eight percent of family doctors are ordering more consultations, 33 percent are ordering more x-rays and 31 percent are ordering more lab tests, all in the name of defensive medicine. "Defensive medicine has added \$15 billion to the nation's health care bill," said Dr. Brame.

These figures and other insights concerning the professional liability crisis were part of TMA testimony given in late October before the House/Senate Joint Committee on Liability Insurance and Tort Procedure. The committee was appointed by Lt. Governor Bill Hobby and House Speaker Gib Lewis to study the problem of professional liability and recommend solutions to the 1987 Texas Legislature.

## CCOM President Announces Retirement Plans

Thaddeus P. Kawalek, Ph.D., president of Chicago College of Osteopathic Medicine (CCOM) since 1967, has announced his intent to retire, effective June 30, 1987.

During his tenure, CCOM has developed its facilities and programs with campuses in Chicago, Olympia Fields and Downers Grove, Illinois. This tremendous growth and development has led to the institution's recognition as a leading osteopathic medical college in the United States. The quality of teaching and curriculum at the college has been greatly enhanced during the past 20 years as Dr. Kawalek firmly supported the recruitment and retention of gifted faculty.

Significant accomplishments during his presidency include the development and construction of the Peckham Science Building, the MacBain Pavilion of the Chicago Osteopathic Hospital, the Chicago Osteopathic Family Outpatient Clinic, the Olympia Fields Osteopathic Medical Center and 24 neighborhood clinics throughout Chicago and surrounding suburbs. The recent acquisition of the 104-acre Downers Grove site to facilitate the first two years of medical school training and specialized programs culminates his remarkable stewardship of the institution.

The CCOM Board of Directors has retained the Presidential Search Consultation Service of the Association of Governing Boards of Universities and Colleges to assist in the search and screening process of candidates for the new president.



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Ruby Peters

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