



POMA

Vol. XLIV, No. 1
January 12, 2018

Newsletter



President's Perspective



George D. Vermeire, DO
POMA President

2018! It's hard to believe I'm on the downside of my presidency at POMA. I am excited to see the many changes that have been discussed over the past year come to fruition and even more excited for what the future holds.

Following the District 8 annual CME program, we will kick off strategic planning at our next meeting of the board on February 3 in Harrisburg at our Central Office. The Membership Committee and consultant will present their findings on the membership value and competitive analysis we've been talking about for the past six months. I'm hoping for another great exchange of ideas and input from your physician, resident and student representatives from across the Commonwealth.

We have invited a member of the AOA Communications Department to provide a presentation on communications in light of the more active role POMA seeks to have relative to the opioid crisis and state of emergency declared by Governor Wolf. Check out our policy on Pain Management and Opioid Prescribing in Diana's "Resolutions" column below. We will hear from the Committee on Legislation and Public Policy about

our actions and activities as legislators return to the capital on January 22. The Property Workgroup is reviewing proposals relative to the building and land we own in Harrisburg. The Finance Committee will be reviewing the budget and making some adjustments based on activities and savings realized since July 1, 2017. The POMA Foundation is revisiting scholarships. And we'll get to see the upgraded information technology in the Central Office.

POMA remains on the move and I couldn't be more #POMAProud!

Resolutions



Diana M. Ewert, MPA, CAE
POMA CEO

What are we resolving to do in 2018? We resolve to do something, become involved, advocate for change, set policy, take action and more. As we increase the visibility of POMA within our membership, raise the profile of our leadership, position ourselves to represent the unique profession of osteopathic medicine, POMA needs to provide the osteopathic perspective on issues of relevance and importance.

Recent activities related to the Governor's declared state of emergency on the opioid crisis in the Commonwealth underscore the need for POMA to have a position on pain management and physician opioid prescribing. Hence, the following policy statement approved by POMA's presidential leadership (immediate past, present, and elect).

POMA Pain Management and Opioid Use Policy (01/2018)

The Pennsylvania Osteopathic Medical Association (POMA) understands the need to provide effective pain relief and encourages all health care providers to receive training on appropriate opioid prescribing, particularly for patients who suffer from acute and chronic pain.

(continued on page 4)

Medical Marijuana Program

Pennsylvania's Medical Marijuana Act, (Act 16) originally signed into law in 2016 by Governor Tom Wolf, is on track to be implemented in early 2018

The program will provide access to medical marijuana for patients with a serious medical condition through a safe and effective method of delivery that balances patient need for access to the latest treatments with patient care and safety. Registration to participate in the program is open for physicians, patients and caregivers. Information on how to register as well as the link to the registry can be found at www.medicalmarijuana.pa.gov.

For any physician interested in participating in the Medical Marijuana Program, there are a number of steps that must first be completed in order to be approved as a practitioner who can issue patient certifications. These steps are outlined in a letter prepared by Dr. Rachel Levine, which answers some frequently asked questions and provides additional information. You can find the letter on the POMA website at www.poma.org.

As program implementation nears, the number of questions many physicians have regarding the program and signing up increases. Continue to check the Commonwealth's website for regular updates.



Rachel L. Levine, MD
Acting Secretary and
Physician General

District Branch News

Upcoming Meetings

District 3

Wednesday, January 17
Top Cut Restaurant
Center Valley, PA 18034

6:30 pm — Lecture/Dinner
7:30 pm — Business Meeting

Business Meeting will follow to elect delegates and alternate delegates to the POMA House.

Lecture: "A SpA Disease: What to Look for When Diagnosing Psoriatic Arthritis"
Speaker: Ellen Field, MD
— educational support provided by AbbVie, Inc. —

RSVP to Rehab Tabchi, DO,
District Chair
Phone: (610) 703-4094
Email: tabchir@yahoo.com

District 4

Saturday, January 27
Hockey Night

 Mohegan Sun Arena
at Casey Plaza
7:05 pm
Binghamton Devils @
 Wilkes-Barre/Scranton Penguins

Free tickets are available to District 4 members and their families!

Contact Darlene Ann Dunay, DO,
District Chair for tickets.
Phone: (570) 457-7150
Email: dadunay@aol.com

District 8

**31st Annual Educational
Winter Seminar**
**Thursday January 25 -
Sunday, January 28**
Nemacolin Woodlands
Farmington, PA 15437

Business Meeting will be held on Saturday, January 27 to elect delegates and alternate delegates to the POMA House.

See pages 8-9 of the *Newsletter* for registration materials and a tentative schedule. Register online at <http://bit.ly/POMAD8Registration2018>

District 10

Friday, February 23
Blue Bell Inn
Blue Bell, PA 19422

5:30 pm — Lecture/Dinner
6:30 pm — Business Meeting

Business Meeting will follow to elect delegates and alternate delegates to the POMA House.

Lecture: "A SpA Disease: What to Look for When Diagnosing Ankylosing Spondylitis"
Speaker: Daniel Norden, MD
— educational support provided by AbbVie, Inc. —

RSVP to Carol D. Bowes-Lawlor,
DO, District Chair
Phone: (215) 718-5290
Email: carollawlor@aol.com

An Update from the SBOM – Dec. 13 Meeting

The Pennsylvania State Board of Osteopathic Medicine convened on December 13, 2017. Commissioner Harlow announced, due to legislative delay Drs. Frank Tursi (Erie, Pa.) and Christopher Poggi (Somerset, Pa.), were unable to be seated for the meeting. Dr. Burton Mark, Board Secretary presided. DO board attendees included Drs. Burton Mark (West Chester, Pa.), John Bulger (Danville, Pa.), William Swallow (Lewistown, Pa.), and Randy Litman (Lansdale, Pa.).

Cases reviewed by the board centered about both personal and professional use of potentially addictive substances. Board decisions emphasized:

- Development of institutional standard procedures for utilization of the Pennsylvania Drug Monitoring Program (PDMP) website for all care plans which involved controlled substance prescriptions;
- Adherence to prescribing recommendations (quantity and dose) for patients with acute need;
- Familiarity with documentation requirements for chronic utilization of controlled substances and the available opiate agonist/antagonist alternatives.

The last item on the agenda included the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania's requirement to elect a board chair and vice chair to serve the board during the cycle which begins in 2018. Drs. Randy Litman and William Swallow were elected to serve as Chair and Vice-Chair, respectively.

The next meeting of the SBOM is Wednesday, February 14 at 9:30 am in Harrisburg. Meetings are open to the public — physicians are encouraged to take advantage of this opportunity to participate in matters affecting the osteopathic profession in the Commonwealth.

Watch for Your Local District Meeting!

The beginning of a new year means it's time for POMA districts to hold their annual elections. This year, districts are electing delegates and alternate delegates to the POMA House. Your attendance and participation is critical so make plans to attend your local meeting! Check your email, www.poma.org and POMA's social media channels for meeting alerts. We look forward to seeing everyone soon!

Professional Guidance Meetings

PGYP West Region Meeting Recap

The POMA Committee on Professional Guidance — West Region met on December 14, 2017 at the Quaker Steak and Lube in Sharon, PA. The meeting was started with a group communication/leadership activity called “Salt and Pepper” where attendees had fun getting to know each other better.



The participants were asked for ideas for future resident forum programs at POMA. Suggestions included: Time management; Performance psychology; Interview skills; Contract negotiations; Alternates to opioids (clinical topic).

Flyers for the Resident Forum at the District VIII winter seminar were distributed. The residents were asked to share this with their colleagues and encouraged to attend if possible.

The Mental Health/Wellness Residency Program Grant recipients were announced; two grant recipient programs

were represented at the meeting. Discussion regarding the criteria for the grants and ideas for future submissions were discussed and residents were encouraged to visit the POMA website to learn more.



District involvement was again encouraged. Residents in District 9 were also invited to participate in District 12 programs.

Those in attendance were asked to view the new POMA website and comment on things they like and features they did not find helpful.

A resident questioned whether POMA was monitoring what programs have not yet applied for ACGME accreditation. It was explained that the OPTIs are closely monitoring this and programs are given support directly through the AOA in the application process.

UPCOMING PGYP MEETINGS

West Region

March 8, 2018

Time and location TBD

Central Region

March 20, 2018

Time and location TBD

East Region

March 28, 2018

Time and location TBD

PGYP Central Region Meeting Recap

The POMA Committee on Professional Guidance — Central Region met on December 19, 2017 at Gilligan’s Restaurant in Harrisburg, PA. The meeting began with an icebreaker game in which people were given an index card with a word on it. By asking questions to others they had to determine what the word was and then find the person who had a related word. Each pair then introduced each other to the group.



The Young Physician Leadership Forum to be held during the POMA Annual Clinical Assembly in May 2018 was discussed. There is great interest in this, and the idea of it being available online for those who cannot attend the live meeting. Proposed topics were Practice Management issues including direct primary care, discussions on billing, and medical legal issues including malpractice hints and how to avoid lawsuits. For the live meeting, Saturday afternoon still seems to be the preferred time. There was also interest for an auxiliary program.

Yvonne Hersh discussed the results of the Mental Health/Wellness Residency Program Grants and encouraged programs to apply this year. Updates were also given by POMA CEO Diana Ewert and Joseph Zawisza, DO from the POMA Board of Trustees.



Attendees discussed getting involved politically for the benefit of the profession and getting involved in their district. Jason Leeper was introduced to the young physicians as the new District Program Manager.

Our young physicians were asked to bring up their concerns throughout the meeting. The only concern not discussed above was that programs need help getting DOs to teach manipulation; some programs have few DO preceptors and many of those DOs don’t do manipulation. POMA is able to get osteopathic physicians to come to programs and teach OMM. Program directors can request this from POMA.

Legislative Update

Written by: Bruce Hironimus, Legislative Consultant



Bruce R. Hironimus
Legislative Consultant

Governor Wolf's Disaster Declaration for the Opioid Epidemic

On Wednesday, January 10, 2018, Governor Tom Wolf signed a statewide disaster declaration for the state's heroin and opioid epidemic. Per the governor's office, the measure will "enhance state response, increase access to treatment, and save lives." The governor's office has provided a fact sheet with more information. <https://www.governor.pa.gov/wp-content/uploads/2018/01/20180110-Fact-Sheet-Opioid-Epidemic-Disaster-Declaration-2018.pdf>

Collaborative Agreement Information Meeting

The House Professional Licensure Committee intends to convene an interactive panel with PMS and the CRNPs on Nurse Practitioner Collaborative Agreements on Wednesday, January 24, 2018.

There will be no formal testimony but committee members will participate in a one-hour question and answer session. Dr. Anthony DiMarco, POMA Immediate Past President, will participate on a physician panel. The meeting will be held at 9:00 am, Room G-50, Irvis Office Building.

Change in Leadership at LECOM Bradenton

The start of the new year is bringing leadership changes to LECOM Bradenton. Silvia M. Ferretti, DO, Provost, Senior Vice President and Dean of Academic Affairs of the Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine (LECOM) recently announced Mark Kauffman, DO, MS Med Ed, will be assuming the position of Associate Dean of Academic Affairs at LECOM Bradenton. The position was previously held by Robert J. George, DO. Dr. George is retiring after 14 years with the College and will assume the role of Dean Emeritus.

Dr. Kauffman served as Associate Dean of Students, Enrollment Management and Graduate Studies at LECOM.

PCOM Expands in Georgia

The Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine (PCOM) recently received initial approval from the AOA's Commission on Osteopathic College Accreditation to establish an additional location in Moultrie, Georgia. PCOM South Georgia will seek to recruit qualified students from Georgia and surrounding states who wish to pursue a career in rural medicine. PCOM will now move forward with the development the new four-year campus which will begin classes in August 2019.

Resolutions *(continued from page 1)*

Osteopathic physicians are uniquely qualified to provide non-pharmacologic alternatives to treat pain through the use of Osteopathic Manipulative Medicine (OMM) and POMA advises physicians to consider the safest appropriate treatment for patients. The routine prescription of opioids to treat pain has, in some cases, resulted in addiction, overdose and death.

POMA provides continuing medical education on proper opioid prescribing practices and management of acute and chronic pain, including the application of OMM.

POMA has long been a leader in providing education on the proper prescribing of opioids, including recent partnerships with the CO*RE REMS, a group whose mission is to "promote individual and population health and public safety through timely, evidence-based, outcome oriented and interprofessional education related to the comprehensive management of pain, addiction and their comorbidities." The curriculum helps clinicians balance the risks of opioid analgesics with the benefits for relief to patients. POMA has an opportunity for greater involvement in this state of emergency.

The POMA Committee on Legislation and Public Policy will be meeting shortly to discuss our positions on current legislation and where we are from a policy perspective. What resolutions should the committee consider in putting forward for approval through the governance process? What can we do to ultimately improve patient care? POMA must look at the needs and health conditions of Pennsylvanians and craft policy accordingly.

Let's start with a Resolution: THE ROLE OF THE PENNSYLVANIA OSTEOPATHIC MEDICAL ASSOCIATION (POMA)

WHEREAS, the Pennsylvania Osteopathic Medical Association (POMA) has a critical role to provide osteopathic physicians continuing medical education, advocacy, life-long learning and leadership to improve patient care; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that POMA be recognized as a statewide leader and advocate for osteopathic physicians and their patients. This is our beginning!

Update on Pennsylvania Act 26 – Medical Records Copying

On February 18, 1998, Governor Ridge signed a measure reducing the costs of copies of medical documents in Pennsylvania. Act 26 of 1998, which became effective on April 19, 1998, regulates the cost of copying and postage charges for medical and hospital records. The Secretary of Health is directed to adjust these rates based on the most recent changes in the consumer price index, reported annually by the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the United States Department of Labor.

The listed fees shall apply for paper copies or reproductions on electronic media whether the records are stored on paper or in electronic format.

Effective January 1, 2018, charges for medical records may not exceed:

- \$22.48 for search and retrieval;
- \$1.51 per page for the first 20 pages;
- \$1.12 per page for pages 21 through 60;
- \$.38 per page for pages 61 and thereafter;
- \$2.23 per page for copies from microfilm;
- \$28.48 flat fee for copies to support claims or appeals under the Social Security Act or claims under other Federal or State financial needs based benefits programs; and
- \$22.48 flat fee for supplying records requested by a district attorney

The previously listed fees shall apply for paper copies or reproductions on electronic media whether the records are stored on paper or in electronic format.

In addition to the amounts listed previously, charges may also be assessed for the actual cost of postage, shipping and delivery of the requested records.

The previous charges, however, are subject to the following exceptions:

1. An insurer shall not be required to pay for copies of medical records required to validate medical services for which reimbursement is sought under an insurance contract, except as provided in: (a) the Workers' Compensation Act (77 P.S. §§ 1—1041.4 and 2501—2506) and the regulations promulgated thereunder; (b) 75 Pa.C.S. Chapter 17 (relating to Motor Vehicle Financial Responsibility Law) and the regulations promulgated thereunder; or (c) a contract between an insurer and any other party.

2. The charges listed in this notice do not apply to an X-ray film or any other portion of a medical record which is not susceptible to photostatic reproduction.

3. The charges for the production of medical records by a health care provider in response to a request made by either an individual who is the subject of the health information or the individual's personal representative is governed by the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) and Federal regulations enacted under HIPAA, including 42 U.S.C.A. § 17935(e) and 45 CFR 164.524 (relating to access of individuals to protected health information), as follows:

a. Electronic health record. Under 42 U.S.C.A. § 17935(e), if a health care provider uses or maintains health records in an electronic format with respect to protected health information of an individual, the individual shall have a right to obtain from the health care provider a copy of the information in an electronic format. The individual also has a choice to direct the health care provider to transmit electronically a copy of the health record directly to an entity or person designated by the individual, provided that any choice is clear, conspicuous and specific. Any fee that the health care provider may impose for providing the information (or a summary or explanation of the information) in an electronic format shall not be greater than the labor costs

in responding to the request. The United States Department of Health and Human Services has stated that the labor costs may not include costs associated with searching for and retrieving the requested information.

b. Health record used or maintained in other types of format (for example, paper). Under 45 CFR 164.524(c)(4), if the individual requests a copy of the protected health information or agrees to a summary or explanation of the information, the covered entity may impose a reasonable, cost-based fee, provided that the fee includes only the cost of: (1) labor for copying the protected health information requested by the individual, whether in paper or electronic form; (2) supplies for creating the paper copy or electronic media if the individual requests that the electronic copy be provided on portable media; (3) postage, when the individual has requested the copy, or the summary or explanation, be mailed; and (4) preparing an explanation or summary of the protected health information, if the individual agrees in advance to a summary or explanation and the fees to be imposed, in accordance to 45 CFR 164.524(c)(2)(iii). Similarly, the labor costs under 45 CFR 164.524(c)(4) shall not include the cost attributable to search and retrieval of the records.

Inquiries for further clarification on this exception should be directed to the Office of Civil Rights, United States Department of Health and Human Services, 200 Independence Avenue, S.W., Room 509F, HHH Building, Washington, DC 20201, (866) 627-7748, <http://www.hhs.gov/ocr/office/about/contactus/index.html>.

Questions or inquiries concerning this notice should be sent to the Department of Health, Office of Legal Counsel, Room 825, Health and Welfare Building, 625 Forster Street, Harrisburg, PA 17120, (717) 783-2500.

APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP

The following have applied for membership in the POMA. According to Article VI, Section 2 of the POMA bylaws, if no written objection is received within 30 days after publication, the following will be accepted for membership.

Katherine Lincoln, DO
1 Guthrie Square
c/o Wound Care Center
Sayre, PA 18840-1625 **A**

Elizabeth L. Linkenheil, DO
1 Guthrie Square
Sayre, PA 18840-1625 **A**

Mark I. Lischner, DO
1751 Lord Byron Drive
Bethlehem, PA 18017-1515 **A**

Angela J.S. McDermott, DO
13854 Hatch Hill Road
Meadville, PA 16335-6082 **A**

Kristen L. Schuerle, DO
6383 Morrowfield Avenue
Pittsburgh, PA 15217-2504 **A**

David J. Vasil, DO
214 Broadstone Drive
Mars, PA 16046-5223 **A**

Kenneth Woods, DO
4000 Johnson Road
Steubenville, OH 43952-2364 **O**

Anthony A. Wylie DO
531 Mt. Pleasant Drive
Scranton, PA 18503-1987 **A**

Linda M. Yinkey, DO
420 Central Way
Bedford, PA 15522-1457 **A**

A = Active O = Out-of-State Member

**Check out the new
POMA website at
www.poma.org**

Classified Advertisements

Please address all correspondence for POMA Box Letters to: Box __, c/o POMA, 1330 Eisenhower Boulevard, Harrisburg, PA 17111-2395.

Physicians Wanted

CORRECT CARE SOLUTIONS: HIRING MEDICAL DIRECTORS in these cities: Cambridge Springs, Mercer, Huntingdon, Somerset, Waymart. For details call Robert Cross at 717-216-2055 or 570-954-0479.

OPPORTUNITY — PHYSICIAN POSITIONS AVAILABLE: Kennett Square, King of Prussia, Lansdale and Media. Flexible hours, private practice, 3-4 hour shifts, no on-call, malpractice insurance needed. For more information, please contact us at pwc.media@gmail.com or call (610) 566-8885.

Practices Wanted

PRACTICES WANTED: Retiring physicians, part-time or full-time practices, call (215) 669-4001.

**Follow POMA on social media
for all the latest news!**



CLASSIFIED AD RATES

— Per insertion —

Member Ads*: \$10 for the first 20 words, .25 for each additional word. \$2 each for special services: box letter, all caps or all bold type, boxing an ad in.

Non-member Ads: (Payment must be received in advance.) \$50 for the first 20 words, .50 each additional word. \$5 for each special service (listed above).

***Please Note:** Member ad rate to be used only by POMA members and only for their medicine- or practice-related ads. Charges for other types of members' ads will be calculated using the non-member ad rate.

POMA does not take a position of endorsing any organizations, individuals or services whose classified advertisements appear in this publication. The *POMA Newsletter* reserves the right to select and edit all advertisements submitted.

POMPAC IS

The Collective Voice of the Osteopathic Profession



Pennsylvania Osteopathic Medical Political Action Committee

Send your personal check today to POMPAC in care of the Central Office, 1330 Eisenhower Boulevard, Harrisburg, PA 17111-2395, or charge your contribution to your VISA or MasterCard! PAC contributions are not tax-deductible.

Calendar of Coming Events

JANUARY

Pennsylvania: January 17

“POMA District 3 Meeting,” Top Cut Restaurant, Center Valley. Elections will be held for delegates and alternate delegates to the POMA House of Delegates annual business meeting in May. For more information and to RSVP, please contact Rehab Tabchi, DO, District Chair by phone (610) 703-4094, e-mail tabchir@yahoo.com or visit www.poma.org.

Pennsylvania: January 25-28

“POMA District VIII 31st Annual Educational Winter Seminar” Nemaconlin Woodlands, Farmington. AOA CME credit anticipated: up to 24 credits, Category 1A. Elections will be held on January 27 for delegates and alternate delegates to the POMA House of Delegates annual business meeting in May. For more information, please contact Deb Cargill-Roan, membership manager, at 717-939-9318 ext. 170, e-mail dcargillroan@poma.org or visit www.poma.org.

Pennsylvania: January 27

“POMA District 4 Hockey Night” at Mohegan Sun Arena at Casey Plaza, Wilkes-Barre Township, Pa. The Binghamton Devils vs. Wilkes-Barre/Scranton Penguins game starts at 7:05 pm. For free tickets for District 4 members and family, contact Darlene Ann Dunay, DO,

District Chair, at 570-457-7150 or e-mail dadunay@aol.com.

FEBRUARY

Pennsylvania: February 9

“SCOPE for Pain Training” Boston University and the Bucks County Drug and Alcohol Commission at Spring Mill Manor, Ivyland, Pennsylvania. For more information and to RSVP, please contact Donna Foisy at (215) 444-2740 or e-mail dsfoisy@buckscounty.org.

Pennsylvania: February 10

“Pediatric Medicine,” Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine, (PCOM) Philadelphia. Program chairman: Rosemary E. Vickers, DO. AOA CME credit anticipated 5 credits Category 1A. For more information, please contact Linda Miller, CME coordinator, at (215) 871-6348, fax (215) 871-6781, e-mail lindam@pcom.edu or www.pcom.edu.

Pennsylvania: February 23

“POMA District 10 Meeting,” The Blue Bell Inn, Blue Bell, Pennsylvania. Elections will be held for delegates and alternate delegates to the POMA House of Delegates annual business meeting in May. For more information, and to RSVP, please contact Carol D. Bowes-Lawlor, DO, District Chair, at (215) 718-5290, e-mail carollawlor@aol.com or visit www.poma.org.

MARCH

New York: March 1-4

“Primary Care Conference 2018” LECOM, Peek’n Peak Conference Center, Findley Lake. AOA CME credit anticipated: up to 25 credits, Category 1A. For more information, please contact the LECOM CME office at (814) 860-5125, e-mail cme@lecom.edu or visit www.lecom.edu/cme.

APRIL

Pennsylvania: April 21

“Osteopathic Spring Symposium,” Reading Hospital, Reading. AOA CME credit anticipated: 5 credits, Category 1A. For information, please contact Amy Cavanaugh, Education Coordinator, at (484) 628-5501, e-mail amy.cavanaugh@towerhealth.org or visit www.reading.towerhealth.org/cme.

MAY

Pennsylvania: May 2-5

“110th Annual Clinical Assembly & Scientific Seminar,” Pennsylvania Osteopathic Medical Association, Radisson Valley Forge and Valley Forge Event Center, King of Prussia. AOA CME credit anticipated: 40 credits. For information, please contact POMA at (717) 939-9318 ext. 170, e-mail cme@poma.org or visit www.poma.org.

Quality Payment Program Webinars

The Philadelphia Regional Office of CMS has announced two upcoming webinars for the Quality Payment Program (QPP):

- MIPS Reporting for the 2017 Performance Year: Tuesday, January 23, 2018 at 1:00 PM EST
- Year 2 of the Quality Payment Program (Rescheduled): Tuesday, February 6, 2018 at 1:00 PM EST

The MIPS Reporting for the 2017 Performance Year webinar will focus on the requirements of the 2017 MIPS program, with an emphasis on the reporting requirements and submission mechanisms available to clinicians ahead of the March 31, 2018 reporting deadline. The Year 2 of the Quality Payment Program webinar, will focus on the changes to the program in 2018, including the MIPS low-volume threshold for 2018, new exemptions for clinicians in small/rural practices, scoring methodology, as well as changes to Advanced Alternative Payment Models (APMs).

If you are interested in either of these calls, please register at these links:

- January 23: MIPS Reporting for the 2017 Performance Year, 1:00 - 2:00 PM EST --> [Click Here](#)
- February 6: Year 2 of the Quality Payment Program, 1:00 - 2:30 PM EST --> [Click Here](#)



POMA DISTRICT VIII

31st Annual Educational Winter Seminar

January 25-28, 2018
Nemacolin Woodlands • Farmington, PA

20 CATEGORY 1A AOA CME CREDITS ANTICIPATED

Includes 4 patient safety credits and 2 CPSL credits
Earn additional Category 1A credits for attending workshops (must sign in at the workshops)

REGISTRATION PRICES

	After 12/20/2017
POMA Members and Members of Respective State Society/Association (including MD and DPMs)	\$500.00
Re-instated Members of POMA (with 2017-2018 dues)	\$875.00
New Members of POMA (with January 1, 2018 - June 30, 2018 dues)	\$690.00
Non-members of POMA and Any Other Respective State Society/Assoc.	\$875.00
Allied Health Professionals (PA, CRNP, CRNA, etc.)	\$500.00

Cancellation Policy: A \$95 processing fee will be deducted on cancellations prior to December 31, 2017. NO REFUNDS will be given AFTER December 31, 2017.

Seminar registration fee includes breakfasts, Thursday snacks, Friday District VIII-sponsored reception. Saturday business luncheon is for District VIII members only.

HOTEL RESERVATIONS

Please make your hotel reservation by calling Nemacolin Woodlands at (800) 422-2736. A limited number of discounted rooms are available for seminar attendees and speakers only (\$189-\$219+taxes) — mention that you are with POMA District VIII.

REGISTRATION FORM

To register for the winter seminar, complete the form below and return to: **POMA, 1330 Eisenhower Boulevard, Harrisburg, PA 17111-2395; or fax (717) 939-7255.** To register online, visit <http://bit.ly/POMAD8Registration2018>

For more information, contact Deb Cargill-Roan at the POMA Central Office: (717) 939-9318, ext. 170; e-mail dcargillroan@poma.org; visit www.poma.org

REGISTRATION INFORMATION:

Name _____ AOA number _____
 Office address _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip _____
 Telephone _____ E-mail address _____

PAYMENT METHOD:

I would like to pay by:

- Check made payable to "POMA DISTRICT VIII"
 Visa Mastercard American Express Discover
 No. _____ Exp.: _____ CSC: _____

Billing name if different than above: _____

Billing address if different than above: _____

Registration fee total: _____

For POMA Office Use Only:

Check # _____
Amount _____

OSTEOPATHIC STUDENTS, INTERNS AND RESIDENTS are welcome to attend. No credits or attendance confirmation will be granted.



POMA DISTRICT VIII

31st Annual Educational Winter Seminar

January 25-28, 2018

Nemacolin Woodlands • Farmington, PA

Seminar Agenda*

Thursday, January 25

2:00 - 6:00 pm	Exhibits
2:00 - 7:30 pm	Registration
3:00 - 3:45 pm	The Wellness Visit
3:45 - 4:30 pm	Sarcoidosis
4:30 - 5:00 pm	Break
5:00 - 5:45 pm	Acute Stroke: The Down and Dirty
5:45 - 6:45 pm	Musculoskeletal Overuse Injuries
6:45 - 7:30 pm	Updates in Telemedicine

Friday, January 26

6:30 am - 4:30 pm	Registration
7:00 - 8:00 am	Evaluation of Thyroid and Adrenal Nodules
8:00 - 9:00 am	From Lunacy to Legitimacy — Health Claims vs. Hype
8:00 am - 4:00 pm	Exhibits
9:00 - 10:00 am	End Stage Renal Disease/Dialysis
10:00 - 10:30 am	Break
10:30 - 11:30 am	Opioids Medically
11:30 am - 12:30 pm	Opioids and Law Enforcement
12:30 - 1:30 pm	Break/Lunch
1:30 - 3:30 pm	OMT with Musculoskeletal Overuse Injuries & Common Foot Problems ⁺
6:00 - 7:30 pm	District VIII Reception

Saturday, January 27

6:30 am - 5:00 pm	Registration
7:00 - 8:00 am	Update on Tuberculosis
8:00 - 9:00 am	The Role of the House Professional Licensure Committee and How to Best Advocate to the Committee
8:00 am - 4:00 pm	Exhibits
9:00 - 10:00 am	TAVR Update
10:00 - 10:30 am	Break
10:30 - 11:30 am	Rheumatology Update
11:30 am - 12:30 pm	Ouch! When Arthritis Affects the Lungs
12:30 - 1:40 pm	Break/Lunch
12:30 - 1:40 pm	District VIII Business Meeting
2:00 - 5:00 pm	Student, Resident and Young Physician Program ⁺⁺
1:45 - 2:45 pm	Ophthalmology In My Office: Do I Really Need to See It?
2:45 - 4:45 pm	CPSL Course ⁺

Sunday, January 28

6:30 am - 12:15 pm	Registration
7:00 - 8:00 am	Cutaneous Manifestations of Internal Malignancy
8:00 - 9:00 am	Colon Cancer (Heme/Onc) Update
9:00 - 10:00 am	Update on Congestive Heart Failure
10:00 - 11:00 am	Antidepressants and Anxiolytics in the Elderly
11:00 am - Noon	Dermatology Tips: I Won't Miss That One Next Time
Noon	Annual prize drawing

20 CATEGORY 1A AOA CME CREDITS ANTICIPATED

Includes 4 patient safety credits and 2 CPSL credits

⁺ Earn additional Category 1A credits for attending workshops (must sign in at the workshops)

⁺⁺ Inaugural intern, resident and young physician program

*Agenda and educational topics are subject to change.