A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT, KAREN P. GOLD, M.D.

First of all, thank you for everything you do to help us overcome this COVID-19 crisis. This virus has exhausted and stretched our medical resources and many of you are feeling the effects. However, we need to maintain an optimistic outlook, as our morale can affect that of our patients and we know we will be able to overcome this.

Despite the minimal supply of test kits and the scarcity of personal protective equipment (PPE), you face the challenges head on; and the Tulsa County Medical Society and the Oklahoma State Medical Association are here to help.

Because of concerns over the rapid spread of the infection, physicians were encouraged to consider alternative methods of managing their patients care. During this crisis, the use of telemedicine and telehealth increased significantly. On page 3, you will find more information about telemedicine and an opportunity for CME.

We understand it is essential to keep you in good health to defeat this virus. We are in collaboration with the Tulsa County Health Department, Task Forces, and local groups in the ongoing efforts to test and treat our patients.

Tulsa County Medical Society staff is doing its part to “flatten the curve” and stop the spread of COVID-19. They are utilizing all available technology. TCMS staff have been working remotely and in shifts at the office since the middle of March to ensure members continue to access all membership benefits, including direct access to TCMS staff. We have postponed or canceled many of our meetings. Critical meetings are being held via Zoom to ensure TCMS leadership stays up-to-date with the latest developments and can contribute with the leadership of the Tulsa Health Department and other officials.

We have worked closely with the Oklahoma State Medical Association and have developed two public service announcements about telehealth and telemedicine, which Dr. George Monks and I have filmed and should be on television soon.

I want to congratulate Dr. Monks on being elected as the 2020-2021 OSMA President. He is a wonderful colleague and we should all be proud to have him represent our profession at the state and local level. I also want to congratulate our medical students on their efforts to collect supplies for our frontline health care workers.

TCMS will continue to provide you the information and resources you need to be able to work through the challenges this pandemic presents. Please contact the TCMS staff, 918-743-6184 or tcms@tcmsok.org, if you have any questions or needs during this time.

Again, to everyone on the front line, thank you for everything you do. TCMS will continue to do everything possible to support you. We continue to work together to successfully deal with this crisis. Make sure you try to stay healthy during this time when our patients need us the most.

Karen
University of Oklahoma and Oklahoma State University medical students held a friendly Bedlam competition from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, April 25, and Sunday, April 26, to see which school could collect the most donations of cleaning supplies, gloves and other personal protective equipment (PPE) at Tulsa County Medical Society.

Students hosted the event in the TCMS parking lot. Donors were able to drive up, and students collected items out of their vehicles. The goal was a no-contact and properly social distanced event.

Supplies needed and collected (i.e. Lysol, Clorox, Pine-Sol, and Generic Brands):
- Liquid Cleaners
- Hand Sanitizer
- Rubbing Alcohol
- Scrubs (Any sizes)
- Aerosol Cleaners
- Gloves
- Masks
- Cleaning Wipes
- Elastic Bands/Hair Ties
- Buttons (Any sizes)

Students will distribute the supplies and equipment to area health care workers. If you were unable to donate at the event, but want to make a donation, you can go to maskcrusaders.org and a volunteer can pick up any donated items at your home following no contact procedures.

A big thank you to our local media stations for covering the event: KJRH 2, KOTV 6, KTUL 8, and KOKI 23.

If you would like to make a cash, check, or credit card donation, please contact the TCMS office at 918-743-6184.
CONGRATULATIONS GEORGE W. MONKS, MD!
OSMA President 2020–2021

Dr. Monks is a 1999 graduate of the University of Oklahoma School of Medicine. He completed his dermatology residency at OU in 2003. He joined Tulsa Dermatology Clinic, Inc. in 2003. Dr. Monks is board certified in dermatology. Dr. Monks treats all medical and surgical dermatology diseases with a special interest in skin cancer, psoriasis and Botox. Dr. Monks has been a member of TCMS since 2000.

TELEMEDICINE
During Today’s Times
A Virtual CME

Telemedicine During Today’s Times will be available via live stream on April 24th at 1:00pm CDT. This program is being offered FREE to all Oklahoma physicians through a partnership with the Oklahoma State Medical Association, the Oklahoma Medical Board, and PLICO. You can view the program here: https://youtu.be/KygLPByNEs4

If you wish to obtain CME credit after viewing the program, please visit www.okmed.org. You must complete the evaluation in our CME Credit Portal to obtain your certificate. Thank you!

PHYSICIAN WELLNESS PROGRAM UPDATE

The PWP Committee has meet and is developing the documentation needed for the program. Thank you Dr. Ondria Gleason for accepting the position as Chair of the PWP Committee. Dr. Gleason is professor and chair of the Department of Psychiatry at the University of Oklahoma School of Community Medicine. If you are interested in joining the PWP Committee, please contact Mark McElreath at 918-743-6184 or mark@tcmsok.org.

AMA MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

Jenny L. Boyer, MD, JD, PhD – Officer At Large, Senior Physicians Section

AMA member and senior physician Jenny Boyer, MD, JD, PhD, provides care to struggling Veterans. Dr. Boyer began her health career as a clinical psychologist, but pursued medicine to better understand and treat medical and mental health conditions. Read more in this month’s member spotlight > Jenny Boyer, MD, JD, PhD: Providing care to struggling veterans https://www.ama-assn.org/about/leadership/jenny-boyer-md-jd-phd-providing-care-struggling-veterans

OKLAHOMA BLOOD INSTITUTE SEEKS CONVALESCENT PLASMA FOR EXPERIMENTAL COVID-19 TREATMENT

Oklahoma Blood Institute has an immediate need for qualifying recovered COVID-19 patients to donate plasma. Sign up to help those suffering severe symptoms of the virus. Register now at https://my.bio-linked.org/.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Faculty Physicians

Department of Internal Medicine
The University of Oklahoma

The OU-TU School of Community Medicine, Department of Internal Medicine is seeking faculty physicians for our ambulatory practice in Tulsa. Our outpatient setting provides care coordination for a broad range of patients and was the first in the area to receive NCQA Patient-Centered Medical Home Tier Three recognition. We are recruiting candidates interested in a career in ambulatory Internal Medicine. Responsibilities include clinical care, as well as supervising and teaching residents and medical students. We provide faculty development programs for all faculty members to learn and improve teaching skills.

Applicants must hold an MD or DO degree, be Board Certified in Internal Medicine, and be eligible for Oklahoma licensure.

You can read more about the School of Community Medicine at:

http://www.ou.edu/content/tulsa/community_medicine.html

Interested applicants should send their CV to:

Jennifer-vogt@ouhsc.edu

The University of Oklahoma is an EO/AA Institution http://www.ou.edu/eoo/.
Individuals with disabilities and protected veterans are encouraged to apply.
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