



ACOFP Supports 21 Reforms to Reduce Paperwork

The ACOFP recently became a supporting organization in a coalition of local and national societies, foundations and associations that support [Prior Authorization and Utilization Management Reform Principles](#), which are designed to reduce time-consuming paperwork associated with utilization management programs, such as prior authorization and step therapy.

Split into five subcategories - Clinical Validity, Continuity of Care, Transparency and Fairness, Timely Access and Administrative Efficiency and Alternatives and Exemptions - these principles address the complex processes that burden providers with tasks, which take away resources from patient care.

This coalition is urging health plans, benefits managers and accreditation organizations to adopt these principles. The coalition believes the principles will make sure patients receive the care they need in a timely manner while reducing administrative costs.

Also, the American Medical Association created [prior authorization resources](#) that supporting organizations are encouraged to use to promote reform efforts.

ACOFP Board of Governors Candidates Announced

The ACOFP Nominating Committee recently selected the [slate](#) of candidates for the ACOFP Board of Governors that will be submitted to the 2018 Congress of Delegates on March 21-22 at the [ACOFP Convention and Scientific Seminars](#) in Austin, Texas.

ACOFP President-elect Duane G. Koehler, DO, FACOFP, an osteopathic family physician in Miami, Oklahoma, will become the 2018-2019 ACOFP President.

ACOFP Vice President Robert C. DeLuca, DO, FACOFP *dist.*, an osteopathic family physician in Eastland, Texas, will become ACOFP's President-elect, succeeding Dr. Koehler as president in 2019.

The Nominating Committee selected David A. Connett, DO, FACOFP *dist.*, Vice Dean at the Western University of Health Sciences College of Osteopathic Medicine of the Pacific, to become a new Governor. Jaclyn Sylvain, OMS II, of Michigan, is the Student Governor nominee.

ACOFP Payment Kit Simplifies Quality Reporting

The reporting period for this year's quality data is January 1, 2018 to March 31, 2018. Through the CMS Pick Your Pace Program, you only need to report on one quality measure to avoid a penalty. Reporting on more could gain you between 4 percent and 12 percent on your Medicare Part B Payments.

Learn more about the Pick Your Pace Program and other ways to simplify your quality reporting through the [ACOFP Payment Resource Kit](#) - written in easy to understand language and will take about an hour to review. Even if you have not reported before, this has all the information you will need.

Questions? Contact Debbie Sarason, ACOFP Manager, Practice Enhancement and Quality Reporting at 847-952-5523.

Kansas ACOFP Chapter Takes Osteopathic Focus

ACOFP Vice President [Robert C. DeLuca, DO, FACOFP dist.](#), recently visited the Kansas Association of Osteopathic Medicine Mid-Year Conference, which meets in conjunction with the Kansas Chapter of the ACOFP.

During the membership luncheon, Dr. DeLuca was honored to provide an overview of current ACOFP activities at the national level and how it is focusing on maintaining a strong osteopathic focus and philosophy during the current changes in healthcare.

Also, the Kansas Chapter of the ACOFP elected new officers including Terri Nickel, DO, FACOFP, as President for her second term while Dan McCarty, DO, was elected Vice President.

The membership luncheon also featured Student Doctor, Yana Klein, from Kansas City University College of Osteopathic Medicine, who received the KAOM scholarship to attend the ACOFP Annual Convention and Scientific Seminars this past March.

She gave a speech about her experience at the convention, including the outstanding quality of the student lectures and the networking opportunities, which allowed her to meet osteopathic family physicians from across the country.

Next month, the KAOM and KCU-COM will select another student to receive the scholarship to attend the 2018 ACOFP Convention and Scientific Seminars.

OMT Video of the Week



This week's video is [Posterior Sacrum, Trunk Rotation, \(HVLA\)](#). This procedure is employed to treat specific sacroiliac articular dysfunction found in association with sacral forward torsion. Considering a posterior sacrum, the innominate will be relatively anterior to the sacrum, so this procedure moves the ilium posterior to meet the sacrum.

This video is a companion to Chapter 36, [SDOFM 2](#).