



# OSMA News Now

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## OSMA Welcomes New Student Members

Nearly 200 first-year medical students, faculty, OSMA physicians and guests attended the annual Medical Student Reception Wednesday, August 13th. The reception was held at the Oklahoma History Center in Oklahoma City.

Students were offered four year discounted memberships in the AMA/OSMA, sponsored through a donation by the OSMA Foundation. Students also received their choice of a Stedman's Medical Dictionary or Netter's Anatomy Flash Cards for an iPod provided by the American Medical Association.

A short program featured the Medical Student President Neda Sadeghi and included OSMA President, Lee Schoeffler, MD and Dewayne Andrews, MD, Executive Dean of the OU College of Medicine.

"This was the first year we've had this reception at the Oklahoma History Center, and it was huge success," said Kathy Musson, OSMA Associate Executive Director. "Students and guests seemed to enjoy themselves, and were very attentive and interested in learning about the role organized medicine will play in their future."

Sponsors included the AMA, the OSMA Foundation, PLICO, UMB Bank and Ratcliffe's Books.

## The Cancer Information Service is here to help

If you need the latest, most accurate information on cancer, the Cancer Information Service (CIS) is the resource for you. A program of the National Cancer Institute (NCI), the CIS has served patients and their families, the public, and health care professionals for nearly three decades. CIS information specialists answer calls in English and Spanish.

Call the CIS at 1-800-4-CANCER (1-800-422-6237) 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. local time, Monday through Friday. Callers with TTY equipment may call 1-800-332-8615. Internet users can obtain CIS assistance from 9 a.m. to 11 p.m. Monday through Friday through LiveHelp, an interactive service available on the NCI Web site at [www.cancer.gov](http://www.cancer.gov). (Click on the "Need Help?" button. Then click on "Connect to LiveHelp.")

## TrailBlazer Information

*Effective November 1, 2008, TrailBlazer will Start Daily Payments for Part A Oklahoma Providers*

Prior to the implementation of the Jurisdiction 4 (J4) A/B Medicare Administrative Contractor (MAC), Oklahoma Part A providers received claims reimbursement from their Medicare Outgoing Contractor (OGC) on a weekly basis. To minimize the risk of payment disruptions, TrailBlazer determined at the time of the Oklahoma cutover to continue with weekly payments to Part A Oklahoma providers.

With the transition to the J4 states complete and to ensure MAC payment consistency, TrailBlazer will release only daily payments to J4 MAC providers. Effective November 1, 2008, Oklahoma Part A providers will begin receiving claims payments on a daily basis. This change will ensure a standard payment process is in place for all providers TrailBlazer serves.

## Save The Date! • A DAY WITH THE JUDGES: • Medical Liability Issues

Presented by the American Board of Legal Medicine and joint sponsored by the OSMA and PLICO, "A Day with the Judges" will be held Friday, October 24, 2008. The seminar will begin at 8:30 am and conclude at 4:00 pm in the Conference Center at St. Francis Hospital at 6161 S. Yale Ave. in Tulsa, OK. 74136.

Sessions will include If Sued, What Should The Doctor Do?; Informed Consent and Informed Refusal in Oklahoma; Expert Witness: Ethical & Liability Issues; Public Health: All Hazard Preparedness and Medical Liability; End of Life: Ethical & Liability Issues; Tort Reform Update; Medical Negligence, Trial and Appeal; Patient Safety, Quality and Never Event Medical Errors; Unprofessional Medical Conduct; Criminalization of Negligence; SSA Disability Determination.

Speakers will include: S. Sandy Sanbar, MD, PhD, JD, FCLM, Program Chairman; Justice Marian P. Opala, Oklahoma Supreme Court, Co-Chairman; Judges Kenneth L. Buettner and John Fischer, Oklahoma Court of Civil Appeals; Carl Hook, MD, FACS, President/CEO PLICO; Senator Glenn Coffee, Co-President Pro Tempore; Dale Bratzler, DO, MPH, QIOSC Medical Director; James Mike Crutcher, MD, MPH, FACPM, Oklahoma Secretary of Health, Oklahoma State Commissioner of Health; W.A. Drew Edmondson, JD, Oklahoma State Attorney General; Curtis Harris, MS, MD, JD, FCLM, and Gerald Zumwalt, MD, Secretary, Oklahoma State Board of Medical Licensure & Supervision.

The program cost is \$100 for OSMA Physician Members, PA's and Allied Health Professionals; OSMA Non-Member Physicians \$150; and Non Physicians \$195. To register or to inquire about CME and PLICO credits, contact Sandy Deeba at [deeba@osmaonline.org](mailto:deeba@osmaonline.org) or call (405) 843-9571.