



# OSMA News Now

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## **OSMA 2009 Physician Directory Information**

Thank you to those members who responded to the Oklahoma State Medical Association's 2009 Directory Confirmation Listing. As you know, the OSMA Directory of Physician Members is the only printed listing of physicians within the state of Oklahoma. Although we strive to make our directory as accurate as possible, unfortunately OSMA's database restricts our ability to make some of the changes physicians indicated or to include some of the additional information we were provided. **OSMA makes every effort to include current directory information in our printed publication; however due to printing deadlines, computer errors and circumstances beyond our control, we cannot guarantee 100% accuracy of the data provided in the OSMA directory of Physicians.** The listings in our 2009 Directory are based on the following criteria:

**Credentials:** Although we recognize that many physicians have multiple credentials, including their board certification designations, our directory listing only includes the medical licensure designation of MD or DO, as verified through the respective licensure board. Board certification information is maintained within our database; however not listed within the directory.

**Specialties:** The specialty code utilized by the OSMA is defined by the American Medical Association in conjunction with the ACGME (Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education) based on the last completed residency program. Specialty codes are updated by the AMA once a year in the spring, and it usually includes newly ACGME accredited training specialties and/or new subspecialties of ABMS (American Board of Medical Specialties) member boards. For the OSMA printed Directory, we are only able to list the primary specialty and for that publication, we make every effort to accurately list specialty information and accommodate the preferences of our physicians; however the listing may not appear exactly as you indicated. The OSMA does maintain information regarding secondary and third specialty information which is kept in our database.

**Medical Schools:** The medical school maintained in the OSMA database is obtained from information as verified through the appropriate licensure board.

**Mailing Address:** Due to mailing restrictions with the U.S. Postal system, some addresses are automatically modified in order to conform to postal regulations. Examples are abbreviations to street names, zip+4, etc., which are utilized by the postal system. Also, if the address contains a Post Office Box, the P.O. Box must be listed first, followed by the street name. Some hospital and/or clinic names are removed from the address, leaving only a street number and name.

Physicians should make certain their database information is accurate with their licensure board. Physicians can check through the Oklahoma Board of Medical Licensure's website at [www.okmedicalboard.org](http://www.okmedicalboard.org) and the Oklahoma Osteopathic Licensure Board through their website at [www.docboard.org/ok/ok.htm](http://www.docboard.org/ok/ok.htm) to determine if their information is correct.

**Due to press deadlines, it is now too late for the OSMA to update physician's contact information which will be printed in the 2009 OSMA Directory of Physician Members.** However, we encourage you to advise us of any changes and these updates will be printed in the OSMA Journal each month after the Directory is published. The OSMA is also working on making an on-line version of the OSMA's member database information available within a "members'-only" portion of our website early next year. At that time, physicians will be able to make updates directly to their contact information via the web.

The OSMA thanks you for your response to our efforts to make the 2009 OSMA Directory of Physicians as current and accurate as possible. Physician members should watch for a complimentary copy of the OSMA Directory which should be ready in January 2009.

## **"DAY WITH THE JUDGES" ATTRACTS OVER 150 ATTENDEES**

Last Friday, OSMA co-sponsored its second "A Day With The Judges" that provided 155 physicians, allied health professionals and even a few lawyers with a comprehensive overview of the latest medical liability law and issues in Oklahoma. The event was held this year in Tulsa at St. Francis Hospital.

"Of course the best medical liability advice is to practice safely and hope you don't get sued," said OSMA President Lee Schoeffler, MD, "but many times even good doctors find themselves drawn into lawsuits and they need to know what awaits them."

Physicians Liability Insurance Company President Carl Hook, MD started the conference by methodically walking doctors through what they should (and should not) do if they get sued, how to work effectively with their liability insurance carrier and their lawyers, and why some lawsuits are settled and others go to trial and possibly appeal.

The full day course covered a wide variety of topics and included presentations from some of the leading Oklahoma legal and medical scholars. Supreme Court Justice Marion Opala moderated the event and led a panel discussion at the end of the day that allowed participants to ask their own medical liability questions to a panel of experts.

A special thank you goes to OSMA's partners: Physicians Liability Insurance Company (PLICO), and the American Board of Legal Medicine. Also thanks for the support from the Tulsa County Medical Society.



OSMA expresses its gratitude to Dr. David Thomas, MD, Senior Vice President and Chief Medical Officer of St. Francis Health System and Mr. Jake Henry, President and CEO of the State Francis Health System for their hospitality that made the seminar a great success.

### **Council on State Legislation and Regulation**

Any OSMA members that would like to serve on the Council on State Legislation please email your request to Dr. Jack Beller as soon as possible at [jjbeller@aol.com](mailto:jjbeller@aol.com) .

### **2009 DUES**

2009 dues were mailed October 1st.  
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**Together we are Stronger!  
Help us make a difference  
and renew your  
membership today!**

### **Save the Dates!**

**Medicine Day**  
Wednesday, February 25, 2009

**OSMA/OSMAA  
Annual Meeting**  
April 23-25, 2009

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