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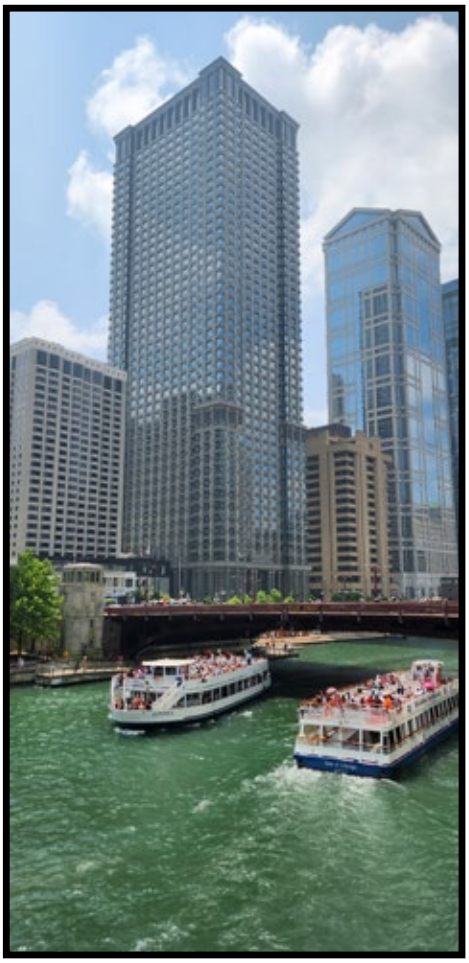

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FAIRx
Floridians for Attainable & Innovative Rx

About FAIRx

Floridians for Attainable and Innovative Rx (FAIRx) is a physician-led and patient-focused coalition dedicated to helping insured Floridians access the life-sustaining, innovative therapies they need. We are working to raise awareness of discriminatory insurer benefit design that could keep Florida families from essential treatments.

Why do we need FAIRx?

More than 13 million Floridians live with at least one chronic disease. If all Floridians had access to the treatment they need, an estimated 82,500 lives could be saved annually, according to the Partnership to End Chronic Disease. Unfortunately, health insurers in Florida are increasingly designing their plans in order to shift larger portions of health care costs onto those with chronic diseases by increasing out-of-pocket costs for critical therapies.

How can FAIRx help?

While FAIRx hopes the state - with support from lawmakers – will continue down this promising path, we know this effort will require Florida's patient and provider groups, as well as individual patients, to speak with one voice.

Together, we want to engage in an advocacy campaign to:

- Support state policies that make insurance coverage, coinsurance and copays more transparent and equitable.
- Urge regulators and state policymakers to take action to protect all insured Floridians from out-of-pocket costs that could jeopardize their health.
- Share personal stories from patients whose out-of-pocket costs are causing hardship for them or their families.

FAIRx Campaign Partners

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How can Florida physicians help?

- Join FAIRx. Visit our website to gather the facts and share the physician's perspective on the impact of high patient out-of-pocket costs.
- Help get patients involved. Tell them about the organization and urge them to share their story on the Take Action page of our website.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

James Towry, DO, FAOCD, FAAD

Dear FOMA Members,

Since our Board of Trustees meeting in June, I have attended several FOMA committee meetings as an Ex-Officio member. Below is an update on recent activities and upcoming events.

Recent Meetings & Events:

- **June 15**: The AI Task Force met, led by Dr. Amini.
- **July 1:** FOMA reviewed the AOA House of Delegates Resolutions, led by Dr. Giaimo and Dr. Kaprow.
- **July 22:** Attended the AOA House of Delegates meeting in Chicago, where Dr. Richard Thacker was installed as AOA President, Dr. Josh Lenchus was appointed to the AOA Board of Trustees, and Dr. Sara Lobauer was appointed to the AOA Board of Trustees as the New Physician in Practice representative.
- **July 31:** Spoke at the OCOM White Coat Ceremony with Dean Hasty and attended the Council of Florida Medical School Deans dinner as FOMA President.
- **August 12:** The FOMA Finance Committee met, led by President-Elect Dr. Nelson.
- **August 14:** Attended the NSU-KPCOM White Coat Ceremony in Clearwater at the invitation of Dean Wallace.
- **August 20:** Attended the District 13 meet-and-greet in Crystal River at the offices of Dr. McNerney.
- **September 2:** The Public Health Committee met, led by Dr. Florent-Carre.
- **September 25–27:** FOMA hosted a successful virtual CME meeting.
- **October 7:** The AI Task Force met to discuss the upcoming International Healthcare Symposium on October 21–22 in Jacksonville. Our lead delegate for this meeting is Dr. Michelle Mendez.
- **October 10:** Attended the LECOM Bradenton White Coat Ceremony at the invitation of Dean Kauffman.
- **Upcoming:** Preparing to attend OMED 2026 in Las Vegas alongside Mrs. Larson and Dr. Nelson to accept the AOA Outstanding Affiliate Award on behalf of FOMA.

Important Upcoming Dates:

- **November 17, 2026:** FOMA Nominating Committee meeting. Please submit your nominations to the FOMA office as soon as possible.
- **December 2, 2026:** Next Board of Trustees meeting.
- **February 2–3, 2027:** DO Day in Tallahassee. Please mark your calendars.
- **February 26, 2027:** Annual Convention CME meeting, awards presentations, and the installation of incoming President Dr. Jeff Nelson at the Marriott Tampa Water Street Hotel.

Acknowledgements:

Thank you to all of our committees and committee members for your dedicated service to FOMA and Florida DOs. Special thanks to Michelle Larson, who stepped into the FOMA CEO position, and Andrew Floyd, our new COO, for their outstanding work ensuring FOMA continues to grow in membership and strength during their first year. We are also very proud of Drs. Thacker, Lenchus, and Lobauer for representing Florida in their AOA leadership positions.

Respectfully submitted,

James Towry, DO, FAOCD, FAAD
FOMA President

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Michelle Winn Larson, CAE, CMP

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER MESSAGE

THANK YOU, for your continued membership and support of the FOMA.

The Florida Osteopathic Medical Association continues to champion issues and activities most important to our members while staying heavily involved and sponsoring community events. During Executive Committee and Board of Trustee meetings, we discuss topics of interest to the osteopathic profession, and take action through legislative advocacy and through directing our policies to actionable and measurable items.

FOMA Delegates convened in Chicago for the 2026 AOA House of Delegates meeting, July 17 - 20, and once again, Florida was well represented, under the direction of Joseph Giaimo, DO, MACOI, Chair & Anthony Ottaviani, DO, MPH, FACOI, FCCP, Vice Chair. Florida's Richard Thacker, DO, MACOI, was elected 130th AOA President. Joshua D. Lenchus, DO, RPh, FACP, SFHM, was elected as a Trustee and Sara Lohbauer, DO was elected as the New Physician in Practice member. Thank you to our Florida Delegation: physicians & students, and those who served on AOA Reference Committees for your leadership. Florida continues to be well represented on the new 2026 AOA Committees, Bureaus, Councils & Workgroups.

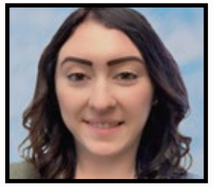
I attended the July Association of Osteopathic State Executive Directors (AOSED) meetings in Chicago, prior to the AOA House of Delegates. There was excellent education & networking with state & specialty executives as well as AOA Board and staff.

The FOMA Legislative Team and FOMA members, continue to meet with Legislative candidates and closely track the upcoming elections. Look for more information soon!

The FOMA Legislative Team under the direction of Paul Seltzer, DO, FOMA Legislative Chair, and Jason Winn, Esquire is preparing for 2026 Committee Meetings and the 2027 Legislative Session. We are also working on the FOMA Osteopathic Medicine & Health Awareness Day, which will be held Feb. 2 & 3rd, 2027 in Tallahassee. Look for information to register to attend. THANK YOU, for your continued membership and support of the FOMA.

On August 22nd, FOMA staff & families participated and sponsored the 6th Annual Community Outreach event "Hunger Fight." Hunger Fight was able to pack over 132,384 meals and provide 4,280 books for Pre-K students here in the Tallahassee/Big Bend area.

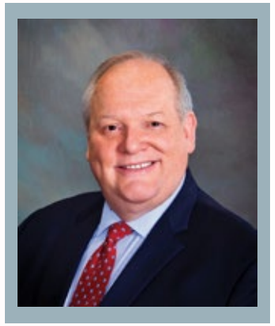
CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER, ANDREW FLOYD, MBA, CAE, CMP-HC, reports that Ronald Burns, DO & Sean McCann, DO Program Co-Chairs and the Medical Education committee are pleased with the 2026 FOMA & FSACOFP Virtual Seminar, September 25 - 27, 2026, which offered up to 27 (AOA) 1-A credits, including Florida mandatory hours. We had over 1,200 physicians & students attend! We are working on a 2027 Live Convention, Feb. 25 – 27 at the Marriott Tampa WaterStreet & the 2027 Virtual Convention, April 9 - 11. As of 8/21, the FOMA has over 4,700 members, which includes students from the 7 Florida COM's. Membership growth continues to be a vital strength of our association. The FOMA staff continues to add new FL licensees into the database, and is reaching out to each new licensee with an invitation to join the FOMA. If you know of anyone that would like to receive a membership invitation, please contact me at the FOMA Executive Office at andrew@foma.org. FOMA Members who have not paid their 2026-2027 membership dues by September 15th, 2026 were dropped from membership.



DIRECTOR OF FINANCE, KAYE TAIT, reports that the 2026–2027 Annual FOMA Membership Dues Notices were emailed and mailed to all members. Dues may be paid online, with optional contributions to the FOMA-PAC and the FOMA Foundation. In addition, FOMA members and non-members may register online for all FOMA Educational Events. We sincerely thank you for your prompt online payments and greatly appreciate your continued involvement and support!

DIRECTOR OF COMMUNICATIONS, KAYLEE KELLY, MPH, shares that FOMA's 2026 Legislative Report, 2026 Know the Issues, was emailed to members in August, with an online version available on the FOMA website. The FOMA Summer/Fall Journal is currently in production and is expected to be available later this year. FOMA's website continues to offer enhanced member services, including current events blogging, social media integration on the homepage, detailed member profiles, and automatic syncing with the association's email services. FOMA had a successful House of Delegates, where we celebrated FOMA Past President Dr. Richard Thacker and his inauguration as the 2026-2027 AOA President. We have also recently onboarded our new Communications and Social Media Intern, Anna, who is supporting the association's communications and social media efforts. Additionally, FOMA is working to finalize plans and details for Osteopathic Medicine & Health Awareness Day, which will take place February 2–3, 2027, in Tallahassee. The FOMA Newswire continues to be delivered weekly to members' inboxes. Members are encouraged to share news, stories, or recognized achievements with FOMA at fomapr@foma.org for consideration in future communications. FOMA is also happy to report that we had a successful 2026 Virtual Seminar, on September 25–27, with over 1,200 physican & student attendees.

EXECUTIVE COORDINATOR, LETISSA HARRIS, has been assisting with membership (new members/renewing members) and with the 2026 FOMA Virtual Seminar registrations. In addition, she is assisting with FOMA PAC and FOMA Foundation donations. She is also updating the 2026 FOMA-PAC Roll of Honor. Please reach out to the FOMA Executive Office, with any questions you may have, we are here to assist and help you.



FOMA 2026 Legislative Update

LEGISLATIVE CHAIRMAN
Paul D. Seltzer, DO

"Working with our partners, the FOMA successfully passed legislation important to patients and physicians"

General Election

The FOMA encourages its members to get out and vote in the 2026 General Election scheduled for November 3, 2026. If you cannot vote on Election Day, please take advantage of early voting, which begins on October 24 and ends on October 31, 2026. In this cycle, pertaining to Florida, voters will choose one U.S. Senator, all U.S. representatives, members of the Florida Cabinet, State Attorney (20th Judicial Circuit), Public Defender (20th Judicial Circuit), state representatives for all 120 House districts and half of the 40 Senate districts (Even Numbered Districts).

The FOMA thanks everyone who has contributed to the FOMA-PAC and supported our legislative program. If you would like to donate, please visit our website at FOMA.org or scan the QR code below. Thank you for your support and commitment to patients and the profession.

Scan the QR code to donate to the FOMA-PAC.

2027 Legislative Session – Key Dates:

The Florida Legislature will convene for the Organizational Session on March 2, 2027. In addition, the House and Senate have scheduled six weeks of interim committee meetings to prepare for the upcoming session, which will convene on November 30, 2026. The FOMA is closely monitoring developments on the legislative front and will keep you informed as events unfold.

Florida Osteopathic Medical Association members and students met with Lt. Gov. Jay Collins as part of FOMA's Osteopathic Medicine and Health Awareness Day at the State Capitol in December for the 2026 Legislative Session.

Save the Date!
Feb. 2-3, 2027
Stay tuned for more information.

Osteopathic Medicine & Health Awareness Day

Details coming soon!

THE **2026 KNOW THE ISSUES** IS AVAILABLE ON THE FOMA WEBSITE.

FOR THE MOST CURRENT ACTIONS ON THESE BILLS, AND MORE, PLEASE VISIT: WWW.FOMA.ORG/LEGISLATIVE-UPDATES

2026 FOMA-PAC *Roll of Honor*

The FOMA-PAC wishes to express its appreciation to the following contributors. Your financial contributions and your participation in the Florida Osteopathic Medical Association Political Action Committee (FOMA-PAC) demonstrate your commitment to osteopathic medicine and your concern for the future of quality healthcare for all Floridians.

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Attention FOMA Members!

FOMA is Accepting Nominations for 2027

FOMA Distinguished Service Award

This award is given to an Individual in recognition of outstanding accomplishments in science, professionalism, osteopathic education, or service to the osteopathic profession or citizens of Florida at state or national level. This is the highest honor that FOMA can bestow upon an individual. The award is not limited to osteopathic physicians.

Nominee:_____

FOMA Lifetime Achievement Award

This award is given to an osteopathic physician who has made a significant contribution to the osteopathic community over the span of his or her lifetime. The candidate must be either a Florida-licensed osteopathic physician in good standing or a retired osteopathic physician.

Nominee:_____

FOMA Physician of the Year Award

This award is given to an osteopathic physician who has made a significant contribution to the osteopathic community in the past year. The candidate must be a Florida-licensed osteopathic physician in good standing.

Nominee:_____

FOMA Stephen R. Winn Friend of the Osteopathic Medicine Award

This award is given to an individual in recognition and appreciation for their continuing commitment in promoting the tenets and philosophy of osteopathic medicine in the state of Florida.

Nominee:_____

FOMA A.T. Still OMT Award

This award is given to an osteopathic physician who serves as an advocate and champion for Osteopathic Manipulative Treatment on a local, state, and national level. This physician continues to promote OMT through teaching, writing, and with their patients.

Nominee:_____

Please mail nomination form, recommendation letter, and CV of doctor nominated to FOMA, 2544 Blairstone Pines Drive, Tallahassee, FL 32301. **Questions?** Please call Michelle W. Larson at FOMA (800) 226-3662

Your Name: (Print) _____

All nominations must be received by December 31st, 2026

Florida Osteopathic Medical Association
STUDENT AWARDS CRITERIA

The FOMA will award up to 2 students from each Florida campus:

- **Burrell COM – FL**
- **LECOM Bradenton**
- **LECOM at Jacksonville University**
- **LMU DCOM Orange Park**
- **NSU – KPCOM**
- **NSU – KPCOM TBR**
- **OCOM**

(OMS1 - $400 & OMS2 - $600)

Based on the following criteria:

1. The Student shall be a member in good standing of the FOMA Student District Society at one of the Florida Colleges of Osteopathic Medicine.

2. The Student shall be politically active, possess leadership qualities, and support the FOMA Student District Society initiatives.

3. The Student shall be a Florida resident or plan to practice osteopathic medicine in Florida.

The Student shall submit the following:

A letter, CV (curriculum vitae), and 2 faculty recommendations.

All information is due to the FOMA Awards Committee by **December 31st, 2026**.

The awards and checks will be presented during the 2027 FOMA LIVE Convention.

Please email/mail the above information to:

FOMA Awards Committee
2544 Blairstone Pines Drive
Tallahassee, FL 32301
email: admin@foma.org

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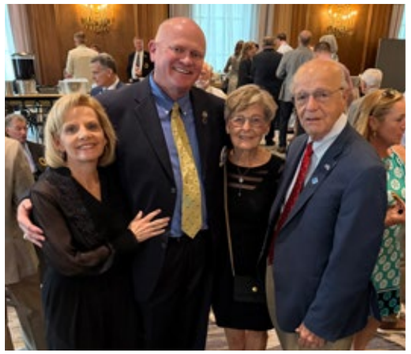
Over fifty delegates represented Florida at the American Osteopathic Association's (AOA) House of Delegates (HOD) Annual Business Meeting in Chicago which took place July 16-19. On Friday, July 17, the FOMA hosted a party for Richard Thacker, DO, MACOI, FOMA past president, to celebrate him becoming the 130th President of the AOA. On Saturday, July 18, Dr. Thacker was officially installed as the 2026-2027 President of the AOA.

In addition to his role of AOA President, Dr. Thacker is the associate dean of Clinical Sciences and associate professor of internal medicine at the Alabama College of Osteopathic Medicine in Dothan, Alabama.

Dr. Thacker brings many years of leadership and education into his roles with 23 years practicing internal medicine, serving as chairman of the Department of Medicine & Board of Trustees, and Chief of Staff at Capital Regional Medical Center. He also spent 15 years at Big Bend Hospice Care where he served as associate medical director.

Dr. Thacker earned his Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine degree from Nova Southeastern University Kiran C. Patel College of Osteopathic Medicine and completed his residency at Delaware Valley Medical Center.



(L-R): Sherry Thacker; Richard Thacker, DO, MACOI; Catherine Ottaviani; Anthony Ottaviani, DO, MPH, FACOI, FCCP

The FOMA wishes Dr. Thacker continued success as he takes on the role of AOA president.

The following FOMA members are currently serving on the AOA Board of Trustees:

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2026-2027 AOA President

Joshua Lenchus, DO, RPh, FACP, SFHM
AOA Trustee

Sara Lohbauer, DO, MHSA
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The following FOMA members served on Reference Committees during the July AOA House of Delegates:

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Marie Florent-Carre, DO

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FROM AROUND THE STATE....

DISTRICT REPORTS

DISTRICT SOCIETY 2

FOMA District 2 held an educational dinner event sponsored by the FOMA on Thursday, October 8th at the LMU-DCOM Orange Park Campus.

Jonathan Carbungco, DO, from Ascension St. Vincent's Jacksonville, gave a presentation on "POCUS in Clinical Practice."

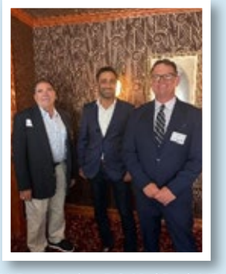
A special thank you to LMU-DCOM Orange Park for hosting the event.

DISTRICT SOCIETY 4

District 4 held a meeting on June 17th at Alexander's Prime Steakhouse in Ormond Beach, FL.

A lecture entitled "Explore Two Routes to CV Risk Reduction in T2D" was presented by Neel Patel, MD, to those in attendance.

Thank you to Dr. Chet Anthony, district 4 president, for your leadership!



(L-R): Bruce Rankin, DO, Neel Patel, MD, and Chet Anthony, DO

(L-R): Chet Anthony, DO and Bruce Rankin, DO

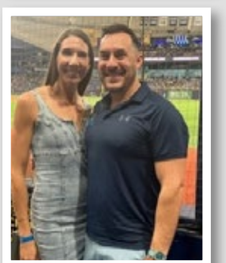
DISTRICT SOCIETY 5

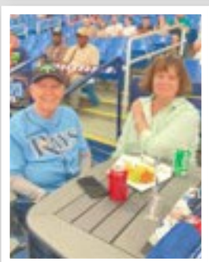
The Pinellas County Osteopathic Medical Society and the Hillsborough County Osteopathic Medical Society attended the Tampa Bay Rays vs Seattle Mariners game 74 colleagues, family and friends enjoyed the game in the "RIPA Bullpen" at Tropicana Field.

Congratulations to Gregory James, DO, FACOFP, dist., Past president of the PCOMS, FOMA, FSACOFP and FACOFP. Dr. James was recently recognized for his 15 years of service to the American Board of Osteopathic Family Physicians (ABOFP) including serving on the Board of Directors and as the Board Chair. The ABOFP oversees the certification of 15,000 Osteopathic Family Physicians and is the largest certifying board in the profession

The 5th District was represented at the AOA HOD by past president of the FOMA and PCOMS: Lee Ann Brown, DO, Michael Markou, DO, Gregory James, DO, Jeffery Grove, DO, Anthony Ottaviani, DO, and Gene DiBetta, DO.

The Pinellas County Osteopathic Medical Society is pleased to announce the commencement of its 70th Anniversary Celebration, recognizing seven decades of service, leadership, and commitment to our members, the FOMA, the osteopathic profession and the Pinellas County community. The Anniversary observance will officially begin at the Annual Meeting of Members and Holiday Party on December 4, 2026, where the Society will inaugurate a year long recognition of its founding in 1957. This opening ceremony will mark the start of a commemorative period reflecting on the Society's history, mission, and the contributions of its members, the profession and our community.





DISTRICT SOCIETY 6

The Broward County Osteopathic Medical Association (BCOMA) held an Educational Dinner Meeting on Thursday, October 8, at the Café Vico Authentic Italian Restaurant in Fort Lauderdale.

The Speaker was Dr. Melissa Wood who gave a lecture on "How Heartflow One is Shifting the Paradigm in Coronary Artery Disease (CAD)."

DISTRICT SOCIETY 7

Dr. Sassano reports that district 7 is currently planning a Holiday meeting for December.

This will be open to all members and new DO non-members.

More information to follow.

DISTRICT SOCIETY 10

On July 10th, the Hillsborough County Osteopathic Medical Society (FOMA District 10) was thrilled to partner with our sister society, the Pinellas County Osteopathic Medical Society (FOMA District 5), for a memorial joint event at the Tampa Bay Rays game in the RIPA Bullpen Box at Tropicana Field. Both groups cheered on the Rays and Rays for the WIN!

HCOMS's next General Membership Event, its holiday dinner, will be held at Maggiano's Restaurant on December 10th. The society's 2026 annual awards will be presented that evening.

DISTRICT SOCIETY 13

District 13 held a Meet and Greet on August 20th with members that spanned all 3 counties of our district: Citrus, Hernando, and Pasco.

Nature Coast Health Care graciously served as the host of this event that was planned by Trustee, Joseph McNerney, DO.

Members were greeted by FOMA President, James Towry, DO, and FOMA Past President and Trustee, Nicole Bixler, DO. It was a wonderful opportunity to meet some new faces and make plans for future events.

DISTRICT SOCIETY 16

FOMA District Society 16 held a District Society meeting on September 30th at the Yellow Dog Cafe in Malabar, FL.

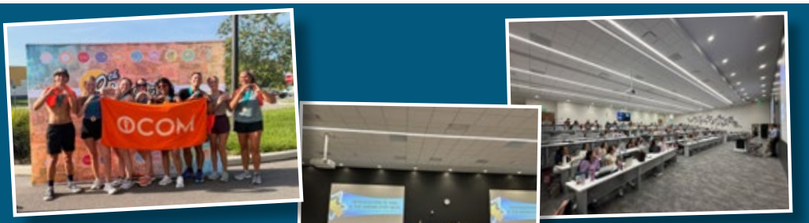
A lecture was presented entitled "An Update on the Treatment of Infectious Disease" by Andrew Dodd, DO.

The meeting welcomed attendees to gather socially with their colleagues in the area. Complimentary food and beverage were provided and the meeting was welcomed with great enthusiasm.

STUDENT NEWS

LECOM-Bradenton

Last Spring the SGA organized a send-off celebration for their OMS-II students as they prepared to transition into the next phase of their medical education. The event included a Publix lunch organized with administration, gift bags, and a memory book created for the class. The memory book was especially well received and served as a meaningful way for students to reflect on their time together and celebrate their accomplishments before moving forward in their training.



OCOM

OCOM FOMA District Society hosted an Anki Crash course for the incoming class this past August. It was a great turn out and engagement with the new class. OCOM also put on a big 5k team with the school's Run Club in October.

NSU-KPCOM Clearwater

On August 31st, the NSU KPCOM Clearwater FOMA Student District Society hosted Anthony Ottaviani, DO, MPH, FACOI, FCCP, FOMA past president, for a lecture on leadership in medicine.

Dr. Ottaviani shared valuable insights and experiences, giving students the opportunity to learn more about the importance of strong leadership and its role in shaping the future of healthcare

Thank you to FOMA for sponsoring lunch for students who attended the event.

Congratulations to Florida's New Omega Beta Iota's Accepted Applicants

Preston M. Bowers, OMS II, LECOM - Bradenton
Hannah Kakos, OMS II, OCOM
Hrithik Saride, OMS IV, NSUKPCOM - TBR
Yama (Yan) Xu, OMS III, NSUKPCOM - TBR

Omega Beta Iota (OBI) is a national association dedicated to advancing the osteopathic profession through advocacy, leadership, civic engagement, and political involvement. Membership recognizes students who demonstrate a commitment to supporting and advancing the osteopathic profession at the local, state, and national levels.

Protecting Patients from Counterfeit Medicines and Illicit Pharmacies

Osteopathic physicians are trusted by their patients to provide important health information. Patients look to their physician for guidance on health and potential threats to their overall well-being. One rapidly growing threat is the proliferation of counterfeit medicines and unregulated "Canadian" pharmacies.

Interpol's Operation Pangea XVI 2025 underscored the magnitude of this issue:

- 50.4 million doses of counterfeit and unapproved medicines were seized worldwide,
- 769 suspects were arrested for selling counterfeit or unapproved medicines, and
- 123 criminal groups dismantled for selling counterfeit products.

Counterfeit versions of medicines have even been identified in developed countries like Canada, Australia, and here in the United States. Because these illegitimate substances are not produced under regulated conditions, patients can unknowingly ingest harmful or even lethal substances.

The risks for patients are real. Counterfeit antibiotics may lack the active ingredient, delaying treatment and leading to worsening illness. In more life-threatening cases, unregulated and untested pills can be unknowingly laced with lethal substances, such as fentanyl. In 2024, the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) seized more than 60 million fentanyl-laced counterfeit pills and nearly 8,000 pounds of fentanyl powder. In 2025, the DEA fentanyl seizures have represented over 232 million deadly doses. And according to Interpol, "some fake medicines have been found to contain mercury, arsenic, rat poison, or cement."

Educating patients and staff about these could be lifesaving.

Unfortunately, many patients are lured by online offers promising "Canadian" or "cheaper" medications without realizing that more than 95% of online pharmacies operate illegally. These operations often bypass U.S. pharmaceutical standards and safeguards that protect consumers, including prescriptions verified by a licensed physician, clear labeling, and transparent sourcing.

In addition to unsafe drugs, patients face the risks of identity theft and financial fraud when purchasing from unverified networks.

What can we, as physicians, do to help protect our patients? We must educate our patients to:

- **Buy only from reputable pharmacies** — ideally brick-and-mortar or verified online pharmacies approved through the National Association of Boards of Pharmacy (NABP) "Buy-Safely" program.
- **Avoid websites or social media sellers** that do not require a prescription.
- **Contact your pharmacist or doctor** if you have any questions, concerns, or experience unusual effects.

Counterfeit medicine remains a global public health threat. As osteopathic physicians, we can remain vigilant, help raise awareness, and guide patients to trusted sources. Safe medicine is effective medicine.

WELCOME NEW FOMA MEMBERS

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If you would like to donate to the FOMA foundation, please scan the QR code.

February 26 - 28, 2027

Earn up to 27 (AOA) 1-A Credits

2027 FOMA LIVE CONVENTION

Location: Tampa Marriott Water Street (505 Water Street, Tampa, FL 33602)

The 27 Live Credits Include:

- Florida mandatory credits for FL relicensure & 7 On-Demand
- **REGISTRATION INCLUDES:** 3 Continental Breakfasts (Friday, Saturday, Sunday) and Lunch & Reception (Saturday)

REGISTRATION IS LIMITED! Register early to reserve your spot.
Dates: Friday 2/26, 8am-5:30pm; Saturday 2/27, 8am-4:15pm; Sunday 2/28, 7:30am-12:30pm

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Name (please print) _____

FOMA Member Y / N AOA#_____ FL License # _____

Mailing Address_____

City_____ State_____ Zip_____

Email_____ Phone _____

Speciality_____ Certification _____

Osteopathic College _____ Graduate Year _____

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Registration Type	Member Rate Early Bird Before 1/26/27	Member Rate After 1/26/27	Non-Member Rate
☐ Practicing DO	$725	$775	$1,175
☐ FOMA Life, Military, or Retired DO	$525	$575	$675
☐ Osteopathic Resident/Fellow	$150	$200	$250
☐ Sunday Only - 5 Mandatory Hours	$375	$400	$600
☐ Exhibitor - $2,500			
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For hotel reservations: contact the hotel by Jan 27, 2027 (or until block is full). Scan the QR code or use this link to book: https://book.passkey.com/go/FOMALive2027

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April 9 - 11, 2027

Earn up to 30 (AOA) 1-A Credits

2027 FOMA VIRTUAL CONVENTION

The 30 Credits Include:

- 5 Florida Mandatory hours: 2 hours of Prevention of Medical Errors and Prescribing Controlled Substances, and 1 hour of Florida Laws, Rules, and Professional Medical Ethics
- 2 hours of Domestic Violence and 1 hour of HIV/AID's
- Attendees will have 30 days to review & complete the courses online.

Dates: Friday 4/9, 8am-4:30pm; Saturday 4/10, 8am-4:30pm; Sunday 4/11, 8am-4:30pm; On Demand - 6 hours

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Registration Type	Member Rate Early Bird Before 3/9/27	Member Rate After 3/9/27	Non-Member Rate
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☐ FOMA Life, Military, or Retired DO	$400	$450	$550
☐ Osteopathic Resident/Fellow	$150	$175	$225
☐ Osteopathic Student	No Fee	No Fee	No Fee
☐ Sunday Only - 5 Mandatory Hours	$375	$400	$600
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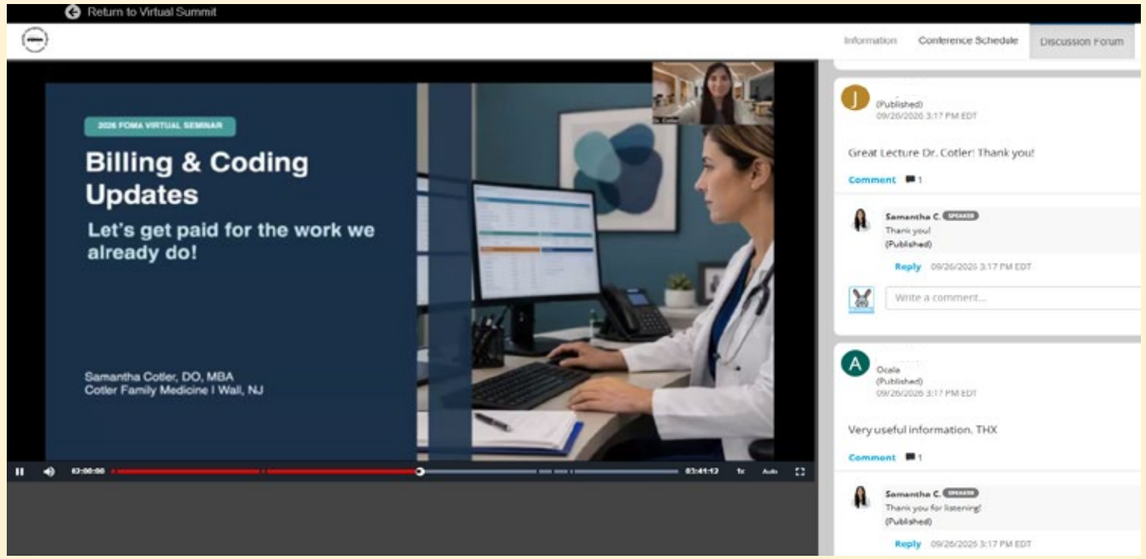

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