



# OSMA News Now

The Latest News, Views, Updates, and Information for Physicians  
from the Oklahoma State Medical Association

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## Tune in Friday Evening!

The OSMA Lobby team of Pat Hall and Jim Dunlap anchor a weekly public affairs program, "Inside the Issues" that tonight begins its fourth season. This week should be particularly interesting to physicians. State Representative Lucky Lammons (D-Tulsa) and State Senator Brian Crane (R-Tulsa) are the show's guests this week and the focus is on health care issues in the 2008 Legislative Session. The show airs tonight on Cox Cable Channel 7 in Oklahoma City and Channel 3 in Tulsa at 7:30 p.m.

*We encourage you to take a short break from March Madness and tune in!*

## Information Reports on [www.okmed.org](http://www.okmed.org)

Meeting handbooks will be mailed the week of March 31st. **Please note, this year your Speakers and Leadership determined that the reports filed for information will be provided on the OSMA Website, [www.okmed.org](http://www.okmed.org), as well as on a CD that will accompany your handbook.** The filed for information only reports will not be printed as part of the book. All reports requiring an action will be printed and mailed. If you are wanting the filed for information reports mailed to you, please contact Donna Bartlett at 1-800-522-9452 or [Bartlett@osmaonline.org](mailto:Bartlett@osmaonline.org)

Your Speakers are making every effort to accommodate the wishes of the House by moving to an electronic system.

The OSMA will make every effort to have these reports posted to the website no later than March 27th.

Below is the listing of informational reports that will be posted on the web.

### OSMA Alliance

### Report of the AMA Delegation

### Report of the OSMA Subsidiaries

Report of the Foundation  
Report of the Oklahoma Health Professionals Program, Inc.  
Report of the OSMA Health Board

### Report of the Council on Medical Education

Report of the CME Planning Committee  
Report of the CME Accreditation Review Committee

### Report of the Council on Governmental Activities

### Report of the Hospital Medical Staff Section

### Report of the Council on Medical Services

## Legislative Update

Bills have now moved into opposite Houses in the Legislature for consideration. Below are a few bills, that the Oklahoma State Medical Association is tracking, and their status.

**HB 3114** by Representative Peterson would authorize income tax deduction for wages paid to first time employees in the industries of aerospace; energy; advanced manufacturing; bio-technology; information technology; and, healthcare. This bill has moved out of the House and to the Senate. The OSMA supports this piece of legislation.

**HB 2805** by Representative Brown would require the State Department of Health along with the Health Information Security and Privacy Collaboration Council to adopt a standardized electronic data-sharing system with statewide capabilities by July 2009. The OSMA has taken a position of opposition to HB 2805 because of the bill's effective date. It does not give enough time for hospitals and doctors to comply. HB 2805 is headed to the Senate.

**SB 1645** by Senator Anderson and Representative Jackson, would require every infant born in this state be tested for severe neonatal hyperbilirubinemia prior to leaving the hospital the infant was born in. The OSMA is opposed to this legislation because it usually takes a few days for jaundice to occur in a new born and this legislation would give a false sense of security. The OSMA is working with the bill's authors. The bill is in the House for consideration.

Please continue to look for weekly legislative updates in News Now.



## **Tamper Resistant Prescription Pad Deadline Nearing**

On Saturday, September 29, 2007, President Bush signed the “Extenders Law,” delaying the implementation date for all paper Medicaid prescriptions to be written on tamper-resistant paper. Under the new law, as of April 1, 2008, all written Medicaid prescriptions must be on tamper-resistant prescription pads.

CMS’ guidance on the tamper-resistant law, set forth in an August 17, 2007 State Medicaid Director letter, contains two phases. For the first, a prescription must contain at least one of the three tamper-resistant characteristics in order to be considered “tamper resistant.” For the second, prescriptions must contain all three characteristics.

The two-phased approach is still in effect. At least one of the three tamper-resistant characteristics is required on April 1, 2008. All three characteristics are required on October 1, 2008.

CMS has outlined three baseline characteristics of tamper-resistant prescription pads. The baseline characteristics must: (1) prevent unauthorized copying of a completed or blank prescription form; (2) prevent the erasure or modification of information written on the prescription by the prescriber, or (3) prevent the use of counterfeit prescriptions forms. By April 1, 2008 states must require at least one of these baseline requirements. By October 1, 2008, states must require all three characteristics on prescription pads in order to be considered tamper-resistant.

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## **OSMA Foundation Silent Auction**

### **Friday, April 11, 2008 - 6:00 p.m.**

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### **We need your help!**

Do you have...

A special talent or craft that you would like to show off? A unique piece of art, timeshare, professional service, or other item to contribute? If so, donate to the 2008 OSMA Foundation Silent Auction!

The OSMA Foundation is still looking for items worth \$50 or more for the Silent Auction benefiting the OSMA Foundation Endowment. The Foundation is a 501(c)(3) non-profit group, and all donations are tax-deductible. You will be provided with a receipt for your donation which you may use for tax purposes.

All items need to be turned in by April 4th, 2008. If you are interested in providing an item for the Auction, please contact Mandy Osweiler (405-843-9571 or [osweiler@osmaonline.org](mailto:osweiler@osmaonline.org)) at the OSMA for more information.

#### **Items Donated To Date:**

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| 2 Lake Houses at Arbuckle Lake                 | Framed Art – Robert Pejman Gilcee Pictures      |
| Customized Oil Portrait                        | Evening with a former OU Football Player        |
| DEXA Scan                                      | Optical Gift Certificate                        |
| OSMA Centennial Journal with Signatures        | Framed Photography                              |
| Wine Basket                                    | FunStop Birthday Package                        |
| OK Commemorative Centennial Pendleton Blanket  | Pheasant Hunting Package for 2                  |
| Framed B & W Photos of Norman Trees – Set of 2 | Hand-Made Glass Jewelry (Necklace and Earrings) |
| Framed Color Photos                            |   |

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## **Call for Mental Health Articles**

OSMA’s Council on Public and Mental Health is calling for mental health articles. The Council would like to publish an edition of the OSMA Journal dedicated to mental health and we are currently accepting submission of articles. If you have an article that you have written or have been wanting to write regarding mental health please consider submitting the article to us for peer review. Please e-mail Melissa Johnson at [Johnson@osmaonline.org](mailto:Johnson@osmaonline.org) or call 405-843-9571, to submit an article or for more information.

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# SAVE THE DATE!

The 2008 OSMA Annual Meeting will be held at the Tulsa Renaissance Hotel and Convention Center April 11 & 12, 2008. Letters have been sent to the County Presidents requesting Delegates. If you are wanting to participate as a Delegate please contact Donna Bartlett at 405-843-9571 or [bartlett@osmaonline.org](mailto:bartlett@osmaonline.org) . Please go to [www.okmed.org](http://www.okmed.org) for complete information regarding Informational Reports, 2008 Nominations and the Registration Form.

## Congratulations to the graduating class of 2008!

The University of Oklahoma College of Medicine recently held their 2008 Match Day celebration for graduating medical students. This year's event was held at the Oklahoma History Center on Thursday, March 20th.

The Oklahoma State Medical Association was one of the sponsors for the event. M. Dewayne Andrews, MD, Dean of the College of Medicine and Associate Dean James H. Schmidt, MD spoke to the group and congratulated them on their achievements. Out of the class of 136 students, a total of 71 matched in the following OU Residency programs in Oklahoma City or Tulsa:

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| Family Medicine – 15       | Urology – 1             |
| Pediatrics – 3             | Orthopedic Surgery – 2  |
| Preliminary Pediatrics – 3 | Otolaryngology – 1      |
| Preliminary Medicine – 14  | Dermatology – 1         |
| Internal Medicine – 6      | Radiology – 2           |
| Ophthalmology – 1          | Anesthesia – 3          |
| Psychiatry – 5             | General Surgery – 2     |
| Preliminary Surgery – 4    | Emergency Medicine – 1  |
| Pathology – 1              | Medicine-Pediatrics – 1 |
| OB-GYN – 4                 | Radiation Oncology – 1  |

# OSMA *Calendar*

### MARCH 2008

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| 24 | Council on Member Services   | 6:00 pm  |
| 25 | Council on Public and Mental Health Legislative Breakfast<br>Capitol Room 432A | 7:30 am  |
| 26 | Foundation Board   | 5:30 pm  |
| 27 | Alliance Health Education Foundation Committee                                 | 10:00 am |

### APRIL 2008

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| 09    | Audit and Finance                                     | 5:30 pm |
| 11-12 | OSMA Annual Meeting<br><i>Tulsa Renaissance Hotel</i> |         |
| 11    | Board of Trustees<br><i>Tulsa Renaissance Hotel</i>   | 9:00 am |
| 12    | OSMA Health Board<br><i>Tulsa Renaissance Hotel</i>   | 1:30pm  |