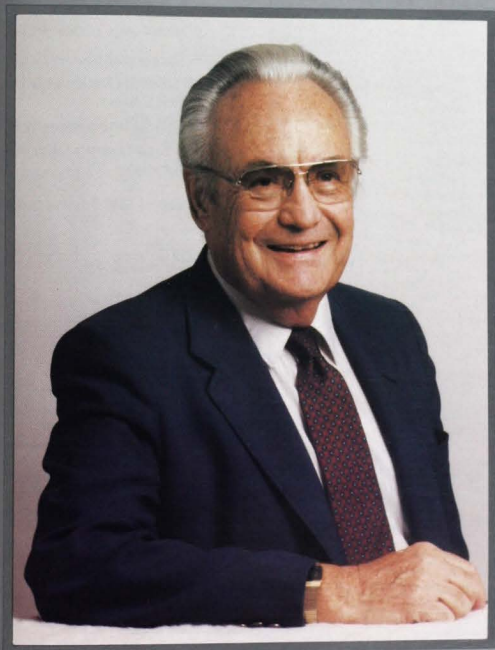


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Laughter

"Internal Jogging"

A little mirth can do a lot for a person's physical health. At least, that is the contention of a California psychiatrist who is an authority on the physiology of laughter.

Dr. William Fry of Stanford University Medical School has called laughter "internal jogging" and says that there is evidence that it exerts a beneficial effect on most of the body's major physical systems. And of course, it's a great deal easier to laugh a lot during the day than it is to take time out to do some calisthenics.

Dr. Fry found that intense laughter can double the heart rate for three to five minutes. Even 20 seconds of laughter can double the heart rate for a fleeting moment, yet it takes about three minutes of hard rowing to accomplish the same thing. However, a short burst of laughter cannot sustain the increase.

One of laughter's most beneficial effects is on the respiratory system, where the primarily expiratory nature of a laugh forces the lungs to take in greater than normal amounts of air.

Researchers have discovered that laughter increases production of catecholamines, which function primarily as neurotransmitters. Epinephrine, one of the major catecholamines, raises both the heart and metabolic rates. Laughter also can kill pain because it stimulates secretion of endorphin, the body's natural painkiller.

Laughter has another plus: It is rarely deadly, whereas strenuous exercise is more apt to cause a fatal stroke in people who are out of condition and have overextended their abilities.

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Tex Roberts to Retire After 24 Years of Dedicated Service



After 24 years of service to the osteopathic profession, Tex Roberts will retire June 30 as executive director of the Texas Osteopathic Medical Association (TOMA), but will continue as a part-time consultant to TOMA. Thomas D. Hanstrom of Carmel, Indiana succeeds him.

Roberts served as executive director of the New Mexico Osteopathic Medical Association for five years prior to assuming that position with the Texas Association in 1968.

He is recognized as a key figure in the phenomenal growth of the osteopathic profession in Texas. Membership in the Association has more than tripled during his tenure; the Texas College of Osteopathic Medicine became a reality in 1970, and a new TOMA headquarters was built at 226 Bailey Avenue in Fort Worth in 1980.

He has been active nationally in American Osteopathic Association affairs and the Association of Osteopathic State Executive Directors (AOSED). He has served as president and is currently executive vice president of AOSED.

Roberts was born in the Texas Panhandle December 16, 1916. He graduated from Lamar (Colorado) High School and attended the University of Denver.

In addition to association management, he has been active in al-

most all phases of the communications and public relations industries. He is a 40-year member of the Society of Professional Journalists, Sigma Delta Chi, a member of the American Society of Association Executives (ASAE) and recognized by that organization as a Certified Association Executive (CAE), and member of the Texas Society of Association Executives (TSAE).

Professional positions held include: United States Jaycees state executive and editor of *Future* magazine; founder, editor and publisher of *Colorado Wonderland* magazine; and executive editor of *New Mexico* magazine.

He and his wife, Juanita, who has been an active partner with him in his communications and publishing enterprises, will celebrate 50 years of marriage on March 22, 1988. Their son, Kent, is employed by the Tandy Corporation in Fort Worth. Their daughter, Suella "Suella" Roberts manages TJ Graphics, a family-owned printing business in Fort Worth.



Retirement Party A Smash Hit

A party sponsored by the TOMA Board of Trustees and Staff at the State Headquarters on June 20 honoring the impending retirement of Mr. Tex Roberts was clearly an occasion of mixed emotions. Although Mr. Roberts will continue for a period of time as consultant to Mr. Thomas Hanstrom, who will assume the duties of TOMA executive director on July 14, there were naturally undertones of sorrow amid the flood of best wishes and congratulatory messages directed towards Mr. Roberts and his wife, Juanita.

Bill H. Puryear, D.O., current TOMA president, acted as master of ceremonies, extending his thanks to all who were present to honor Mr. Roberts. He introduced Diana Finley, senior TOMA staff member, who read a tribute to Mr. Roberts on behalf of the entire staff, later presenting him with a scrapbook depicting memorable events along with staff pictures.

Jerome L. Armbruster, D.O., immediate past president, awarded Mr. Roberts an honorary TOMA membership plaque.

David M. Richards, D.O., president of Texas College of Osteopathic Medicine, was introduced and thanked Mr. Roberts for his long and tireless efforts on behalf of TCOM, also presenting a plaque on behalf of the college. Mr. Roberts had been a driving force in the growth of TCOM at a time when they met in a bowling alley; he lobbied in Austin to secure funds for a \$10.8 million library for TCOM; he lobbied successfully for a statute requiring that the president of TCOM be a D.O., and he has strived to keep a close working relationship between TOMA and TCOM. Dr. Puryear then presented Mr. Roberts with a plaque from the Board of Trustees honoring his numerous accomplishments achieved for TOMA during the past 19 years. Some of his legislative victories, other than the aforementioned, include three D.O.s sitting on the Texas State Board of Medical Examiners by law and laws prohibiting discrimination against physicians based on academic degree.

After the applause had finally

died down, Mr. Roberts took to the podium where he said it "has been a good 19 years" and stressed that since he and Juanita had been involved in the osteopathic profession for over 24 years, they hoped "to keep serving for more years", even though "the 'hot seat' was being turned over to Mr. Hanstrom."

Mrs. Jerome (Linda) Armbruster, a past president of ATOMA, thanked Mr. and Mrs. Roberts and the TOMA staff for all the help given to the Auxiliary throughout the years.

Among the almost 100 guests present were Gib Lewis, Texas House Speaker, Bob Jones, executive director of the Oklahoma Osteopathic Association, George Luibel, D.O, John Burnett, D.O., both past presidents of TOMA and AOA, David Richards, D.O., president of Texas College of Osteopathic Medicine and Clifford Dickey, D.O. retired.

The atmosphere was most congenial, the food superb, and the well-deserved honors extended to Mr. Roberts made for a very pleasant event for everyone.







AOSED and TOMA Members Salute "Tex"

"I would like to personally compliment you on the most effective services you have rendered in the general capacity of Executive Director. You have the legislators in Austin that really believe in you and depended on your advice."

Eimer C. Baum, D.O.
Austin, Texas

"I extend best wishes to Tex and hope his retirement is a long and happy one."

Eleanore A. Farley, Executive Director
New Jersey Association of Osteopathic Physicians & Surgeons

"I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your cordial diligence and professionalism over the years in your TOMA capacity. Best wishes in your future and thanks again for your contributions to the osteopathic profession."

Fred R. Tepper, D.O., FACEP
Fort Worth, Texas

"You know my respect and admiration of you, both as a person and as an association executive. In my opinion, Texas as well as AOSED is losing one of the ablest administrators in osteopathic medicine."

Matt Weyuker, Executive Director
Osteopathic Physicians & Surgeons of California

"I view you leaving your position as a distinct loss for AOSED, the State of Texas, and perhaps most important, the osteopathic profession. Your contributions to the development of osteopathy in Texas and nationwide are substantial and appreciated. The professional is losing one of its most effective lay voices."

Harold E. Riehm, Executive Director
Kansas Association of Osteopathic Medicine

"I have enjoyed working with you the past few years and appreciate all you have done for our profession. I am especially grateful for the effort you have put into keeping AOSED active, including publication of our newsletter."

David A. DeTurk, Executive Director
Maine Osteopathic Association

"On the occasion of your retirement, please accept my sincere gratitude for the leadership, creativity and horse sense you have provided for the benefit of your members, your fellow executive directors and a struggling profession still unsure of its own identity."

Warren Lawless, Executive Director
Washington Osteopathic Medical Association

"On behalf of the members, staff and leadership of the Missouri Association of Osteopathic Physicians and Surgeons, we congratulate you on the occasion of your retirement and express Missouri's gratitude for your many contributions to the osteopathic profession."

Douglas G. Viehman, D.O., Executive Director
Missouri Association of Osteopathic Physicians & Surgeons

"You have been an outstanding example of the professional leadership an Executive Director should afford to the members of any organization. You have been exceptionally dedicated to the osteopathic profession, not only in Texas, but nationally. Your remarkable capacity to analyze problems and to deliver solutions will be recorded in the history of the osteopathic profession."

E. Wayne Harbinger, D.O., Executive Director
New York State Osteopathic Medical Society

"As a true professional in the field of association management, Tex has been an eloquent spokesman for the osteopathic profession."

Robert J. Finnegan, CAE, Executive Director
Wisconsin Association of Osteopathic Physicians & Surgeons

"I regret that I cannot attend the party, due to a previous engagement. However, please be assured that I have never stopped appreciating what Tex Roberts has done and is doing for the osteopathic profession. Thank you, Tex, for a job well done."

Ernest P. Schweigert, D.O.
Houston, Texas

"My sincere congratulations to Tex Roberts for his long and arduous service to us and our state and national associations."

Dan B. Whitehead, D.O.
Briegleb, Texas

"I want to thank you, Tex, for all the years that you have worked for our profession. Without you, we would not have functioned so well. I want to thank you personally as well as professionally for the friendship and help extended whenever asked."

Robert C. Burns, D.O.
Lubbock, Texas



Jennie Tripsin Button, D.O., was presented the Public Health Service Award by Dr. Everrett C. Koop, Surgeon General, at the Annual Awards Ceremony on March 27, 1987 in Dallas. Dr. Button was recognized for her outstanding accomplishments with the Federal Employee Occupational Health.

Under her leadership as Region Director, she significantly improved and re-directed the program throughout the five-state area of Texas, Louisiana, New Mexico, Arkansas and Oklahoma. As Medical Director (06) Dr. Button oversees the operation of 11 Public Health Units as well as the Field and Regional Consultation provided to the Federal Managers in Region VI.

This is the 5th Accommodation which she has received since her career began with Public Health Service in 1977.

New President for GOMA

Sheila J. Smith, D.O., has been elected president of the Georgia Osteopathic Medical Association during installation ceremonies held during GOMA's annual convention in May. Dr. Smith becomes the second woman to hold the office of president.

She graduated from the first class in 1977 at The Oklahoma College of Osteopathic Medicine and Surgery and interned at Doctors Hospital in Tucker, Georgia. In 1979, Dr. Smith established a general practice in Lawrenceville, Georgia. She was elected chief-of-staff at Doctors Hospital in 1980 and has served on the hospital's Executive Committee since 1982.

Laser Device Approved

The Food and Drug Administration has approved for marketing a laser device used to treat obstructed arteries. By combining a metal-tipped fiberoptic probe with an argon laser, the product, manufactured by Trimedyn, Inc., of California, will be used in removing fatty deposits which obstruct arteries in the leg.

New Illinois Medical Practice Act Proposed

As reported by the AOA, a proposed new Illinois Medical Practice Act has been introduced in the General Assembly which would require physicians to complete at least three years of formal postgraduate training in order to be eligible for licensure. A sunset provision mandate the rewriting of the Act.

The osteopathic community, in opposition to the provision, is working with the Medical Board to draft substitute language in order to delay any changes in postgraduate training requirements until 1990. It is reported that the Board might approve this substitute as long as the law provides that after 1990, two years of training will be required. However, if the substitute language is indeed approved, it is anticipated that the Board will attempt, at a later date, to make three years of training mandatory.

In an effort to fight the growing trend toward increased postgraduate training requirements, the AOA Bureau of Public Education on Health is urging individual states to advise the AOA Washington Office immediately if a proposal to increase such requirements for licensure is suggested.

Dispensing Bill Passes in Oklahoma

A law to take effect November 1 stipulates that Oklahoma physicians wishing to dispense medication must register with their licensing board. In addition, physicians will have to do the labeling, packaging and recordkeeping, just as a pharmacist does. The thrust of this bill is to permit physician dispensing only in emergencies.

New President for UHS/COM

At a special meeting held late December of the Board of Trustees of The University of Health Sciences, Lakeside Hospital Association, and University Towers, Inc., the Board unanimously elected the Chairman of the Board, Mr. Keith Wilson, Jr., to assume the duties and responsibilities of the Office of the President following the untimely death of Dr. Rudolph S. Bremen.

Mr. Wilson had been serving as Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer of the institution since 1985 and has been a Board member since 1961.

FYI

COMPROMISE REACHED ON DRUG SAMPLING LEGISLA- TION

The AOA *Washington Update* reports that at long last, a compromise on the issue of drug sampling has been reached. An agreement between drug manufacturers and Congressman John Dingell is a modified version of the "Prescription Drug Marketing Act of 1987", the legislation which includes restrictions on the distribution of pharmaceutical samples to physicians. The compromise includes the provision that drug salesmen could continue to distribute samples to physicians' offices but must acquire a signed receipt. Additionally, samples could be distributed using coupons, mail or common carrier.

The House bill and its Senate companion, sponsored by Senator Spark Matsunaga, were introduced early in the 100th Congress. They call for strict fines, up to \$1 million, if sales representatives violate the new restrictions. Company executives would be exempt from criminal liability if they turned in the salesman or proved that they were about to do so.

The original legislation would have prohibited salesmen from distributing samples altogether. Instead, physicians would have had to request samples in writing on a form developed by the Federal Government, and the requested samples would have been provided by registered mail or some similar method.

CLYDE B. JENSEN, PH.D., NEW OCOMS PRESIDENT

Clyde B. Jensen, Ph.D., has been named president of the Oklahoma College of Osteopathic Medicine and Surgery (OCOMS). The appointment was announced after a lengthy presidential search conducted by a nine-member committee.

Dr. Jensen served as president of the West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine (WVSOM) since 1981. During his six-year tenure, the school expanded its service region from one to ten states and acquired national recognition in the training of primary care physicians for practice in rural areas.

His goals for OCOMS are to "help secure the college's political and financial future. I want the college to arrive at a long-range plan which will enable it to emerge as a leader in the training of family physicians for rural communities. I also want to enhance the efficiency of the school's operations during these times of economic hardship."

HUMAN GLUE DEVELOPED

A glue developed from human blood by-products could reduce the use of stitches in certain delicate operations, according to two researchers at the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania. The glue is being tested on patients who have a loss of hearing due to middle ear damage.

"In the past, synthetic materials or small bones taken from the patient have been wedged in the ear to repair problems such as a broken bone of the middle ear or a hole in the ear drum. . .," says Robert Weisman, an assistant professor and developer of the glue.

The glue, injected through a thin needle, "should guarantee that the material stays in place and should thus facilitate the healing process," according to Weisman.

The adhesive has the potential to be used in any operation where delicacy wouldn't allow the use of sutures or staples, including corneal transplants, skin grafting and nerve repair. The glue differs from similar substances developed in Europe because it is made from the patient's own blood.

NEEDLELESS SYRINGE RE- CEIVES FDA APPROVAL

The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has given its seal of approval on a portable, needleless, hypodermic syringe which may possibly eradicate the spread of infection through contaminated needles.

According to *American Medical News*, the injector uses a carbon dioxide gas cartridge to propel the medication through an opening in the disposable ampule and has the ability to inject only liquids. It can inject medications within seven-tenths of a second which is approximately 80 percent faster than using a syringe with needles. It's speed "... can be of critical importance in an emergency room situation when administering life-saving medication," says a company spokesman for Bioject, Inc., the Oregon-based company marketing the product.

The new product is not the only needleless syringe on the market, however, this particular one does not have to be sterilized.

Carl E. Wilcox, president of the company, says it "... reduces the risk of spreading diseases, such as hepatitis B or AIDS, from needle-stick accidents or poorly sterilized needleless injectors."

Drug Dispensing Debate Drags On

Another "Lifer" for Dr. Grainger

Although the term "lifer" is generally slang for an individual given or serving a sentence of life imprisonment, we are certain H. George Grainger, D.O., of Tyler, is voicing no objections with regard to the "lifer" he recently received — that of honorary life membership in the American Academy of Osteopathy. The notification letter read in part, "Your support of the Academy, its programs, and the profession over the past 38 years is most sincerely appreciated."

Dr. Grainger's other "lifera" include TOMA membership as well as AOA membership.

As if the "lifera" weren't enough, he is also a recipient of TCOM's 1986 Founder's Medal, the highest award TCOM gives for outstanding contributions to health care and medical education. But wait, that's not all! Last year, he was awarded a 50th anniversary medallion by his alma mater, Kirksville College of Osteopathic Medicine, in recognition and appreciation for dedicated service to the osteopathic profession.

Dr. Grainger's file at the TOMA State Headquarters is one of the most voluminous, bulging with information relating to honors, awards, appointments, offices held and so on. To list them all would take a considerable amount of time so for the time being, we extend our congratulations on this newest honor. Incidentally, if we receive any more Grainger news, we will have to begin a second membership file, which to our knowledge, has never been necessary for a TOMA member. How's that for a first, by George?

A House subcommittee has approved a bill sponsored by U.S. Representative Ron Wyden which would prohibit physicians from dispensing drugs for a profit. Representative Wyden contends the practice of physician dispensing could lead to over-prescribing and overpricing as well as create a conflict of interest.

Physicians feel that many patients could best be served by office dispensing, especially those who must depend upon others for transportation or are hampered by handicaps. Another aspect is the convenience it would offer to the parents of a sick child, whereby they would not have to make an additional stop in order to obtain medication.

The AOA reports that its Council on Federal Health Programs is pre-

paring a policy statement supporting the right of physicians to dispense drugs to patients, based on the fact that the stringent codes of ethics subscribed to by osteopathic and allopathic physicians will impede the activities which Representative Wyden feels will result. Furthermore, existing state laws would provide disciplinary protocols in instances where standards were violated by physicians.

According to the AOA, the Federal Trade Commission is in opposition to Representative Wyden's bill, supposedly introduced on behalf of the retail pharmacy industry. The AOA says that negotiations are now underway between Representative Wyden and other committee members to determine whether the bill moves forward.

TMF Sends Open Letter to Newspaper

The Texas Medical Foundation (TMF) has written to seven newspapers in the Panhandle area expressing concern about the quality of health care the citizens of Canadian, Texas will be receiving since four of the community's physicians have opted not to admit Medicare patients into the hospital.

The TMF is concerned for two reasons: TMF fears that the Medicare patients in Canadian will not receive adequate care if their doctors will not admit them into the hospital, if hospitalization is needed, and secondly, this action may create a basic misunderstanding of TMF's intentions by the citizens of Canadian.

S. Robert L. King, Jr., Executive Director of the TMF, has forwarded an open letter to the *Canadian Record*, *Amarillo Globe News*, *Pampa News*, *Perryton Herald*, *Spearman Reporter*, *Borger News* and the *Miami Chief* explaining the TMF and its review processes.

The closing statement contained in the letter sums up what TMF's basic function is and reads as follows: "TMF physicians are interested only in safeguarding the health care provided to Medicare beneficiaries. The citizens of Canadian, just like the citizens of any other city in Texas, are entitled to quality medical care. You should expect no less."

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Sturgeon Wounds End-up on Squid Ro

A physician in Sidney, Australia told a fish story about one physician's malpractice demise...

There was once a brilliant sturgeon on the staff of the community health fishery. He was in fact, one of the flounders. He was wiser than salmon, a fin fellow, who never shrimped from his responsibilities. He was successful and happy and always whistled a happy tuna. One day one of his patients, a mere whipper snapper, told the sturgeon that his medical theories were full of abalone and started trout around telling everybody that the sturgeon's treatment had made him more eel than he had been and conched him with a malpractice suit. While the sturgeon was in a real pickerel, the Board demanded his oyster and chased him off the staff. But the case smelt to high heaven, so the judge denied the plaintiff's claim. The Board tried to hire the sturgeon back, but by then he had hit the bottle-nose pretty hard and the end of this shad tail is that the sturgeon wound end-up on squid ro. Isn't that a kettle of you know what.

—R. Steven Pulverman, D.O.
President, OPSC

Texas Ticker Tape

CORRECTION

Your attention is called to page 26 of the May/June issue of the *Texas DO*. The article entitled "Fun Night and ATOMA Fundraiser a Success" inadvertently contained two errors.

John Kozura, III, D.O., won Southwest Airlines Passage for Two and Mrs. Tex (Juanita) Roberts, along with her other winnings, won American Airlines (not Southwest Airlines) Passage for Two to Las Vegas. Our apologies for these errors.

DME HOTLINE

Beginning immediately, Medicare will make available to Durable Medical Equipment (DME) providers an incoming telephone hotline.

Personnel will be available to answer technical questions concerning claims processing. The "Hotline" telephone number is 214-465-7249.

Please remember this hotline is available to assist with DME questions. Requests for claims status should continue to be referred to the Metro Telephone Unit at 214-647-2282.

BURNAM NAMED TO MEDICAL CENTER'S BOARD

John W. Burnam, a vice president of Tandy Corporation, has been named to the board of directors of Fort Worth Osteopathic Hospital, Inc. The board is the governing body of Fort Worth Osteopathic Medical Center (FWOMC). Burnam was elected at the regular meeting of the board held in April. He will fill the unexpired term of office of the late Charles W. Tindall, Jr., who was senior vice president and treasurer of Tandy Corporation.

Other members of the FWOMC board are Jay E. Sandelin, Chairman; David M. Beyer, D.O., president; Randall L. Kressler, vice president; W. Scott Wysong, III, secretary/treasurer; Barclay R. Ryall; Herman F. Stute; The Honorable Gibson D. Lewis; Charles T. Maxvill, D.O.; Jay G. Beckwith, D.O.; Harris F. Pearson, D.O.; William M. Jordan, D.O.; and Irwin Schussler, D.O.

FWOMC is a general and acute care facility. The 265-bed Medical Center is the largest osteopathic hospital in Texas. It is an affiliate of Health Care of Texas, Inc. of Fort Worth.

AOA CME ACTIVITY REPORTS IN MAIL

The AOA reports that individual activity reports for the 1986-88 CME period will be mailed to all AOA members during the week of July 13-17. All activities received by the CME divisions of the AOA Department of Education by June 30 will be included in this report.

KIRKSVILLE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION ELECTS OFFICERS

New officers have been elected by the Kirksville Osteopathic Alumni Association and are as follows: president, Evalyn Kennedy, D.O., of Beeville; vice president, Robert Hamilton, D.O., of Mabank; and secretary, Catherine K. Carlton, D.O., of Fort Worth.

NEW OFFICERS FOR TEXAS ACADEMY OF OSTEOPATHY

David Teitelbaum, D.O., of Fort Worth, has been elected president of the Texas Academy of Osteopathy. Other elected officers are Doug Vick, D.O., of Fort Worth, as vice president and Catherine K. Carlton, D.O., also of Fort Worth, as secretary-treasurer.

DR. ALEXANDER SCORES AGAIN

Ted C. Alexander, Jr., D.O., of Wichita Falls, has been appointed General Chairman of the Shrine Oil Bowl Football Classic. This event will be played Saturday, August 8, between Texas and Oklahoma all star football players.

A man with obviously many irons in the fire, Dr. Alexander was just recently appointed to the Wichita General Hospital Corporation Board for a six-year term.

CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES REGULATIONS REVISED

New regulations by the Texas State Board of Pharmacy mandate that controlled substances must be inventoried annually. The original proposal was that the inventories take place each May 1, however, it can instead take place either at the end of the calendar year or fiscal year. The rules will take effect sometime next year.

GAO BLASTS HOSPITALS' BILLING PRACTICES

According to the congressional General Accounting Office (GAO), Medicare spent approximately \$527 million during 1985 that should have been paid by group insurance plans, workers' compensation or accident insurers, since quite a few Medicare beneficiaries are covered by such alternate sources. The GAO says this problem results when hospitals don't take the time to seek out and bill the appropriate carrier. Further compounding the problem is that in cases where Medicare intermediaries are the private insurers who should be paying the bills, there is naturally no desire to upgrade the billing practices of hospitals.

ATOMA News

By Liz Cobb

ATOMA President-Elect
and Membership Chairperson

Auxiliary — "Offering or providing help; functioning in a subsidiary capacity" this is Webster's definition of what auxiliary means. ATOMA is the "Auxiliary to the Texas Osteopathic Medical Association". Without TOMA we are unnecessary.

As members of this important Auxiliary we try to help our physician spouse in many ways including scholarships, National Osteopathic Foundation, physician's assistance program, student loans and research and public relations. We have a budget this year that is in serious trouble. Trouble because we do not have the membership to cover the necessary expenses it takes to run

this Auxiliary. Our state president travels to districts to try to keep these districts from folding and to try to keep enthusiasm going, but it becomes more difficult to visit these districts when there are no funds available to cover expenses.

Before I sat down to the old computer to get this ready, I called the TOMA office and talked with Belinda Anderson about the number of ATOMA members as of May 31, 1987. We have a grand total of 159. This is ridiculous. Out of 1800 TOMA members, we don't even have 10 percent auxiliary membership. Ladies and Gentlemen, we have a job to do. I am asking

all district presidents to get busy. Find out why your membership has decreased, send out letters, make telephone calls, beg them. I don't care how you do it, just do it.

Doctors, we need your HELP!!! You send in your dues, please pay your spouse's dues also. All it will cost you is \$20.00, and you have my personal guarantee we won't sign your spouse up for anything he or she doesn't want to do.

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By Nancy Hawa

Auxiliary News Chairman

A phone call several months ago has me writing this column for the state ATOMA organization. Just when I was finishing up from a busy school year, working in my husband's office and finishing up plans for my younger sister's May wedding, I received a phone call. Marilyn Mohny from Houston was on the line. I don't know Marilyn Mohny, but when she told me she was the soon-to-be president of our State ATOMA, I listened. Would I write the news column? That was the question. I thought of all the things I was going to have to be involved in during the next year and of all the excuses I could make in about thirty seconds. One little article a month. . . Sure, I can manage that. After I hung up the phone, I realized that this column covers the whole state! Oh Boy!

Well, this is how I'm going to try to produce a state-wide column. Those of you who are district officers can expect a phone call from me periodically to see if you have any news item that should be in this column. I'll print any news about your district, its fundraising activities, meetings, marriages, babies, awards, honors, etc. etc. My deadline for submitting this column is the tenth day of every month. This column will appear in the July Texas DO, but it is being turned in to the magazine June 10. If I don't call you when you know about a news item, please call me or write me. My address and phone number are as follows:

Nancy Hawa
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(after 6 pm is best)

With your help I can produce all the district news fit to print and the news we need to print about auxiliary activities around the State.

No, Marilyn, this won't be so hard after all. I bet turning out this column will be a real cinch compared to being a kindergarten room mother. It's all in the way you approach the job. I'll be here next month . . . you be here, too.

By Claudette M. Miller
ATOMA District V

School is out, so brace yourselves! From now until the end of summer we will have the opportunity to spend three "fun-filled" months with the kiddies. District V is planning an outing involving the entire family on Saturday, July 18. We're in the midst of finalizing a family picnic at Hodges Park in Mesquite, which will be catered by Colter's BBQ. After an afternoon of fun and fellowship, we will go as a group to the Mesquite Rodeo Arena for an evening with the Cowpokes and Wild Broncs! We hope all of our District V members will participate. Bring your kids, grandkids and yourselves for an enjoyable day. By now you should have received information pertaining to July 18. However, if more information is needed, feel free to call me at 214-285-6374 or Susie Burke at 214-827-6881.

Our 1987-88 election of officers was held in May and the results are as follows: president, Claudette M. Miller; first vice president, Susie Burke; second vice president, Kathy Speece; secretary, Bessanne Anderson; treasurer, Darlene Way; and parliamentarian, Carol Ann Gafford. Thank you ladies for your support and your dedication to making this Auxiliary the "Best in the State!"

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FRIDAY, JULY 31, 1987

- 10:00 a.m. Registration
11:45 a.m. Welcome —
R. Greg Maul, D.O., President
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12:00 p.m. "Quality Care for Geriatrics"
Ed Luke, D.O.
12:45 p.m. "Osteoporosis & Other Distressing Menopausal
Conditions-Prevention and Treatment"
Veronica Piziak, M.D.
1:15 p.m. "Reflux Esophagitis"
Monte Troutman, D.O.
1:45 p.m. "Sinusitis & Otitis Media in Pediatric Patient;
How Much Antibiotic is too Much?"
Janet Squires, M.D.
2:15 p.m. "The Unconscious Athlete"
Fred Tepper, D.O.
2:45 p.m. "OMT in High School & Adolescents"
Fred Tepper, D.O.
3:15 p.m. "Effect of OC on Lipid Levels"
Wayne Heine, M.D.
3:45 p.m. "Diagnosing, Treating & Reporting STD in
Children & Adolescents"
Fort Worth Health Department
4:45 p.m. "Diabetes Mellitus — Oral Agents Home
Glucose Monitors"
Christian Hanson, D.O.
5:30 p.m. to 6:15 p.m. "Side Effect of Prolonged Topical Steroids"
Dudley Goetz, D.O.

DINNER ON YOUR OWN

- 6:45 p.m. Look for the Special Registration Form for
Bus leaves Attending Group Box Seats at the Ranger
Stadium-Baltimore is in Town.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 1, 1987

- 8:00 a.m. "The LDL/HDL Question"
Joseph Bagdade, M.D.
8:35 a.m. "Early Treatment Myocardial Infarction"
Melbert Hillert, M.D.
9:15 a.m. "Newer Therapeutic Approaches in
Cardiovascular Diseases"
Brian Holland, M.D.
10:00 a.m. "Chronic Pain Treatment in Arthritis —
Avoiding Addiction & Other Adverse
Effects"
Bernard Rubin, D.O.
10:30 a.m. "Joint Replacement"
Christopher Hull, D.O.
11:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon "Cost Effective Laboratory Studies &
Their Interpretation"
Peter Woodbridge, M.D.
12:00 p.m. Luncheon
12:30 p.m. Texas State Society ACPG Annual Meeting
1:00 p.m. "A D.O. Dares To Be Different"
Ray C. Piper, D.O., FACGP, President
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BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND WORKSHOPS AS FOLLOWS:

- 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. "Hands-On Workshop, Cryosurgery"
3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. "Hands-On Workshop, Culposcopy"

ATTENDANTS MUST RETURN SPECIAL REGISTRATION FORM INDICATING ONE OR BOTH WORKSHOPS

- 1:30 p.m. "Individualized Treatment of Hypertension"
Robert Chilton, D.O.
2:00 p.m. "Postural Balancing — A Regimen for
Reversing Somatic Dysfunction"
Robert Irvin, D.O.

- 2:45 p.m. "Restoring Your Self Esteem and That of your Patient"
Irwin Schussler, D.O.
- 3:20 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. "Consideration in Cancer Screening — A Symposium- The CNS, Lung, and Hematology Breast, G.I. & G.U. Systems The Integument"
Claude Denham, M.D.
Barry Firstenberg, D.O.
William Way, D.O.
- 5:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Questions to the Panel

THE EVENING IS FREE

SUNDAY, AUGUST 2, 1987

- 8:00 a.m. "Manipulating Electrolytes"
James Knochel, M.D.
- 8:35 a.m. "Treating Pediatric Communicable Diseases"
Terry Yamauchi, M.D.
- 9:15 a.m. "New Low Dosage Coumadin"
Carl Smoot, D.O.
- 10:00 a.m. "Bronchodilation with Minimal Side Effect"
Robert Garmon, D.O.
- 10:45 a.m. "Acute Asthma"
David Ostransky, D.O.
- 11:15 a.m. "Pulmonary Embolus & New Anticoagulant Dosage"
David Ostransky, D.O.
- 11:45 a.m. "Simple? Sore Throat"
Francis Blais, D.O.
- 12:30 p.m. "Respiratory Emergencies"
David A. Baron, D.O.
- 1:15 p.m. "The Yeast Invasion"
Gary Campbell, D.O.
- 2:00 p.m. "Finale and Summary"
Nelda Cuniff, D.O., Program Chairman

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At-the-Door ACGP member:	\$250.00
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For the first time in our 14 years in Arlington, a home baseball game is being presented coincident with our mid-year Seminar/Symposium. As a result, a block of 35 seats have been made available to us to see the **Texas Rangers** vs. the **Baltimore Orioles**. There is no charge for the tickets.

These will be available to those returning this card with their pre-registration and indicating how many seats are requested. Spouse and children are invited on a first come-first served basis. Hotel guests will be considered first, next considered — pre-registrants and finally drawings from afternoon attendance.

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TCOM Recognizes Special Achievers

Several students and two faculty members from Texas College of Osteopathic Medicine were recognized for special achievements May 15 at the traditional awards banquet on the eve of the school's 14th annual commencement.

Three students were honored for their academic standing in the 83-member class. As the top graduate, Nancy Bafus of Dallas received the Upjohn Award. Joe Zachariah of Irving, as second in the class, was given the Lemmon Company Award, and Jay Carlson of San Antonio, as third, received the Sandoz Inc. Award.

Bafus also received the Internal Medicine Academic Achievement Award and the Ross Pediatric Award for the highest averages in the medicine and pediatric courses.

Zachariah also was named recipient of the Wyeth Pediatric Award for his outstanding performance in neonatology and the Sam Buchanan, Sr. Memorial Award, whose winner is chosen by the class for clinical excellence.

Carlson, who is president of the class, also received the Robert J. Nelson, D.O., Memorial Award as the outstanding student in obstetrics and gynecology, and the President's award for service to the school and the osteopathic profession.

Mary Vader of Wichita Falls swept up three awards during the evening — the Boehringer Ingelheim Centennial Award for her research on topical medications, the Delta Omega Psi Chapter Outstanding Senior Award from the women's honor society and the Sigma Sigma Phi Outstanding Senior Award from that osteopathic honor society.

Patrick Wedlake of Portland, Oregon, won two honors — Outstanding Senior Students in Emergency Medicine and the Mead Johnson Pediatric Award as the outstanding senior in the clinical performance in pediatrics.

In addition, Bafus, Zachariah, Carlson, Wedlake, Mary Caffrey of Burleson, Mark McClanahan of Muleshoe, Janice Butchee of Buna and Michael Davis of Dallas were named President's Scholars for having made the dean's list in grades every semester during their four years at TCOM.

Kathleen Meyer of Fort Worth received the Wayne O. Stockseth Award for outstanding comprehension of osteopathic principles and aptitude in their application. The award is given each year by Stockseth, chairman of the North Texas State University Board of Regents that governs TCOM, and his wife, Norma Lee.

John Jones, III of Katy won the Robert G. Haman, D.O., Memorial Award for best exemplifying the ideals

of osteopathic medicine in general practice.

The T. Robert Sharp Award to the outstanding student in general and family practice went to Alan Brewer of Fort Worth.

The Arrowsmith Award honoring a student who has over come obstacles on the way to graduation was awarded to Clare Laminack of San Antonio.

Suzanne McTague of Richmond, Virginia, received the Surgery Award for Clinical Excellence, and James Prince of Marshall received the Internal Medicine Clinical Excellence Award. Candace Downing of Richardson was selected by the faculty for the Dupont Pharmaceutical Anesthesiology Award. John Priestly of Carrollton received the Pharmacology Department Award for Academic Excellence. Laura Hempstead of Fort Worth won the National Delta Omega Award.

The only non-senior student to win an award during the ceremony was Alan Boyd of Fort Worth, who received the first TCOM Memorial Scholarship. The award was set up by the Class of 1987 in memory of individuals who have died while they were students at TCOM. It goes to a freshman student for scholastic and service achievement.

Chosen by students to be honored for their teaching abilities were Robert Adams, D.O., assistant professor of obstetrics and gynecology, and Nizam Peerwani, M.D., assistant professor of pathology. They received the M.L. Coleman, D.O., Clinical Faculty and Pre-Clinical Faculty Awards, respectively.

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World Expert Tells How to Avoid Cancer

The world's leading expert on the connection between diet and cancer told a June 4 audience at Texas College of Osteopathic Medicine 12 ways to avoid the disease.

Takashi Sugimura, M.D., president of the National Cancer Center of Japan, was one of 200 scientists from 21 nations who attended the five-day 8th International symposium on Niacin Nutrition, ADP-Ribosylation and Cancer that concluded at TCOM June 3. Diet was cited as the major risk factor in the development of cancer at the conference.

Dr. Sugimura's research has led directly to changes in the ways the Japanese prepare food. The changes are already leading to reduced cancer rates. He noted that by the end of the century, he expects stomach cancer in Japan to be one-tenth the level it was 20 to 30 years ago.

The Japanese researcher, one of the few foreign members elected to the United States National Academy of Science, first published his now-famous 12 points of cancer prevention several years ago. They are now the basis for a massive cancer prevention program underway in Japan.

The TCOM symposium focused on niacin, a B-complex vitamin, because scientific evidence suggests that niacin is one of the protective factors in diet that lowers cancer risk. Niacin appears to help cells repair the DNA damage done by cancer-causing agents and therefore halts the transformation of normal cells into cancerous cells.

In listing his 12 points, Dr. Sugimura said he purposefully stayed with guidelines he thought anyone could adopt instead of handing down a list of "thou-shalt-not" directives. For instance, instead of saying "quit smoking," his advise is "refrain from excessive smoking." "Of course, if you don't smoke at all," he said, "that's even better."

His 12 points are:

1. Keep your diet well balanced in terms of nutrition AND taste (otherwise you won't eat it).
2. Do not eat the same foods repeatedly and exclusively. Also avoid taking the same medication for long periods of time; consult your physician.
3. Avoid excessive eating, in particular too much "party food."
4. Avoid drinking too much alcohol.
5. Refrain from excessive smoking.
6. Take optimal daily doses of Vitamin A, C, E,

and niacin and eat moderate amounts of fibrous food.

7. Avoid excessive intake of salty foods and don't drink water, coffee, or tea that is too hot in temperature.
8. Avoid eating burned parts of food.
9. Avoid moldy foods (not including intentionally moldy foods such as cheese).
10. Avoid excessive exposure to the sun.
11. Avoid overwork so that you don't lower your resistance to disease.
12. Bathe or shower frequently.

Possible Blood Substitute on the Horizon

Dr. Mario Feola of Texas Tech University's Health Sciences Center, is using the hemoglobin in cattle blood in an attempt to develop a solution to replace human blood. According to Dr. Feola, the cattle blood derivative could be used in crisis situations when no human blood is available.

The solution, which is a short-term blood substitute for all patients, regardless of blood type, can give the patient's body a few days to rebuild its own blood cells to a normal level, says the physician. An advantage of his product is that bovine hemoglobin is very similar to human hemoglobin and is a better transporter of oxygen.

Thus far, the solution has been tested successfully in cats, mice, rabbits, and monkeys, with no immune system reactions occurring when the bovine hemoglobin is pure. Dr. Feola hopes to be granted FDA approval within a year in order to begin human tests.

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Connecticut Postpones Mandatory Assignment Legislation

Connecticut physicians are off the hook, temporarily at least, with regards to mandatory assignment of Medicare fees. Compromise legislation mandates that physicians have until July 1, 1988 to reach the point of 85 percent physician participation in a voluntary program which provides medical care to indigent senior citizens. According to *American Medical News*, 75 percent of the state's physicians are already participants in the program, known as the Courtesy Card Program, whereby physicians cannot collect more than 20 percent of Medicare's customary and prevailing fees for medical care.

Additionally, the legislation stipulates that the medical society

must enlist up to 75 percent of the state's eligible individuals into the program. Eligibility income levels have been established at \$19,950 for individuals and \$24,000 for couples.

The original bill, influenced by Massachusetts' mandatory assignment law, required that physicians accept assignment as a condition of licensure.

Physicians feel the voluntary program is working well and expansion of the program will pose no problems. However, legislators say if the stipulations of the compromise legislation are not accomplished by the deadline, they will pass mandatory assignment legislation.

District Communiqués

By Bill V. Way, D.O.
District V

Election of officers took place at the May 21 meeting of District V. Those elected were Linus J. Miller, D.O., president; Kenneth S. Bayles, D.O., president-elect; Paul S. Worrell, D.O., vice president; Bradley J. Eames, D.O., secretary; and Bill V. Way, D.O., as treasurer.

During 1987-88 there will be six meetings scheduled for District V to include CME credits. Plans are being finalized for NOM Week which will include a Health Fair and a 10K Run.

More information will be forthcoming.

Ten Years Ago in the "Texas DO"

Harris F. Pearson, D.O., was the recipient of Fort Worth Osteopathic Hospital's "Physician of the Year" award. Making the announcement on behalf of the FWOH medical staff was its Chief, Dr. J. Thomas O'Shea. He presented an engraved plaque to Dr. Pearson, citing the radiologist and member of the hospital board for his years of outstanding leadership and dedicated service to FWOH.

Daniel L. Schmidt, D.O., of Pearsall, was appointed by the Frio County Commissioners Court as the new health officer for Frio County. Dr. Schmidt had been practicing in Pearsall approximately nine months, having relocated from Marietta, Oklahoma.

When the Texas College of Osteopathic Medicine graduated its 55 members of the Class of 1977 in May, the grand total of D.O.s supplied by that school to date

reached 146.

An article by Lois Mitten, chairman of the AAOA Public Education Committee, stated that, "On a recent television program, our local congressman predicted that the 95th Congress will tackle the long pending problem of health care. He said 'a system of national health insurance is an idea whose time has come.' He is referring to the Kennedy-Corman Bill or the Health Security Act (bill number H.R. 22 and S. 3). The purpose of this act is to create a national system of health security benefits through a national health insurance program."

The article went on to cite a quotation from *Congressional Quarterly, Inc.*, 1976. "Carter promises to support a comprehensive and compulsory health insurance program, harping on rising medical

costs and uneven access to quality health care. 'We have built a haphazard, unsound, undirected, inefficient non-system that has left us unhealthy and unwealthy at the same time,' he charged on April 16. As a result, health insurance supporters, particularly organized labor, view Carter as the friend they need to get Congress moving in 1977 after years of stalemate over the issue."

TCOM's Med Ed I, heading for eight stories, had passed the second floor mark and completion was officially set for July of 1979. Built with \$12.8 million of state and federal funds, it was to house a student center, 250-seat auditorium, a library and media center, and faculty and administrative offices in a total of 230,000 square feet of floor space.

And that's the way it was!

National Malpractice Clearinghouse to Help Police Physicians

A law enacted by Congress last year whereby hospitals and other health care entities are required to check with a national malpractice clearinghouse before granting or renewing hospital privileges is rapidly moving towards implementation.

The new malpractice and physicians credentials databank, implemented by the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), contains records of successful malpractice claims brought against physicians and records from state boards of medical examiners of disciplinary actions, including suspensions or revocation of medical licenses. Professional societies are required to report to the appropriate Board of Medical Examiners any professional review action which adversely affects the membership of a physician in that society and, in some cases, actions to revoke or downgrade hospital staff privileges of a physician must also be reported.

Assignment Bill Enacted in Vermont

Vermont state legislators have passed a mandatory assignment bill prohibiting physicians from balance-billing Medicare patients. The new law, which became effective July 1, mandates that physicians treating Medicare patients must accept as total payment 80 percent of Medicare's reasonable charge and 20 percent of Medicare's reasonable charge allowance from patients. However, office or home visits will be exempt from the provision forbidding balance-billing as well as patients over a certain income level.

The law also stipulates that

Health care entities who do not request the necessary information regarding a physician will be presumed to have any information existing in the databank and thus will be subject to any liability which may result from such knowledge.

As to the numerous questions raised regarding access to the data, HHS has indicated that efforts will be made to maintain confidentiality of the information contained in the databank. Since physicians will have access to their own records, they will have the opportunity to correct any inaccuracies existing in their files.

The AOA reports that they are working with the appropriate officials regarding the provision of data concerning osteopathic physicians to the databank, feeling it is essential that the AOA maintain a certain amount of control over osteopathic data.

notices of the law must be posted by physicians, and Medicare claims must be filed on behalf of Medicare patients, with failure to do so resulting in a \$50 fine. The law will affect those Medicare recipients whose taxable incomes are less than \$25,000 for individuals and \$32,000 for couples.

Annual reports will be compiled on the effects of the law which will be re-examined in 1992. Unlike the Massachusetts law, the Vermont bill does not stipulate assignment as a condition of licensure. The medical society is contemplating challenging the law in court.

"Bare" Physicians May Be Barred From Public Hospitals

A public hospital may bar a physician from treating patients when, due to religious beliefs, the physician refuses to purchase liability insurance, so says a ruling by the Washington Supreme Court. According to *American Medical News*, the U.S. Supreme Court let stand the ruling and refused to hear the case against an orthopedic surgeon, contending there was no federal issue involved. The physician felt the purchase of malpractice insurance violated his religious beliefs and had gone bare since 1974. In 1983, the hospital where he admitted patients mandated that all staff physicians carry insurance.

The hospital argued that since Washington state has no modified joint and liability law, insurance is vital not only for the hospital itself, but for the staff physicians. The state supreme court agreed with the hospital saying that "the practical effect of a physician's decision not to purchase professional liability insurance is that the physician's hospital and others more or less subsidize the uninsured's practice."

The court added that the hospital's refusal to exempt the physician from carrying insurance "does not impinge" upon his "right to believe as he chooses, only upon his practice of those beliefs when such practice can be to the detriment of others."

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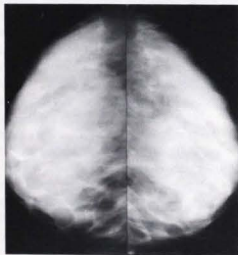
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CHAMPUS Plans Nationwide DRG Hospital Payment System

Beginning October 1, 1987, The Civilian Health and Medical Program of the Uniformed Services (CHAMPUS) plans to implement a DRG-based prospective payment system for all inpatient hospital care except psychiatric and substance abuse services, kidney acquisition costs, and heart and liver transplants. The CHAMPUS DRG system will exempt certain hospitals such as psychiatric, rehabilitation, alcohol/drug, long-term care, sole community and cancer hospitals, Christian Science sanatoria and distinct parts of a hospital providing psychiatric, rehabilitation and alcohol and drug services. The system will cover hospital services in the 50 states, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico.

Hospital personnel should be aware that federal law now requires hospitals participating in Medicare to accept the CHAMPUS allowable charge as their full fee. The new

payment system will not require significant administrative adjustment since the CHAMPUS DRG system would closely resemble the Medicare Prospective Payment System. In addition, hospitals would continue to submit claims on the UB-82, since DRG assignments would be done by the claims processor.

The CHAMPUS DRG system would be similar to the Medicare system with hospitals being paid a CHAMPUS-established, fixed rate for DRGs, with the fixed rate based on the average resources used by CHAMPUS patients in each diagnostic category, regardless of the length of the hospital stay. Patients would be further classified into DRGs based on the principal diagnosis, the surgical procedure, age, sex and discharge status.

Additional payments would be made for outlier or exceptional cases, capital costs and direct or

indirect medical education costs. The CHAMPUS DRG system would have both short-stay and long-stay outliers as well as cost-outliers. CHAMPUS would reimburse for capital and direct medical education costs annually, based on each hospital's ratio of CHAMPUS inpatient days to total inpatient days applied to the hospital's incurred capital and direct medical education costs.

CHAMPUS would determine the amount to be paid based on the information each hospital submits to the claims processor. Hospitals would still be required to bill for hospital-based physicians, but would have to use CHAMPUS Form 501 or HCFA-1500, and CHAMPUS would then reimburse the hospital on the basis of the CHAMPUS-determined allowable charge.

CHAMPUS' proposed rule on DRGs will be published in the *Federal Register*.

AOA Training Recognized by DOD

The United States Department of Defense (DOD) has initiated a new policy recognizing the AOA specialty certification process, according to the AOA. Earlier this year, the AOA met with Dr. William E. Mayer, Assistant Secretary for Health Affairs of the DOD, to discuss the issue of the DOD's recognition of osteopathic postgraduate training and certification. The issue centered on the practice of the respective military medical corps which, in some instances, failed to allow D.O.s to compete for military residency training. Some allopathic specialty boards will not allow D.O.s to sit for examination where they have taken an osteopathic internship because military training is

accredited by the allopathic specialty boards. As a result, D.O.s were prevented from entering programs if they would not be eligible for allopathic board certification upon completion of the residency.

After voicing their objections to this discriminatory practice, the AOA has received a commitment from Dr. Mayer, resulting in a new policy, whereby a communication is to be written to each of the Surgeons General with a request that they send his letter down through the chain of command, through the various graduate medical education divisions and teaching units, setting forth a confirmation of DOD policy that qualified osteopathic physicians should be considered on a parity

basis with all allopathic physicians for all military graduate medical education programs.

The essence of the policy, which is to be circulated throughout the military chain of command, reads:

"Those osteopathic physicians who do not desire allopathic board certification, shall be afforded the opportunity to compete on an equal basis for military graduate medical education programs, provided they will thereby be eligible for board certification by the American Osteopathic Association."

The AOA hopes that this statement will allow qualified D.O.s to compete for training slots on an equal basis with other physicians.

The Cat Who Would Only Drink Cream

By Bill H. Puryear, D.O.
TOMA President

There was this farmer's wife who, every morning, would walk out the back door of the farm kitchen and pour out the leftover milk for the farm cats. They would gather to partake of the morning nourishment before they went on about their business of catching the rats, and mice in the barn. This process seemed to keep a degree of control of the pests that interfered with the farm operation.

But there was one cat who, in earlier times when the farmer's wife separated the milk from the cream, liked the cream and refused to drink from the milk container. He would not catch the rats and mice and only waited for the cream. Since there was a limited amount of cream the other cats would partake of the cream and then run to finish the milk. Needless to say the other cats grew fat and the cat who would only drink cream - grew lean and soon became weak and eventually died.

Medicine like the milk supply has changed - there is

just so much cream and a lot more cats to share it.

So you say, what's that got to do with medicine today and me. The time has come that we must realize that we cannot just partake of the cream of medicine. We have to do a little more to receive a little less in order to stay as fat as the other cats. That doesn't mean we have to like it; give up and accept it and quit fighting legislatively and otherwise to secure what we have. It's just fact, "there ain't enough cream to go around."

The osteopathic profession was built on the family D.O., opening his office to the world and saying to the public, OK - here I am. I'm a little bit different! - come see me and I'll take care of your health. If there are some parts I can't take care of - I'll send you to someone who can. In one way or another I'll take care of your total health needs with empathy, compassion and concern so that life will be the best it can for you and

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I hear Doctors saying - I'm not going to take Medicare - I'm not going to take Medicaid - I'm only going to take cash or good insurance, and many other selected reasons to justify their taking out their frustrations about medicine on the public.

I'm not saying you have to accept the problems that DRGs, HMOs, PPOs, 3rd party pay, malpractice, etc. have caused. But it's time we once again return to our

osteopathic principles and follow our predecessors and open up our offices to the world and say - trust me and I'll take care of your health problems and if I can't do it I know someone who can.

But our profession must not be like the cat who would only drink cream. Let's partake of whatever nourishment is available and we'll be in better health and stay strong to fight the barnyard pests that threaten medicine today.

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treatment and prevention of brain function-related diseases.

Dr. Wurtman, a member of the MIT faculty since 1967, shares his fields of expertise on many national and international advisory boards, including the American Parkinson's Disease Association, the Tourette Disease Association, the Muscular Dystrophy Association's Task Force on Drug Development, the Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders Association, the Air Force's Life Sciences Research Advisory Board and the National Aeronautics and Space Administration's Space Biology and Medicine Panel. He is or has been an editorial adviser to 14 major scientific journals.

He is married to Judith Hirschhorn Wurtman, Ph.D., a faculty member in MIT's Department of Applied Biological Sciences. She is a popular as well as scientific author, having published the best-selling *The Carbohydrate-Craver's Diet* in 1984.

The fourth Williams Award in Preventive Nutrition honors Roger J. Williams, Ph.D., 93, professor emeritus of chemistry at the University of Texas at Austin, a pioneer in nutritional research. The award was endowed by E. Bruce and Virginia Street of Graham. Street is a member of the TCOM Advisory Council and the North Texas State University Board of Regents that governs TCOM.

Former winners of the Williams

Award are Robert I. Levy, M.D., professor of medicine at Columbia University; Hector F. DeLuca, Ph.D., professor of biochemistry at the University of Wisconsin; and William Shive, Ph.D., professor of chemistry at the Clayton Foundation Biochemical Institute at the University of Texas at Austin.

Letters

Dear Mr. Roberts:

Let this letter relay to you my gratitude to the TOMA House of Delegates for having conferred upon me a Life Membership in the State Association.

I would ask that you forward this thought to the House of Delegates; Dr. Jerome Armbruster, 1986-87 TOMA President; and Dr. Eugene Zachary, Speaker, TOMA House of Delegates.

As the years pass by I will consider it an honor and a privilege to always be able to say "I am a member of TOMA". Thank you again for the consideration shown to me by TOMA.

Sincerely yours,
Linton Budd, D.O.

Richard J. Wurtman, M.D., whose research into the connection between nutrition and brain function is known worldwide, was honored for his work by Texas College of Osteopathic Medicine recently.

Dr. Wurtman, director of the Clinical Research Center at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology received the Roger J. Williams Award in Preventive Nutrition and delivered the E. Bruce and Virginia Street Lecture in Preventive Nutrition on "Normal Effects of Nutrients on Brain Functions."

The internationally known scientist is a professor of brain and cognitive sciences at MIT and a lecturer in medicine at Harvard Medical School. He is a leader in the pioneering research that has contributed to the establishment of a strong link between diet and brain function, having published more than 700 scientific papers in the field. His work has present and future implications in both the

Dr. Hill Obtains Appointment to Acupuncture Select Committee



James L. Hill, D.O., of Duncanville, has been appointed as a special consultant to the Acupuncture Examination and Certification

Committee of the Board of Medical Quality Assurance of the State of California. As a special consultant, he will be engaged in the certification of other physicians in the field of acupuncture.

Dr. Hill completed a one-year preceptorship in 1974 with the Chinese-American Acupuncture Research Association of California, headed by Dr. Benson You, and has been practicing acupuncture since that time, obtaining certification in 1986.

According to Dr. Hill, acupuncture was considered experimental when it first began in the United States following former President Nixon's trip to China in 1970. The doors were opened between the east and west and acupuncture became

one of the imports from China.

"Acupuncture in my practice," says Dr. Hill, "is mainly used for the relief of pain. However, acupuncture can be used in numerous other conditions including the cessation of cigarette smoking and overcoming the withdrawal symptoms of narcotic addiction."

A 1962 graduate of the Kansas City College of Osteopathy and Surgery, Dr. Hill interned at Stevens Park Hospital in Dallas. He has been in family practice in Duncanville since 1963 and in 1975, obtained board certification in family practice. He is presently on the active medical staffs of Dallas-Fort Worth Medical Center, Grand Prairie, and Dallas Family Hospital, in Dallas.

Skin Cancer Rates Rising Sharply

Now that summer has made its hot and steamy presence known, physicians should take the time to warn their patients about the rapidly-rising rate of skin cancer in this country.

The Maine Osteopathic Association reports that Dr. Darrell Rigel of New York recently testified before a Congressional Committee that the rise in skin cancer is reaching near-epidemic rates. He estimates that more than 500,000 skin cancers would be diagnosed this year, accounting for one-third of the new cancer cases in the United States. It is becoming possible that one in seven Americans will develop

this disease in their lifetimes.

"Five years ago, it was unusual to see persons under 40 with skin cancer. Now we will often see persons in their 20's with this disease," says Dr. Rigel. He added that "the generally most important factor is exposure to ultraviolet light. If our ozone layer is depleted, one could envision a future situation where, despite maximal sun avoidance and screening, people in their everyday activities alone might receive enough ultraviolet radiation to develop skin cancer."

Physicians should educate their patients on warning signs and signals which may spell skin cancer, such

as suspicious lesions or small ulcers on the skin that won't heal or bumps or lumps that have changed in shape, size and color. Additionally, moles should be checked periodically since warning signs of melanoma are changes in the surface of a mole, such as bleeding, scaliness, sudden or continuing increase in size, a color change, swelling beyond the border of the mole or sensation such as pain, itchiness or tenderness.

Fortunately, the prognosis is very good when skin cancer is found and treated early and this fact should be particularly stressed to patients.

PRO Sanction Changes Offer More Due Process for Physicians

In response to an American Medical Association lawsuit, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) has amended PRO sanction rules which are designed to improve the consistency of PRO sanction procedures on a nationwide basis. The end result is to be adequate due process for physicians and quality medical care for Medicare beneficiaries.

The Texas Medical Foundation (TMF), the PRO for Texas, anticipates only minor changes will be necessary to the current TMF sanction protocol. Final assessment of the impact of the revisions will be made when TMF receives directions from the Health Care Financing Administration (HCFA).

HHS has stated that once sanctions are being considered, PROs must amend their procedures to ensure that:

- *Physicians have the right to legal representation and testimony by witnesses.

- *The PRO will attempt to schedule a sanction meeting 30 days from the date of the physician or hospital's request, with the date for the sanction meeting subject to extension for "good cause". Prior to the meeting, patients' records may be disclosed to expert witnesses without violating non-disclosure requirements.

- *Physicians may submit additional information within five days of the hearing.

- *The PRO is required to prepare verbatim records of the sanction meeting and make a copy available to the physician or hospital when the PRO's recommended sanction is sent to the Office of Inspector General.

- *Physicians excluded from Medicare may personally inform patients of the fact in private.

- *The PRO must insure that physician members of the sanction panel are not compromised by personal bias against, or direct competition with, the subject physician or hospital.

U.S. Representative Charles Stenholm of Texas, sponsor of the PRO provisions, has additionally proposed legislation to:

- *Base PRO review cases on the size of the hospital medical staff instead of on three percent of all cases.

- *Grant physicians and hospitals the right to appeal PRO payment denials.

- *Postpone sanction notices until completion of appeals for those cases which involve the substantial or gross and flagrant violation categories.

- *Stipulate that one half of the reviews for small rural hospitals be performed on site and one member of the PRO board be a hospital representative.

The HCFA will meet with interested parties in order to contemplate additional improvements in the sanction procedure.



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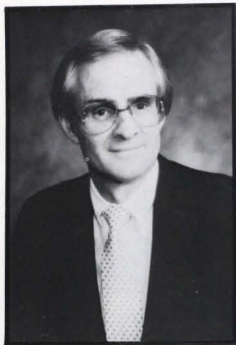
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Beckwith Named to ACOI Board



Jay G. Beckwith, D.O., was recently elected to the American College of Osteopathic Internists Board of Directors during the annual meeting of the ACOI in Washington, D.C. The 12-member board is the governing body of the ACOI, whose members specialize in the practice of internal medicine.

A graduate of Texas Christian University, Dr. Beckwith attended the Kirksville College of Osteopathic Medicine. He completed his internship in Tulsa, Oklahoma, and a three-year residency in Internal Medicine at Detroit Osteopathic Hospital. His residency was followed with a fellowship in gastroenterology at Tulsa Medical School.

Dr. Beckwith is a member of the active medical staff of Fort Worth Osteopathic Medical Center and serves as a director of the Medical Center's board.

Beckwith is board certified in internal medicine and a Fellow of the American College of Osteopathic Internists. He previously was chairman of the Department of Internal Medicine at Texas College of Osteopathic Medicine and at Fort Worth Osteopathic Medical Center. He is a member of the American Osteopathic Association, Texas Osteopathic Medical Association and American Society for Gastrointestinal Endoscopies.

RAP Proposal Still Tossing and Turning

Amid the tremendous opposition and controversy surrounding the proposed RAP plan, which would fold radiologists, anesthesiologists and pathologists (RAPs) into the hospital DRG system, the proposal is still alive and kicking, to the detriment of organized medicine.

The RAP plan has been lying in the doorway of the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) where solutions to massive problems are being ironed out in spite of insufficient information and political questions. HHS officials stated to a congressional subcommittee that the RAP legislation would be sent to Congress in a matter of weeks.

It is anticipated that the legislation has only a very slim chance this year but a spokesman for the Health Care Financing Administration (HCFA) says the government is anxious to get the proposal in place as soon as possible rather than wait on the relative value study being conducted by Harvard.

However, Michael D. Bromberg, executive director of the Federation of American Health Systems, head

of the nation's largest trade organization for proprietary hospitals, as quoted in *American Medical News*, says the RAP proposal is "dead". It is estimated that the RAP proposal would save Medicare \$660 million over a five year period but due to the negative reactions Congressmen have been receiving from physicians, Bromberg says that members of Congress believe, "Why bother getting so many people angry for so little money?"

Bromberg suggests replacing the RAP scheme with lower reimbursement levels to specialists who perform quick procedures for fairly high fees, such as ophthalmologists who receive an average of \$1,622 for cataract extraction and implant of intraocular lens.

The HCFA has already requested limits on Medicare reimbursement of ophthalmologist fees for cataract operations in its budget proposal to Congress, which alone, is estimated to save Medicare \$1.1 billion over the next five years.

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A "clean" claim is one that does not require investigation or development outside of our office on a prepayment basis. A claim does not meet the definition of a "clean" claim if additional information must be requested from the beneficiary, physician, supplier or other outside service. This includes routine data

omitted from the bill, medical information or information to resolve discrepancies.

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The interest rate is determined by the Treasury Department on a six month basis. The current rate is 7 5/8 percent through June 30, 1987. Interest is calculated using the following formula: $\text{Reimbursement amount} \times \text{rate} \times \text{days} \div 365 = \text{interest payment}$. Interest will not be paid on fully denied claims.

Class of '87 Shows Appreciation to TCOM Staff and Faculty

The class of 1987 at Texas College of Osteopathic Medicine decided long ago that they didn't want to go out like a lamb. They wanted TCOM to remember them and to have a good time themselves in their last days at their alma mater.

"We actually started raising money for a famous TV star or someone like that to speak at commencement," said Jay Carlson, president of the class. "But we got started too late. Then some money we asked for started coming in, so we thought 'why not have a BIG party?' It would lift morale among the students and staff and help the class go out with good feelings about the school."

To that end, they solicited donations from a host of companies to fund these activities in their last couple of weeks on campus. The total came to \$13,000. With it they did things like offer doughnuts and coffee for all employees for eight mornings, serve a brunch one day for employees, host several luncheons with speakers for the class, sponsor a family picnic and party, buy appreciation plaques, donate money to underclassmen for their own party, put a page ad in the yearbook, co-sponsor a golf tournament and buy 200 box-seat tickets for students and staff to a Texas Rangers baseball game.

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