DUE TO THE CURRENT COVID-19 PANDEMIC, ALL PHYSICIANS WILL BE REQUIRED TO WEAR FACE MASKS/COVERINGS AND MAINTAIN PHYSICAL DISTANCING WHEN POSSIBLE WHILE IN THE CAPITOL. ADDITIONAL RESTRICTIONS MAY LATER BE REQUIRED

As part of our ongoing legislative relations, the Oklahoma State Medical Association manages the Oklahoma State Capitol’s Doctor of the Day program. This program offers a great opportunity for our members to meet their state legislators and talk to them about issues that matter to the “House of Medicine”. Each Doctor of the Day is at the Capitol for the day to handle minor medical situations (think aspirin and Band-Aids). But more importantly, participants can serve as the face of OSMA and visit with elected officials about the impact their votes have on Oklahoman’s health.

The OSMA Rural Section, Tulsa and Oklahoma County Medical Societies as well as the Oklahoma Osteopathic Association (OOA) are responsible for a specific month during session. Dates fill up quickly. If you are interested in serving as Doctor of the Day, please contact your county society or Matt Robison ASAP at 405-601-9571 or robison@okmed.org.

2021 AVAILABLE DATES

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Hours:       Monday and Wednesday: NOON to approx. 4 p.m.  
              Tuesday and Thursday: 8:15 a.m. to approx. 4 p.m.  
              (times subject to change)

Location:    Oklahoma State Capitol  
              2300 North Lincoln Boulevard  
              Oklahoma City, OK 73105

(See following pages for more information and parking directions.)
DOCTOR OF THE DAY FACT SHEET

• **PLEASE WEAR YOUR WHITE COAT!*!** Arrival time for the Doctor of the Day is **NOON on Monday and Wednesday** and **8:15a on Tuesday and Thursday**. Please plan to stay until both the House and Senate are adjourned (normally 4 p.m.). You are welcome to stay as long as you like. *In addition to the white coat, the dress code is “business attire” (due to legislative floor rules, male doctors must wear a tie).

• Dedicated parking for Doctor of the Day participates is available on the EAST side of the Capitol Building in a spot marked **Doctor of the Day**. A map is attached for your reference, but the Capitol Police will also be happy to help direct you to the appropriate parking space.

• A **FIRST AIDE OFFICE** is located on the **GROUND FLOOR in ROOM G-161.1** next to the Gift and Visitors Center. **Susan Hollingsworth, RN** from OU will escort you to the House Chamber. If the station is not yet open, please go to the desk outside the House Chamber (WEST side of the 4th Floor) and request assistance. The station phone number is 405.521.5523

• Your Senator and Representative will have been contacted regarding your participation and will introduce you in their respective House during the opening of that day’s session. The Sergeant of Arms will assist in ensuring you are at the correct location.

• The First Aid Station is provided as a service to the Legislature and staff. Only primary level care is provided. The station has basic office examination supplies (i.e. ophthalmoscope; otoscope; BP cuff; tongue depressors; band-aides; etc.). Only over the counter medications are supplied (such as aspirin; Tylenol; URI meds; antacids; etc.). Prescription pads are not provided.

• **If you are requested to speak in front of the House or Senate Chamber, please keep your comments brief and positive. DO NOT discuss any specific legislation at that time.** However, as time permits throughout the day, you are encouraged to meet individually with lawmakers to discuss the important legislative issues facing Oklahoma physicians.

**Thank you for serving as Oklahoma’s Doctor of the Day!**

**We hope you enjoy your time at the State Capitol.**
2021 State Legislative Agenda

- **Legal Reform**: Restore non-economic damage limits and pursue “certificate of merit” requirements providing greater protections for physicians from unnecessary and frivolous litigation. Promote access to care by providing physicians with a stable and lower-cost medical liability system.

- **Scope of Practice**: Defend against any legislation that would expand the scopes of practice for non-physician providers without the approval of the Oklahoma Patients’ Coalition. Support efforts to ensure that allopathic and osteopathic physicians are appropriately referenced in any legislation dealing with medical diagnosis and procedures. Oppose any legislation that could jeopardize patient safety.

- **Physician Practice**: Oppose legislation that would mandate specific courses of treatment or otherwise override a physician’s medical judgment. Support efforts to decrease administrative burdens on physician offices.

- **Reimbursement**: Maintain adequate physician reimbursement through Medicaid and support insurance reforms that will help maintain those levels. Promote access to care through other initiatives and incentives for physicians to see Medicaid patients and to serve in rural communities.

- **Insurance Reform**: Promote legislation streamlining how denied claims are processed and promote transparency in costs associated with health care. Encourage greater access to telemedicine through supporting pay parity reimbursement.

- **Public Health**: Support mask-wearing, social distancing and hand cleansing during the coronavirus pandemic while also promoting anti-tobacco, anti-obesity and other initiatives to improve the public health in Oklahoma.