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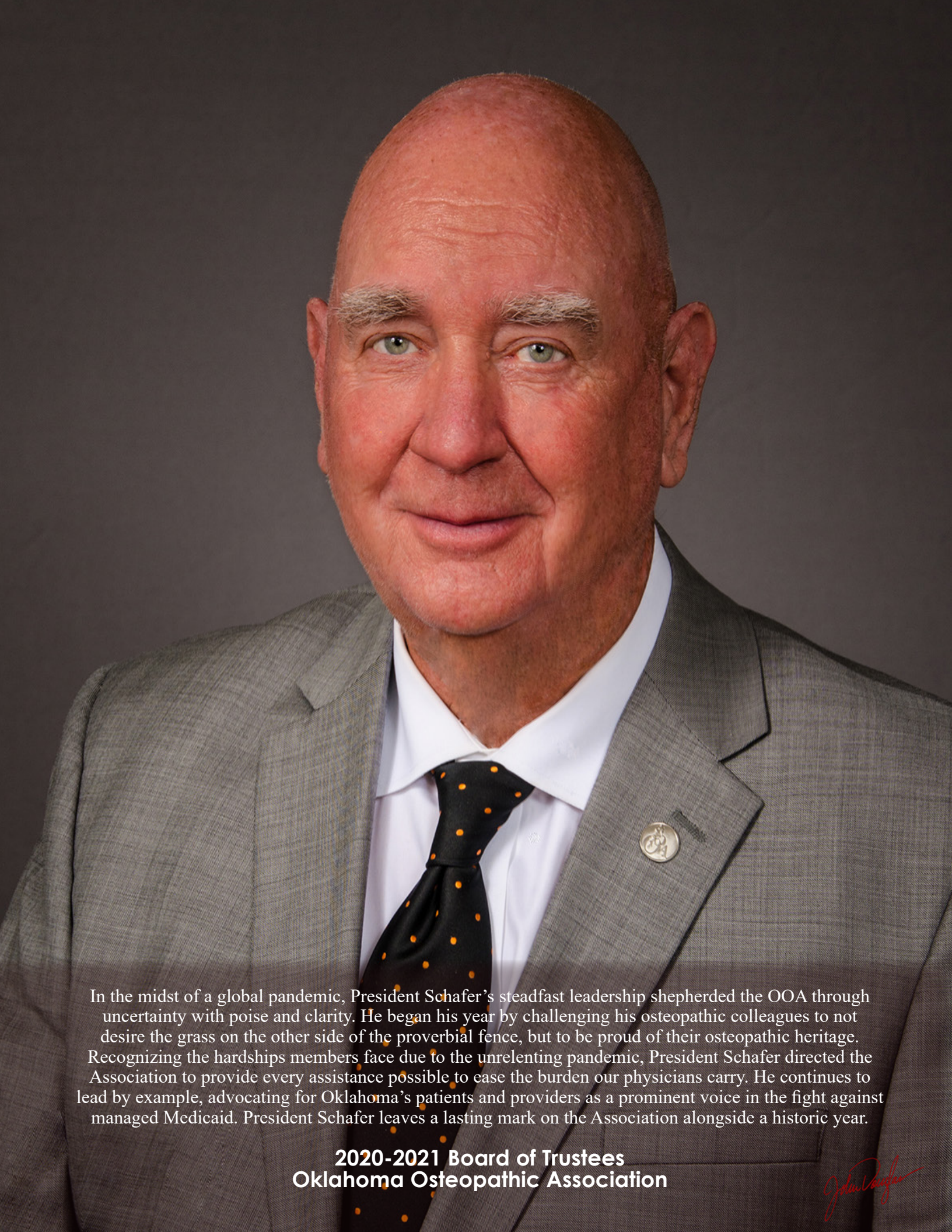
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In the midst of a global pandemic, President Schafer's steadfast leadership shepherded the OOA through uncertainty with poise and clarity. He began his year by challenging his osteopathic colleagues to not desire the grass on the other side of the proverbial fence, but to be proud of their osteopathic heritage. Recognizing the hardships members face due to the unrelenting pandemic, President Schafer directed the Association to provide every assistance possible to ease the burden our physicians carry. He continues to lead by example, advocating for Oklahoma's patients and providers as a prominent voice in the fight against managed Medicaid. President Schafer leaves a lasting mark on the Association alongside a historic year.

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A handwritten signature in red ink, appearing to read "John Schafer".



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# TRANSITIONS



As we move forward from the many challenges of 2020, the OOA is transitioning toward a future full of positive growth. In 2020, the Board approved LeRoy E. Young, DO, FAOCOPM, *dist.* as acting interim executive director through the summer and fall months. Dr. Young's leadership brought insight from the OOA's long history and forward-thinking as the Association prepared for its next director. The Board is most appreciative of Dr. Young's contributions, his volunteer time, and unwavering dedication to the Association and to Osteopathic Medicine. Without fail Dr. Young always goes the extra mile to promote and protect the Osteopathic profession.

The foresight and preparation of Dr. Young's installment as interim executive director culminated in January when the OOA welcomed Allison LeBoeuf, JD, as the CEO/executive director for the Association. Ms. LeBoeuf graduated from William Carey University with a degree in business administration and obtained her Juris Doctorate from Texas Tech University School of Law. Before joining the OOA, she served as the executive director of the American Osteopathic College of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation, and practiced law in New Mexico. Ms. LeBoeuf looks forward to continue in service of the Osteopathic profession in her new role at the OOA.



With our new leadership in place and the future in focus, the OOA engages in strategic planning with a focus on member services, community, and advocacy for our member physicians. In order to do so, the Association needs your insights and feedback; there is no OOA without you! If you have not had a chance to complete the member needs survey, a link to the survey can be found in the QR code below.

The OOA remains dedicated to its mission to advocate for the osteopathic profession and to promote the health and well-being of all Oklahomans.



## **Member Satisfaction & Needs Survey**

Scan the QR code to complete the membership survey.



## \$120 Million in Federal Funding Approved for New Veterans Hospital in Tulsa

By OSU-CHS

First announced more than a year ago, the Veterans Hospital in Tulsa (VHiT) received \$120 million in federal funding in December of 2020. The project is the work of a collaboration among the federal government, state of Oklahoma, city of Tulsa, private philanthropy, and Oklahoma State University.

The new veterans hospital will be located in downtown Tulsa at 7th and Houston on the expanded OSU Medical Center Campus. The effort will convert the existing Kerr-Edmondson Buildings on the site into a modern 275,000 square-foot, 58-bed medical-surgical hospital for veterans. The partially occupied Kerr-Edmondson Buildings have been owned by the state of Oklahoma and are being transferred to OSU/A&M Regents by the state for the purpose of the hospital project.

Dr. Kayse Shrum, president of the OSU Center for Health Sciences, said making sure our veterans receive the very best care is the least that can be done to honor them for their service.

“Our Veterans in northeast Oklahoma deserve a much-needed, easily accessible modern medical center where they can receive quality, compassionate care in a timely manner. For OSU-CHS, it’s been a great privilege to be part of this visionary project,” Shrum said. “While caring for

veterans is a top priority, the affiliation with the Veteran Affairs Hospital near our Tulsa campus will benefit our students and residents tremendously and further enhance our medical school nationally.”

Many physicians in practice today benefited from training at a Veteran Affairs hospital, Shrum said, and after years of hard work and relentless determination by many civic leaders in Tulsa and local, state, and federal elected officials, funding for this project was finally realized.

The VHiT is a unique opportunity to secure a large and important veteran resource, operated by the VA, but developed by and for the local community. The proximity to OSU’s academic health care facilities will support a number of opportunities for collaboration, joint physician appointments, increased medical residencies, and shared services, all of which will improve ease and efficiency for veterans.

Oklahoma’s United States Senators James Inhofe and James Lankford along with U.S. Representatives Markwayne Mullin and Kevin Hern, each strongly supported the original application for the new veterans hospital and led the effort to prioritize the project for the state’s veterans. “This project is special to Oklahoma State University. We have great respect for the women and men who

have served and are serving our country in defense of liberty and the pursuit of peace. We enjoy a longstanding relationship with the military, proudly graduating many students who become leaders in our armed forces,” said Burns Hargis, president of OSU. “The approval of the federal funding for this project represents a significant achievement and step forward in reaching our shared goal to provide our veterans in northeast Oklahoma with an exceptional medical facility to care for them. We also appreciate the generosity of The Zarrow Family Foundations. Without their unwavering support, this project would never have proceeded. Lastly, I recognize the leadership of Dr. Kayse Shrum, president of the OSU Center for Health Sciences, for her visionary leadership in bringing this project forward.”

The Eastern Oklahoma VA Healthcare System has initiated plans to convert the Jack C. Montgomery Medical Center in Muskogee into a much-needed regional facility for behavioral health, rehabilitation, and potentially long-term care for veterans in Oklahoma and surrounding states.

The total cost of construction for the Veterans Hospital in Tulsa is estimated at \$130 million, funded by the \$120 million federal appropriation and \$10 million in philanthropic support. The state of Oklahoma has finalized transfer of the Kerr-Edmondson property valued at \$35 million, and the city of Tulsa has committed \$8 million toward a parking garage for the veterans hospital.

The collaborative, community-driven project was made possible by the Congressional CHIP-IN for Veterans Act of 2016— Communities Helping Invest through Properties and Improvements Needed for Veterans. The act allows local communities to serve as developers for health care facilities that are stated VA priorities.

Construction is slated to be completed and turned over to the VA for outfitting by late 2023 and open to patients in late 2024. •



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# 2021 POSTER SYMPOSIUM

## CONGRATULATIONS TO THESE UP-AND-COMING

### Ruby Hoang, DO, PGY-4

1ST PLACE - received an award check of \$2,500 provided by the OOA.



### **Short-Term Topical Tetracaine is Highly Efficacious for the Treatment of Pain Caused by Corneal Abrasions: A Double-blind, Randomized Clinical Trial**

**Authors:** Ruby Hoang, DO, PGY-4; Kelly Painter, MD; Mark Keuchel, DO; Charles Bogie, MD; Stacia Shipman, DO.

**Affiliation:** INTEGRIS Southwest Medical Center Medicine, Department of Emergency, Oklahoma City, OK

**Study Objective:** The objective of this study was to show that patients with corneal abrasions would experience more pain relief with short term topical tetracaine than placebo.

**Methods:** The study was a prospective, double-blind, randomized trial of tetracaine versus placebo set in the emergency department (ED). A total of 118 adults who presented with uncomplicated corneal abrasions were included and randomized. The intervention was either topical tetracaine or placebo applied every 30 minutes as needed for 24 hours. The primary outcome was the overall numerical rating scale (NRS) pain score measured at the 24 to 48-hour ED follow-up examination.

**Results:** 111 patients were included in the final analysis, 56 in the tetracaine group and 55 in the placebo group. At the 24 to 48-hour follow-up, the overall NRS pain score after use of the study drops was significantly lower in the tetracaine group (1) versus placebo group (8) ( $\Delta 7$ ; 95% CI 6,8). Patients in the tetracaine group used less hydrocodone than those in the placebo group. The complication rates between the 2 groups were similar.

**Conclusions:** Short term topical tetracaine is an efficacious analgesic for acute corneal abrasions, is associated with less hydrocodone use when compared to placebo, and was found to be safe in this sample.

## OSTEOPATHIC PHYSICIANS! WINNERS OF THE 12TH ANNUAL POSTER SYMPOSIUM.

### Amanda N. Berry, DO, PGY-4

2ND PLACE - received an award check of \$2,000 provided by the Oklahoma Educational Foundation for Osteopathic Medicine.



#### The Impact of Maternal Body Mass Index on Rates of Invasive Monitoring During Labor

**Authors:** Amanda N. Berry, DO, PGY-4, Integris Southwest Medical Center; Lacy Brame, DO, Oklahoma State Medical Center; Lisa Cheek, MD, SSM Health St. Anthony.

Fetal heart rate monitoring is a tool to aid in the evaluation of fetal oxygenation status during labor. The accuracy of continuous external fetal monitoring decreases as maternal body mass index (BMI) increases. This often necessitates placement of invasive fetal monitoring devices including fetal scalp electrodes and/or intrauterine pressure catheters.

The study was a retrospective chart review. Patients were grouped by maternal BMI at time of admission with 255 patients in the obese group and 178 patients in the non-obese group. Inclusion criteria were ages between 18-45. Exclusion criteria were cesarean delivery without a trial of labor and fetal demise. Data was analyzed using categorical data analyses tests.

Rates of invasive monitoring were significantly greater in the obese group ( $P=.0001$ ). The use of pitocin for induction of labor or augmentation was also significantly higher in the obesity group ( $P=.0138$ ). For patients who presented in active labor, the use of both invasive monitoring ( $P<.0001$ ) and pitocin ( $P<.0001$ ) were significantly decreased.

Our research shows the use of invasive monitoring increases as maternal BMI increases. Patients who present in active labor are less likely to require invasive monitoring or receive pitocin. Invasive monitoring is not without risk and patients should be counseled appropriately on the use of these devices during their labor course. These are risks taken everyday by patients and their providers, often without proper informed consent. Understanding the rates of use by maternal BMI would allow physicians to more appropriately counsel their patients.

### Eric Gillette, DO, PGY-2

3RD PLACE - received an award check of \$1,500 provided by the Osteopathic Founders Foundation.



#### Utilizing the Electronic Health Record to Increase Advance Care Planning and Improve Access to Advance Directives

**Authors:** Eric Gillette, DO, PGY-2; Joshua Lowe, DO, PGY-3; James Stull, DO, PGY-2; Sarah Isenberg, DO, PGY-1; Rashad Riazuddin, MBBS, PGY-1; Ashton B. Clayborn, DO.

**Affiliation:** Choctaw Nation Family Medicine Residency, Talihina, OK

A recent quality improvement project to increase the number of ACP discussions we were having in our rural, outpatient clinic shed light on the fact that even once collected, advance directives (ADs) were difficult to access in our electronic health record (EHR). The current quality improvement project was undertaken with the goal of improving access to ADs by allowing medical staff to quickly determine if a patient has an advance directive on file and hasten retrieval if the document exists. We conceptualized and implemented an access icon that secondarily serves as an illuminating prompt for physicians to assist in ACP and composition of ADs when documentation is not scanned into the patient's chart. Medical staff were surveyed, pre- and post-implementation and demonstration of the icon, on their confidence in their ability to quickly determine if an AD is present in the EHR and ability to retrieve the document if present. Baseline data revealed that only 6.8% of patients empaneled to our resident physicians have existing, scanned documents in their electronic charts, and our medical staff were not confident that they could easily locate or retrieve scanned ADs in a timely manner. The post-implementation survey showed a statistically significant difference in the number of medical staff members confident in their ability to easily locate and retrieve ADs in a timely manner. Since its implementation, the access icon has improved ease-of-use for our medical staff, simplified access to ADs, and should continue to increase ACP within our clinical setting.

# OSU Med Students Help with State's Vaccine Rollout

By Sara Plummer



It's the largest pandemic-drive vaccine distribution program in the history of the United States and OSU College of Osteopathic Medicine students are a part of it.

Right now, about 175 medical students from the OSU Center for Health Sciences campus in Tulsa and 54 medical students from OSU College of Osteopathic Medicine at the Cherokee Nation campus in Tahlequah are doing their part to vaccinate Oklahomans for COVID-19 as the U.S. surpasses 500,000 deaths associated with the disease.

Students in Tulsa are assisting nurses and pharmacists as they administer COVID-19 vaccines as well as checking in those with vaccine appointments, helping patients with paperwork and consent forms, and conducting post-vaccine observation at the OSU Medicine Healthcare Center.

Tiga Wright and Brent Spurling are second year medical students in Tulsa who have worked at OSU Medicine's drive-thru vaccine clinic.

"It's honestly been eye-opening," Wright said. "I definitely feel more educated now about vaccines and the logistics involved in administering them on such a large scale. I feel all the more prepared for the future."

Spurling, who also helped with OSU Medicine's COVID-19 testing site, said it's good to be part of the solution.

"It's been really interesting to see the people who come get the vaccine. They're so excited, they're almost in tears, they're so excited," he said. "I'm happy to help and happy to help people protect themselves and their families."

First year medical students at OSUCOM at Cherokee Nation are working at the Cherokee Nation Outpatient Health Center's COVID-19 vaccine clinic in Tahlequah administering vaccines to tribal citizens.

Jonas Weygandt, a medical student at the Tahlequah campus, said they went through a training and instruction course in the school's Simulation Center on giving intramuscular injections and were checked by faculty before they could work at the vaccine clinic.

"We have been encouraged to be active members of the Tahlequah community and the chance to help distribute this vaccine was another opportunity for us as medical students to serve our community," Weygandt said.

Dr. R. Stephen Jones, Cherokee Nation Health Services executive director, said when they asked if the medical students could help with the vaccine rollout, OSUCOM at CN didn't hesitate.

"Having the medical students working alongside our staff to vaccinate helps our patients and gives these future

physicians invaluable experience working on the frontline of the pandemic in rural Oklahoma,” Jones said. “Cherokee Nation is deeply grateful to the leadership and faculty at OSU for their willingness to support their medical students working alongside our staff vaccinating patients.”

For Wright, it’s also a chance for real-world experience with health care providers and patients.

“With COVID-19, we’ve had limited opportunities for in-person learning and interaction. This is a great chance to get some of that back,” she said. “Working with the pharmacists and nurses, I’ve learned a lot about administering vaccines and how members of a health care team work together.”

Jared Droze, manager of operational performance and transformation at OSU Medicine, said having the medical students working on-site at the vaccine clinic has been crucial.

“Without the medical students assisting with our vaccine rollout, the system and process would be much more stressful for our health care professionals and staff,” Droze said. “Our clinical staff have the opportunity to impart their experience and know-how to medical students who are eager to learn, and the students have the opportunity to be engaged and involved in ending this pandemic.”

Weygant said no one has been spared from the effects of COVID-19 and he’s proud to be part of what he hopes will be the light at the end of the tunnel.

“Patients receiving the vaccine have been really excited to do their part and help end this pandemic,” he said. “I know we have all missed seeing smiles, family, friends and so many other joys of life that brighten our days. I know we are all longing for an end and this vaccine has the ability to bring closer to that dream.” •

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Due to the continued prevention of coronavirus (COVID-19), the Oklahoma Osteopathic Association has determined that it would be in the best interest of our members to make the 121st Annual Convention an online, virtual conference.

## THE OOA

The mission of the Oklahoma Osteopathic Association is to advocate for the osteopathic profession and promote the health and well-being of all Oklahomans. The OOA is the voice for all Oklahoma DO's. No matter what your specialty, no matter where you work or who you work for.

## A WHOLE NEW WORLD

The practice of medicine has undergone many rapid changes in the last year. The fragility and vulnerability of the human situation, the global economy, and the limits of medical care are all frequently brought to mind. New challenges have presented themselves with a frequency not previously encountered by most practicing physicians. As osteopathic physicians, we remain resolute in our unique approach in addressing the needs of the whole person while remaining at the forefront of the practice and art of medicine during these rapidly changing times.

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## CANCELLATIONS

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## QUESTIONS?

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# PROGRAM SCHEDULE



## THURSDAY

9 AM - Noon	General CME Sessions
Noon	Lunch
12:30 PM	AAO Update
1:30 PM	Legislative Update
2:30 PM	EXHIBITOR CONNECTION
2:45 PM	OOA Business Meeting (No CME Credit awarded)
3:45 PM	ACOFP Update
4:45 PM	OSU-CHS Alumni Meeting
5:15 - 7:15 PM	General CME Sessions

## FRIDAY

8 - 10 AM	General CME Session
10 AM	EXHIBITOR CONNECTION
10:15 AM - 12:15 PM	General CME Session
12:15 PM	Lunch
12:45 PM	General CME Session
1:45 PM	AOA Update
2:45 PM	Proper Prescribing #1 <i>Sign-in required to receive credit</i>
3:45 PM	EXHIBITOR CONNECTION
4 - 6 PM	Risk Management <i>Sign-in required to receive credit</i>

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## SATURDAY

### FAMILY MEDICINE\* SPONSORED BY THE ACOFP-OK

8 - 10 AM	Family Medicine Session
10:15 AM - 12:15 PM	Family Medicine Session
1:15 - 4:15 PM	Family Medicine Session

### SUBSPECIALTY MEDICINE^

8 - 10 AM	Emergency Medicine
10:15 AM - 12:15 PM	Infectious Disease Medicine
1:15 - 3:15 PM	Neurology / Psychiatry
3:15 - 4:15 PM	Surgery

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10 AM	EXHIBITOR CONNECTION
12:15 PM	Lunch / Awards Ceremony
5:15 PM	Proper Prescribing #2 <i>Sign-in required to receive credit</i>
6:15 PM	Presidential Inauguration of Jason L. Hill, DO, FACFP

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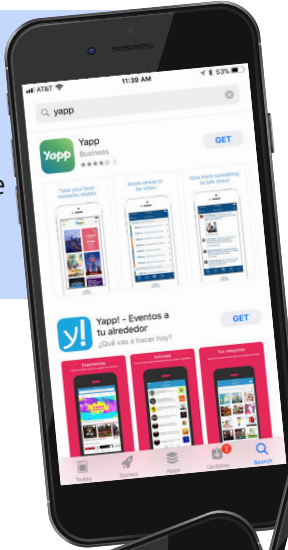


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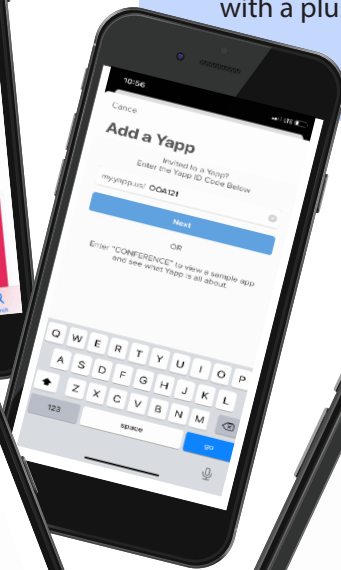
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# LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

By Jami Longacre

**F**ollowing a shortened session last year due to the pandemic, the 1st Session of the 58th Legislature kicked off on February 1 with the Governor’s State of the State address, bringing a sense of normalcy back to the State Capitol. With proxy voting rules in place for legislators who are unable to attend in-person floor proceedings, the House and Senate have successfully narrowed the list of pre-filed legislation to nearly 30% as they work toward sine die adjournment on Friday, May 28, 2021.

## **MEDICAID FUNDING**

Last year’s vote to expand Oklahoma’s Medicaid program will provide the state with a half-billion-dollar windfall thanks to the recently passed federal stimulus bill.

Oklahoma Health Care Authority officials confirmed in late March that the state will qualify for a provision

in the American Rescue Plan Act that adds a new incentive for the 12 states that have yet to expand their Medicaid programs. Last June, voters narrowly approved State Question 802, which will extend health coverage to an estimated 200,000 Oklahomans. The expansion officially takes effect July 1.

Since Oklahoma was considered a non-expansion state when the bill passed earlier in March, federal authorities have told the state that Oklahoma will qualify for the incentive. The new incentive seeks to entice remaining non-expansion states to reconsider by making only these states eligible for a 5-percentage-point increase in the matching rate the federal government provides states for their regular or traditional Medicaid program.

With the appropriations process underway, Oklahoma’s Legislature’s appropriations chairmen said they are intrigued by this announcement but are hesitant to fund Medicaid expansion with one-time money. OOA will be working with legislative leaders in the upcoming weeks on how they will fund the



state portion of Medicaid expansion. Currently, there have been no bills or specific discussions to change the Supplemental Hospital Offset Payment Plan (SHOPP) to address the funding issue.

### **MANAGED CARE**

Two bills are making their way through the legislative process that will provide protections for providers if the state does implement the Governor’s managed care model – HB 1091 and HB 2299.

HB 2299, the Oklahoma Medical Education Protection Act, is critical to OOA members because the survival of medical education programs in rural and underserved parts of Oklahoma depends on this funding. HB 2299 eliminates the risk of these programs being defunded in the managed Medicaid contracting process. The Enhanced Reimbursement Payment Program allows physicians who provide education to medical students and residents affiliated with the State’s two medical schools to bill for treatment of Medicaid patients at a higher rate, since they are in a teaching scenario. This program has both full-time university physicians as well as private affiliated physicians participating across the State. This is a federal matching program and does not require any funding from OHCA. The two medical schools provide the matching funds for this program.

The other bill, HB 1091, also known as the Ensuring Access to Medicaid Act, puts forth stipulations on how quickly claims should be addressed and authorizations should be granted. It also provides direction on payment rates and which providers may participate.

In addition to these bills, the OOA is collaborating with healthcare providers who oppose the move to 3rd party managed care organizations (MCOs) to build support with legislators against funding the Governor’s proposal. This alliance is working on an alternative program that would continue to be managed by the Oklahoma Health Care Authority, instead of shifting the authority and decision making to 3rd party MCOs.

### **SCOPE OF PRACTICE**

Thanks to OOA leadership and their outreach efforts to legislators, a measure that would have continued

‘creep’ on physician’s scope of practice failed to pass on the House floor 59 to 32. HB 2595, by Rep. Sean Roberts, R-Hominy and Sen. Julie Daniels, R-Bartlesville, would have extended the time period from 30 days to 90 days that physical therapists are allowed to see a patient without a referral from a physician or a licensed health care practitioner. The bill is now dead for this session

### **JOIN THE BUREAU ON LEGISLATION**

Joining the OOA Bureau on Legislation is easier than ever with the implementation of Zoom, a remote video conferencing platform.

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Dr. William Pettit (left), dean of the OSU College of Osteopathic Medicine at the Cherokee Nation in Tahlequah, Okla., Dr. Kayse Shrum, president of the OSU Center for Health Sciences, and Chuck Hoskin, Jr., principal chief of the Cherokee Nation, take part in a ribbon-cutting ceremony for the OSU College of Osteopathic Medicine at the Cherokee Nation on Jan. 15, 2021.

## Ribbon-Cutting Celebrated at OSUCOM at the Cherokee Nation

By Sara Plummer

The historic partnership between Oklahoma State University and the Cherokee Nation celebrated another milestone with the official Ribbon Cutting Ceremony at the OSU College of Osteopathic Medicine at the Cherokee Nation on Jan. 15, 2021.

The 84,000-square-foot facility opened its doors to students, faculty and staff just after the new year.

“The opening of the OSU College of Osteopathic Medicine at Cherokee Nation is a historic achievement for all of Indian Country as we produce more Native and rural doctors for our people,” said Cherokee Nation Principal Chief Chuck Hoskin Jr. “We know that Native Americans make up only 0.2 percent of medical students nationwide

and through this partnership we can now actively increase the shortage of diverse physicians and recruit them to work upon graduating. Through these efforts and our partnership with Oklahoma State University, we will continue to make advances in our tribal health system.”

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, the ceremony was only attended by a small group of dignitaries and leaders from the Cherokee Nation and OSU Center for Health Sciences. In addition to Chief Hoskin, Cherokee Nation Health Services Executive Director Dr. Stephen Jones, OSU Center for Health Sciences President and OSU-COM Dean Dr. Kayse Shrum, OSUCOM at the Cherokee Nation Dean Dr. William J. Pettit, and Associate Dean of Rural and Tribal Health Dr. Doug Nolan took part in the ceremony.

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Cherokee Tribal Councilors Mary Baker Shaw and Mike Dobbins as well as former Principal Chief and current Executive Chairman of Cherokee Nation Businesses Bill John Baker also attended.

The OSU College of Osteopathic Medicine at the Cherokee Nation is the first tribally affiliated medical school in the country with a focus on educating primary care physicians who have an interest in serving rural and underserved populations in Oklahoma.

“This ribbon cutting brings us to the end of an almost decade-long journey to transform a shared vision into reality. We are here because the Cherokee Nation and Oklahoma State University endeavored to find a common solution to their individual challenges through a shared vision,” said Dr. Shrum during the ceremony. “This partnership is an example of the tremendous good that can occur when trust is the foundation of a relationship. My

hope is that future physicians who train at the OSU College of Osteopathic Medicine at the Cherokee Nation will strive to emulate the special relationship that we are blessed to share with our good friends at the Cherokee Nation.”

The new \$40 million medical school site constructed by the Cherokee Nation for OSU is an additional location of the OSU College of Osteopathic Medicine in Tulsa. It is located on the W.W. Hastings Hospital campus in Tahlequah, the capital of the Cherokee Nation. •

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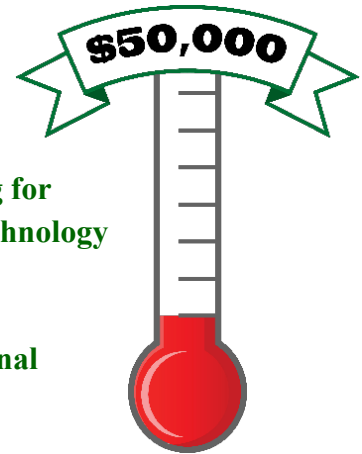


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# Blue Coat to White Coat program Grows with Oklahoma FFA Partnership

Medical student Samuel Shepard (left) takes Oklahoma FFA Executive Secretary Trevor Lucas (right) on a tour of OSU Center for Health Sciences in Tulsa, Okla.

By Sara Plummer

More than six years ago, OSU Center for Health Sciences recognized there was a growing need for physicians in rural and underserved parts of Oklahoma. Leaders at the university also knew that physicians who grew up in rural communities are more likely to return to their hometowns or places like them to practice medicine, which is how the Blue Coat to White Coat program was born.

“The Blue Coat to White Coat program is our partnership with FFA to identify talented students interested in a career as a physician,” said Dylan Tucker, outreach coordinator at OSU-CHS. “It’s a great partnership. What better way to serve rural Oklahoma than to give those students from those areas a way to give back to their community? No one knows better what rural Oklahoma needs than someone with that background, and these students are leaders in those communities.”

Oklahoma FFA Executive Secretary Trevor Lucas recently got a personal tour of the OSU-CHS campus from former FFA member and current medical student Samuel Shepherd as well as some one-on-one time with OSU-CHS President and Dean of the OSU College of Osteopathic Medicine, Dr. Kayse Shrum.

“OSU-CHS is an absolute world class institution. I was blown away by all of the state-of-the-art technology and the focus on hands-on learning,” Lucas said. “The staff and student relationships seem to be very strong. It’s a good feeling when you walk into an organization and feel everyone is working toward a mission they believe in. That’s the feeling I got while visiting OSU-CHS.”

And while a partnership between FFA and a medical school may seem strange to some, it doesn’t to Lucas.

“It may not seem like these two entities coming together makes much sense, but I believe it absolutely does. Agricultural educators hang their hat on providing hands-on learning experiences that incorporate STEM concepts. These concepts

along with the soft skills that ag-ed students learn through their FFA experience— being a good team player, communicating effectively and practicing good time management— translate perfectly to the OSU-CHS program.”

ShiAnne Farris is a medical student at OSU-COM and grew up in Alva, Oklahoma where she was part of the Alva FFA chapter. After earning her undergraduate degree in 2013, she worked as a registered nurse in rural Oklahoma.

“I saw a huge need for high quality care, lasting continuity of care, and providers that knew how to navigate the resources and needs of my fellow rural Oklahoma citizens. I knew I wanted to advance my role in medicine. What a better way to do that and help meet the needs of patients than to become a rural physician,” Farris said. “Rural medicine has a unique set of challenges, but if it is something that you are passionate about, there are some amazing rewards that come from working and living in a rural area. You have the opportunity to take care of not only a whole family, but an entire community.”

Lucas said the state is full of FFA students like Farris who are intelligent, self-starting and interested in serving rural Oklahoma, and that’s exactly the kind of student OSU-CHS is looking for.

“That’s what makes the Blue Coat to White Coat program so great, it connects students to a future career that they otherwise may have never considered,” he said. “Plus, giving these students rewarding careers that keep them in their rural communities is a huge plus for our state.”

Tucker agrees.

“These students know what their communities need. They know how to engage with their community because they’ve been doing so most of their lives. They do what they do because they have a love for their community,” she said. “I am very excited for this partnership and I am looking forward to watching it grow.” •



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## Rebecca Lewis, DO, FACOFP earns ACOFP Awards

Congratulations to OOA Board Member Rebecca D. Lewis, DO for her hard work and dedication which was recognized recently as she became a Fellow of the American College of Osteopathic Family Physicians (ACOFP). Dr. Lewis received the Most Outstanding Scientific Paper Award for her paper titled “Congenital Cytomegalovirus: A Case Study of Congenital Cytomegalovirus Infection from the Prenatal Course into Toddlerhood and Review of Congenital Cytomegalovirus Prevention, Diagnosis and Treatment.” The ACOFP Fellow Award signifies the recognition of the member’s experience, dedication, and contributions of the highest order to the advancement of family practice by his/her peers.



Dr. Lewis was also appointed as a governor to the national ACOFP Board of Governors for the 2021-2022 term. Dr. Lewis is a family physician practicing full-scope family medicine, including outpatient and inpatient care, as well as obstetrics, at St. Mary’s Hospital in Enid, Oklahoma. She is a part of the 2021 class of ACOFP Fellows recognized during the ACOFP 58th Annual Convention and Scientific Seminars Conclave of Fellows Award Ceremony.

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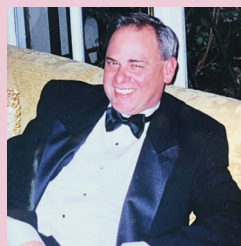
Dr. Henry Taylor Wittenberg, Jr., an OOA Life Member, passed away peacefully in his sleep on December 16, 2020.

Dr. Wittenberg was born on July 5th, 1933, in Kansas City, MO to Dr. Henry Taylor and Ruby Lenna (Pratt) Wittenberg. Upon college graduation, he followed in his father's footsteps. He received his medical degree, Doctor of Osteopathy from Kansas City College of Osteopathic Medicine and Surgery. In 1963, he moved to Claremore and married the love of his life, Helen Marie (Marlar). He began his practice at Blue Starr Clinic, with his partner and brother-in-law, Dr. Warner B. Marlar. Dr. Wittenberg was on staff at the Claremore Regional Medical Center.

Family Practice was an easy decision because of his love for his own family. He enjoyed surgery, but loved obstetrics. In his lifetime, he delivered over 4,000 babies and was the first physician to deliver triplets in Claremore.

In his spare time, he enjoyed watching sports, football, basketball and baseball, but especially OU Football and KU Basketball. He loved going home to Kansas City! He would visit multiple times a year, seeing family and old friends that were all dear to his huge heart. He would relax while listening to Jazz and Big Band music and looked forward to having a glass of scotch and visiting with his favorite cousin, Jappy.

You can read Dr. Wittenberg's obituary at: <https://www.delozierfuneralservice.com/obituary/henry-wittenberg>.



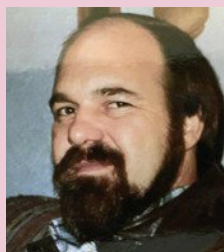
Dr. Gregory J. McWilliams, age 72, passed away March 3, 2021, a victim of COVID-19. He was preceded in death by his parents, E. Anne and Charles A. McWilliams; and his former wife Pamela Brewer McWilliams.

He was born May 4th, 1948 in Holdenville, Oklahoma and moved with his parents and younger brother, Chip, to Broken Arrow, Oklahoma in 1952. Dr. McWilliams graduated from Broken Arrow High School in 1966. He then attended the University of Oklahoma as a pre-med student where he earned a bachelor's degree in History in 1970.

His interest in becoming a doctor took him to the A.T. Still College of Osteopathic Medicine in Kirksville, Missouri where he graduated in 1974. After completing his course work, residency, and board certification, Dr. McWilliams was awarded a Fellowship at the Cleveland Clinic where he trained in a relatively new subspecialty called Interventional Cardiovascular Medicine.

His captivating stories, impressive escapades and travels, greathearted gatherings for family and friends will be sorely missed. His colorful and exuberant life was highlighted by a large loyal fan base who will continue to ride the crest of his wave retelling, re-living and embellishing Mac's stories.

You can read Dr. McWilliams obituary at: <https://www.floralhaven.com/obituaries/Gregory-McWilliams/#!/Obituary>.



Dr. Donn R. Turner, D.O. was born August 7, 1947, to Donn William Turner and Oddie Turner. He passed away on Saturday, January 23rd, due to complications from surgery.

Donn was an Army veteran and served in Vietnam. Upon his return, he attended Tulsa University for his undergraduate school and went on to study medicine at Oklahoma State University. He was a doctor of osteopathic medicine and was Board Certified.

Donn loved adventure. He was an avid hunter and loved going to the lake and boating with his family. He loved to travel and was able to visit many parts of our beautiful country with his family and friends. He collected guns and knives and also loved airplanes. He enjoyed flying and took lessons with his son, Chris.

To Donn, family was the most important. He did everything he could to be there for them and take care of them. He loved to spoil everyone he considered family. His family adored him just as much. His wife, kids, and grandkids were his whole world, along with his patients.

Donn was a very special kind of doctor. He would listen to his patients and counsel them, even if that meant he might be late for the next one. He wouldn't stop until he figured out what was wrong. His patients loved him back and he will be greatly missed by all of them.

You can read Dr. Turner's obituary at: <https://www.tahlequahfuneral.com/obituaries/Donn-Turner/#!/Obituary>.



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