

## Student Experiences: From the AAO Convocation 2017 by RISOPS Staff

RISOPS helped fund two students from UNECOM to attend the American Academy of Osteopathy Convocation held at the Broadmoor in Colorado Springs, CO from March 22-26, 2017. They shared short essays about their experiences with RIVISIONS.

### Katherine Cone, OMS-I

I am a first-year medical student at the University of New England College of Osteopathic Medicine. Thanks to the generous support of the Rhode Island Society of Osteopathic Physicians & Surgeons, I was able to attend the American Academy of Osteopathy Convocation in Colorado this past March. As an eager future osteopathic physician, I thoroughly enjoyed the validation the conference provided me with regarding my palpation and manipulation skills. While attending the conference, I was able to listen to numerous lecturers, learn about starting my own private practice, network with various osteopathic students, work with some of the top osteopathic physicians in the United States, and truly hone in on my osteopathic manipulative skills. These experiences made me leave the conference much more eager about osteopathy and much more confident in my clinical skills as an aspiring physician than I had ever been before.

### Cynthia Caudet, OMS-I

I am genuinely grateful for the opportunity to attending the AAO Convocation this year and would like to thank the RISOPS for helping to make this possible. Throughout the trip, I was learned a variety of new osteopathic techniques that I have not yet been exposed to as a first-year medical student. I participated in numerous workshops to improve upon my tactile skills and approaches to osteopathic manipulative treatment.

The hands-on workshops provided me with an opportunity to participate in hand-over-hand learning from experienced physicians. I came to appreciate techniques that could only be learned through experience and cannot be taught through reading a book. The ability to fine tune treatments boils down to the “listening” capabilities of my hands. This was something I worked on throughout convocation and sought feedback from numerous experts in the field. The opportunity to learn from talents individuals and icons in the field was invaluable to propelling my young career forward.

A reoccurring theme that I took away from Convocation was how to incorporate osteopathy into any specialty and any appointment length. It is certainly an art to efficiently but effectively use our hands to diagnose and treat each patient. The physicians emphasized the need to have and practice a routine to continuously improve upon our skills while gaining fluidity, confidence, and efficiency with our techniques. The ability to rely on our hands and connect with our patients is an instrumental attribute that osteopaths possess. It was an amazing experience to witness and be a part of a community celebrating the core philosophies of osteopathic medicine.

As a young aspiring osteopathic physician, this experience enhanced my professional development in addition to fine-tuning some of my technical skills. Thank you again to the RISOPS for assisting in the opportunity to take part in this rewarding experience.



# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

## This Year, Rhode Island DOs are Making Their Voices Heard

by Gregory G. Allen, Jr., DO

A little less than a year ago, I was honored to be elected President of RISOPS. As I enter the midway point of my term, I wanted to take a few moments to update you on what's been

happening with our organization over the last few months, and to highlight a busy summer schedule. First, let me start by recognizing our Board of Trustees and the work they all continue to

do on a weekly basis. Second, Samyuktha Gumidyala continues to shine as our executive director. Without all of their combined fine work, we would simply not be in existence.

Over the past year, we have continued to make our voice heard in the R.I. Legislature. Thanks to a strong AOA political affairs presence and the collaboration of Board Members, we have been able to submit letters of support

and/or opposition on several health care associated bills before the respective legislative committee hearings. We will certainly continue to surveil the process and remain active in this arena.

As I reported to you in the last newsletter, RISOPS submitted a letter to Lifespan, via Miriam Hospital leadership, regarding their refusal to allow an osteopathically trained Internist to apply for privileges at their institution (after initially agreeing to hire him as a Hospitalist). I am sorry to report that we have heard no response from their team. I will be discussing the next steps of action with both our Board and legal counsel from the AOA.

On a national level, I am pleased to announce that RISOPS will again be well supported by a full complement of representation to the AOA House of Delegates later this month in Chicago. Both George Pasquarello and I will serve as delegates while David Bica and Jim Griffin have agreed to attend as alternates. This continues to give Rhode Island a strong voice among the other

New England States as we participate in the shaping of national policy for the AOA.

Locally, we have continued to provide opportunities for our membership. In June, we held a dinner meeting at La Masseria in East Greenwich. Members had the opportunity to learn more about a medically relevant topic while also catching up and networking with those in attendance. We are hoping to continue holding these meetings on a quarterly basis, as time and resources allow. Members should also be aware that RISOPS has been added to Inskip BMW/Mini's list of preferred organizations in Rhode Island. This means members can receive substantial discounts (not available to the general public) on both brands with proof of active membership.

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### RISOPS Volunteer Opportunities: Committee Members Needed!

#### Committees:

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- Education
- Finance and Personnel
- Membership
- Programs/Convention
- RIOPAC
- Student Recruitment and Placement

#### Time Commitment:

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# ROME 2017

Submitted by Gregory Allen, DO

Summer is finally here, and that means our Annual CME event is right around the corner. This year RISOPS will again partner with the...

Connecticut Osteopathic Medical Society (COMS), the Massachusetts Osteopathic Society (MOS), and the AOA to co-sponsor the Regional Osteopathic Medical Education (ROME) New England Event at the beautiful Hyatt Regency in Cambridge, Massachusetts from August 17th-20th. Since shortly after last year's successful event, the planning committee has been hard at work to bring our membership the opportunity to earn CME credits while getting valuable updates in clinical medicine.

Beginning Thursday afternoon, members will be able to kickoff this event by attending sessions dealing with the increasingly important topics of chronic pain management and opiate addiction. Friday's topics will center around updates in Internal/Family Medicine and will also feature several sessions that fulfill State Mandated requirements for licensure.

(Please see the program for specific Rhode Island mandated topics). Saturday will again offer Updates in Internal/Family Medicine, with a 10 am RISOPS Annual Membership Meeting. The afternoon will add multiple OMT/OMM lectures and interactive workshops. Finally, Sunday will wrap-up the conference with a new track: *Functional Medicine and Natural Remedies*.

I encourage all members of RISOPS to join me for this important ROME event. Remember, our organization benefits directly from your attendance. Registration is quick and easy. Go to [www.osteopathic.org/ROME](http://www.osteopathic.org/ROME).

See you in Boston!

## Call for Applications: Student Interviews for UNECOM

by RISOPS Staff

Each fall the RISOPS Student Recruitment & Placement Committee provides Rhode Island students an opportunity to interview for recommendation for admission to the University of New England College of Osteopathic Medicine (UNECOM) and other Osteopathic schools. Last year, seven students were interviewed and 2 were accepted into UNECOM. This year interviews will be held on September 16th at Kent Hospital, Doctors Auditorium A in Warwick, Rhode Island at 9:00 AM. Interviews are about thirty minutes in length and are conducted by several Osteopathic physicians in the state. It is an excellent opportunity for a Rhode Island resident to obtain an interview and possible recommendation for entrance to an Osteopathic medical school. **Interested students must submit their materials to RISOPS by August 16th.** Our website at <http://www.risops.org> has a list of the information required, as listed below:

- MCAT Scores
- Copy of completed AACOM Application

- Two (2) letters of recommendation; at least one must be from an undergraduate professor. The other letter may be from a physician, supervising clinician, or employer.
- Proof of Rhode Island residency or Rhode Island origins
- Personal Statement (the personal statement from your AACOM application may be used)
- College transcripts

To be scheduled for an interview all materials should be sent to our address by August 16th. Information can be mailed separately, but the envelope should clearly indicate the name of the student to which the contents apply. Please mail to: RISOPS, 142 East Ontario Street, 4th Floor, Chicago, IL 60611-2864.

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## PROGRAM

**ROME New England August 17–20, 2017**

at the Hyatt Regency, Cambridge, MA

PLEASE NOTE: Program details are subject to change without notice. Last revised: 7/14/2017

Thursday, Aug. 17	PRESENTATIONS/EVENTS	SPEAKER	SPECIALTY
11 am–6 pm	Registration		
2–2:15 pm	Welcome, Opening Remarks	Ronald R. Burns, DO	FOM
<b>TRACK: Addiction Prevention—What Physicians Can DO</b>			
2:15–3:15 pm	DIY Recovery Plan for the Uninsured in a Heroin Crisis	Merideth Norris, DO, FACOFP	FOM
3:15–4 pm	Office-Based Treatment of Addiction and Chronic Pain	Elizabeth Davis, MD	IM, NP, PsychM
4–4:15 pm	Break		
4–6 pm	Exhibitor Setup		
4:15–5:15 pm	Management of Opioid Use Disorder* MA, RI	Jessica Gray, MD	FM
<b>TRACK: Practice of Medicine</b>			
5:15–6 pm	Top Practice-Related Challenges Facing AOA Physicians in 2017	Cindy Penkala, CMM, CMPE, CMSCS, CPOM	
Friday, Aug. 18	PRESENTATIONS/EVENTS	SPEAKER	SPECIALTY
6:30 am–7 pm	Registration		
6:30–7 am	Exhibitor Setup		
7 am–7 pm	Exhibit Hall Open		
7–8 am	Breakfast in Exhibit Hall		
<b>TRACK: Updates in Internal Medicine</b>			
7:30–8:30 am	Getting to Goal Can Be Difficult: Advancing T2DM Therapy with Confidence	Aaron King, MD	FM
<b>TRACK: State Mandates</b>			
8:30–9:30 am	Cultural Competency and the Physically Challenged Patient* CT	Richard Jermyn, DO	PMR
9:30–10 am	} (concurrent) {	Break in Exhibit Hall	
9:30–10 am		COMS Annual Membership Meeting	
10–11 am	To Save a Life is to Save the Whole World: Domestic Violence Lethality Prevention in Health Care* CT	Danica Delgado, MSW, LCSW	
11 am–Noon	"Slavery is a Weed that Grows on Every Soil": Human Trafficking and the Healthcare Provider's Role* CT	Danica Delgado, MSW, LCSW	

Noon–1 pm	Risk Management: Reduction of Medical Errors* <sup>CT, MA, RI</sup>	Ronald Burns, DO	FOM
1–1:30 pm	<i>Lunch served in Exhibit Hall</i>		
<b>TRACK: Practice of Medicine</b>			
1:30–2 pm	Update on the Osteopathic Profession	TBD	
<b>TRACK: What I Don't Know About Infectious Diseases</b>			
2–3 pm	Probiotics 2017: Fulfilling the Promise	Peter Buch, MD, AGAF, FACP	IM, GE
3–4 pm	Antibiotic Stewardship in Primary Care* <sup>CT, RI</sup>	Cheston B. Cunha, MD	IM, ID
4–4:30 pm	<i>Break in Exhibit Hall</i>		
4:30–5:30 pm	Lyme Disease* <sup>CT</sup>	Meghan May, PhD	
6–7 pm	<i>Reception in Exhibit Hall, co-sponsored by UNECOM</i>		
7–7:30 pm	<i>Exhibit Hall Breakdown</i>		
<b>Saturday, Aug. 19</b>			
<b>PRESENTATIONS/EVENTS</b>			
6:30 am–5:30 pm	<i>Registration</i>		
6:45–8 am	<i>Breakfast Served</i>		
<b>TRACK: Updates in Internal Medicine</b>			
8–9 am	Cognitive Testing for Dementia	Elizabeth Phung, DO	
9–10 am	Benzodiazepines and the Elderly	Angela Haliburda, DO	
10–10:15 am	<i>Break</i>		
10–10:30 am	<i>RISOPS Membership Meeting (concurrent w/break – partial overlap)</i>		
10:15–11:15 am	Famous People with Diabetes: A Case Study Exploring the Use of New and Emerging Basal Insulins	Aaron King, MD	FM
11:15 am–12:15 pm	Update: The State of HIV in 2017* <sup>CT</sup>	David Stein, DO	IM
12:15–12:30 pm	<i>Lunch Served</i>		
<b>TRACK: OMM/OMT</b>			
12:30–1:30 pm	The Single Accreditation System: An Opportunity to Advance the Profession with Osteopathic Recognition	Michael Rowane, DO, MS, FAAFP, FAAO	FOM, NMO
1:30–3:15 pm	Approaching Common Problems of the Head and Neck with OMT in a Busy Clinical Setting	Michael Rowane, DO, MS, FAAFP, FAAO	FOM, NMO
3:15–3:30 pm	<i>Break</i>		
3:30–5 pm	OMT Workshops: A Round Robin ( <i>three 30-min concurrent workshops, each offered 3x</i> )		
	1. Current Concepts in Health Care: UNECOM NMMD/OMM Residency	Guy DeFeo, DO	OMM, FOM
	2. Review of Muscle Energy, HVLA, and Facilitated Positional Release	Nicholas Phillips, DO	
	3. Widening the Lens: Screening and Appreciating the Influence of Distant Structures on Somatic Dysfunction	Charles Lehnardt, DO	FOM, NMO

5–5:15 pm	Wrap-Up Questions & Answers	Guy DeFeo, DO Nicholas Phillips, DO Charles Lehnardt, DO	OMM, FOM FOM, NMO
4–5:30 pm	<i>UNECOM Potential Student Reception</i>		
6 pm	<i>MOS Membership Meeting &amp; Social</i>		
<b>Sunday, Aug. 20</b>			
<b>PRESENTATIONS/EVENTS</b>			
7 am–noon	<i>Registration Open</i>		
7–8 am	<i>Breakfast</i>		
<b>TRACK: Functional Medicine and Natural Remedies</b>			
7:30–8:30 am	What is Functional Medicine and How Will It Help My Patients?	Nicholas J. Palermo, DO, MS	FOM
8:30–9:30 am	Not Just Seen on TV: Top 10 Supplements to Actually Know	Lauren Young, ND and Ruth Benet, DO	
9:30–9:45 am	<i>Break</i>		
9:45–11 am	Personalized Compounding Formulas to Enhance Patient Outcomes	Gene Gresh, Jr., RPh, FIACP, IFMCP and Nicholas J. Palermo, DO, MS	FOM
11 am–noon	Case Studies: Functional Medicine Approaches to Diagnoses and Treatment	Nicholas J. Palermo, DO, MS (moderator) Lauren Young, ND Ruth Benet, DO Gene Gresh, Jr., RPh, FIACP, IFMCP	FOM
Noon	<i>Conference Adjourns</i>		

\* Several of the presentations at ROME 2017 New England satisfy CME mandated topics for license renewal. These sessions will be noted by an asterisk (\*) followed by the specific co-sponsoring states' abbreviation(s). For your convenience and for your own licensing records, please know that these topics and credits earned will be listed on attendees' CME certificates.

**SPECIALTIES** *(in process):*

- FOM** Family Practice/OMT
- FM** Family Practice
- GE** Sports Medicine/Family Practice
- ID** Infectious Diseases
- IM** Internal Medicine
- NMO** Neuromusculoskeletal Medicine/OMT
- OMM** Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation
- NP** Neurology/Psychiatry
- PMR** Rheumatology
- PsychM** Psychosomatic Medicine

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# Kent Hospital Updates

## Family Medicine Residents Honored

by Kent Hospital Staff

Recently, four Kent Hospital family medicine residents were recognized during the Rhode Island Academy of Family Physicians (RIAFP) poster contest. **Sarah Forsythe, DO, PGY-3** showcased *Patient Perspectives on the Impact of Obesity on Overall Health* and **Kara Kopaczewski, DO, PGY-2** featured *Prevalence of Hepatitis C and HIV Among Suboxone Patients at a Primary Care Clinic*. Kara and Sarah's posters tied for first place in original research. **Chris Lonegan, DO, PGY-2** was awarded first place in case presentation for his research *Distal Clavicle Osteolysis in a Female Weightlifter*. **Yumi Aikawa, DO, PGY-2** was selected by RIAFP as Kent Hospital's Family Medicine Resident of the Year. RIAFP strives to promote the health of the patients, families and communities of Rhode Island by advancing the specialty of family medicine through education and advocacy. Congratulations to Sarah, Kara, Chris and Yumi for their awards and achievement in furthering the field of comprehensive health care dedicated to treating the entire patient.

## Kent Hospital Graduate Medical Education Awards

by Kent Hospital Staff

*Binu Oien, DO*

### The Daniel J. Magiera, DO, Book Award

This award is presented to a family medicine resident exhibiting academic distinction and the best qualities of a primary care physician. This award is named in honor of Dr. Daniel Magiera, the first osteopathic physician at Kent Hospital.

*Sarah Forsythe, DO*

### Family Medicine

Resident Teacher of the Year Award

*Rachael Biancuzzo, DO*

### Robert E. Baute Leadership Award

This award is presented to an internal medicine resident who has been a positive influence for his/her peers and for improving the program. The recipient of this award is one who has provided passionate care while improving care for patients.

*John Sullivan, DO*

### All Programs: The Father David F. Ricard Award

This award is presented to a resident or fellow who demonstrates compassion, honesty, respect and professionalism to patients and peers, an individual who treats all people with respect and dignity and willingly engages in activities to make Kent and the community a better place.

## 2017 Graduating Residents...

### Emergency Medicine

Daniel Ackil, DO	Ashley Lauria, DO
Alyssa Bennett, DO	Brian Lehnhof, DO
Kelly DiFabio, DO	Justin Valiquet, DO
Nina Kohli, DO	

### Internal Medicine

Rachael Biancuzzo, DO	Regina Sutskever, DO
John James Sullivan, DO	

### Family Medicine

John Chece, DO	Binu Oien, DO
Sarah (Johnstone) Forsythe, DO	Jamie Sullivan, DO

### Gastroenterology Fellowship

Zachary Garner, DO	Autumn Hines, DO
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### Hyperbaric and Undersea Medicine Fellowship

Kyle J. DuBose, DO

## ...and Incoming Interns

### Emergency Medicine

Stephanie Aaron, DO	ACOM
Timothy Bikman, DO	WVSOM
Anne Demas, DO	MWU-CCOM
Jaclyn Gell, DO	KCU-COM
Matthew Lombardi, DO	UNECOM
James O'Neill, DO	UNECOM

### Family Medicine

Sungjin Juon, DO	WU/COMP
John Quiamas, DO	WU/COMP
Kristofer Tupper, DO	UNECOM
Jason Blake, DO	NSU-COM

### Internal Medicine

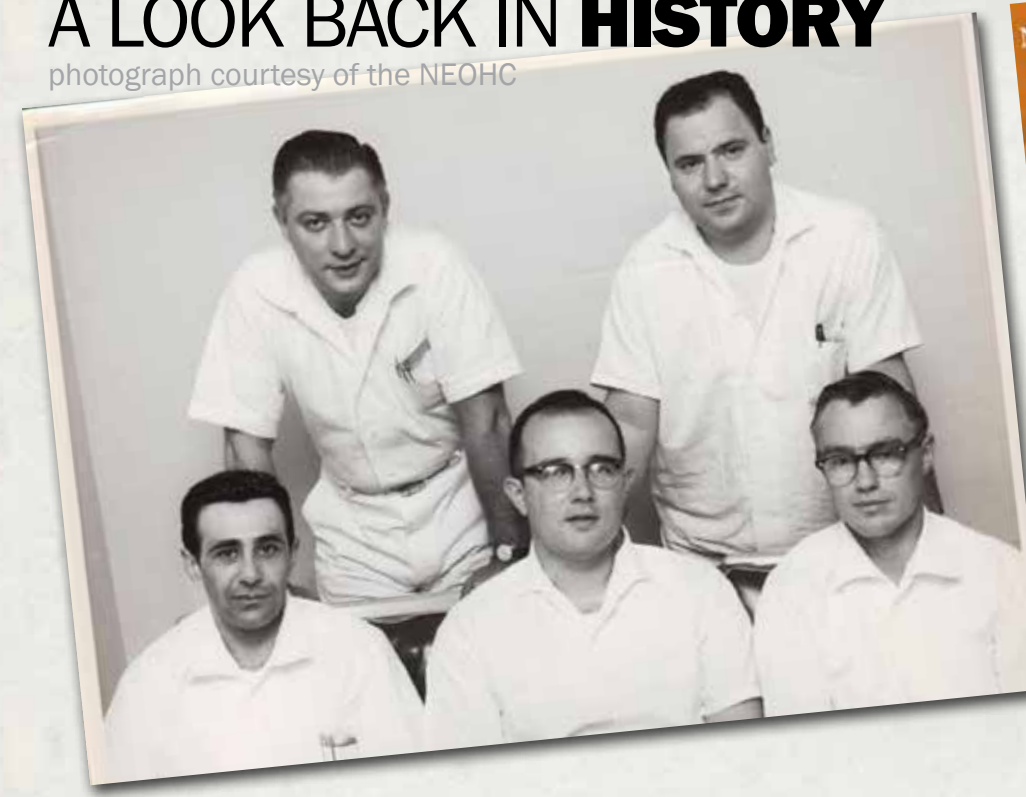
Anthony Berghelli, DO	UNECOM
Jamie Bickford, DO	UNECOM
Urey Chow, DO	VCOM-Carolinas
Saikiran Earasi, DO	ATSU-SOMA
Darif Krasnow, DO	TUCOM-CA
Ben Lichtenfels, DO	UNECOM
Alicia Yanac, DO	VCOM-CC

### GI Fellowship

Nabras Ahmed, DO

## A LOOK BACK IN HISTORY

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Interns at the Cranston General Hospital – date unknown. (Dr. Lawrence Brodsky, Eugene Cozza, Ed Dayian, \_\_\_\_\_ Charney, Charles Kershew)

## Kent Residency Program Recognized at 16th Annual Research and Scholarship Forum

by Kent Hospital Staff

The Kent Hospital Residency Program participated in the 16th Annual Research and Scholarship Forum of the Northeast Osteopathic Medical Education Network (NEOMEN). The event was held on May 18 at the University Of New England College Of Osteopathic Medicine in Biddeford, Maine.

Residents and medical students from throughout New England were selected to present case reports and original research projects. This year nearly 150 were presented. There were 68 resident case reports selected for presentation.

**Dr. Ashley Lauria**, a PGY-IV in our Emergency Medicine program, was awarded second place for her report, *Kawasaki Disease: A 'Can't-Miss' Diagnosis*.

In the Resident Research category, 16 projects were presented. Kent Hospital was strongly represented.

**Dr. Edward Medeiros**, an internal medicine PGY-II, was awarded third place for his research *Utilization of Prediction Models for Pulmonary Embolism in a Community Emergency Department*. **Dr. Regina Sutskever**, a PGY-III in the Internal Medicine program, received second place for



From left to right: Bryn DeKosky, DO, Regina Sutskever, DO, and Ed Medeiros, DO

her research, *Overuse of Telemetry Monitoring in Patients with Respiratory Disorders*. First place was awarded to **Dr. Bryn DeKosky**, a PGY-II in the Emergency Medicine Program, for her project titled *Efficacy of*

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# R.I. Legislative Update

August 2017

by RISOPS Staff

**RI S 789** states that patients with substance use disorders shall have access to evidence-based non-opioid treatment for pain. The original version of the bill only provided coverage for chiropractic; however, working with key stakeholders in the state, the AOA was able to introduce amendments to add coverage for osteopathic manipulative treatment as another evidence-based non-opioid treatment for pain. **The Governor signed the bill into law on 7/10/17.**

**RI S 742** allows physical therapists to order diagnostic studies and imaging. AOA, RIAFP and RISOPS sent a joint letter of opposition to the House Committee on Health, Education, and Welfare on 6/19; they previously opposed the bill in the Senate.

**RI S 327** licenses naturopaths in the state, allows them to use the title “naturopathic physician” and establishes a broad scope of practice. The AOA and RISOPS sent a letter of opposition to the Senate Committee on Health and Human Services on 4/26/17, and the bill is being heard again by that Committee on 6/1/17.

**RI H 5630** provides equal insurance rates for PT office visits as MD/DO office primary care physician visits. The bill was recommended held for further study on 4/4.

The AOA and RISOPS jointly opposed the elimination of Medicaid GME funding in appropriations bill **RI H 5175**. The bill is still pending in the House Finance Committee.

The AOA and RISOPS jointly supported **RI S 269**, which enacts the Interstate Medical Licensure Compact. The Senate Health and Human Services Committee recommended the measure be held for further study on 3/30/17.

The AOA and RISOPS jointly opposed **RI S 326**, which allows Advanced Practice Registered Nurses certified in mental health to replace physicians throughout the state’s mental health law. The

Senate Health and Human Services Committee recommended the measure be held for further study on 3/9/17.

The AOA, RISOPS, and RIAFP opposed **RI H 5474**, which licenses naturopaths and allows them to use the title “physician,” and **RI H 5669**, which allows physical therapists to order diagnostic studies and imaging. The bills were recommended held for further study by the Health, Education and Welfare Committee on 3/15/17.

**RI H 5630** limits copays, coinsurance or office deductible for services of a physical therapist to the amount authorized for MD/DO office visits. The bill was referred to House Corporations on 3/1/17.

**RI S 269** enacts the Interstate Medical Licensure Compact in RI. The bill was referred to Senate HHS on 2/15/17.



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If you are considering a vehicle purchase or lease, please don't hesitate to contact Samyuktha to get the details on what your membership can save you in real money. We will continue to look for ways to provide usable benefits to members of RISOPS.

Lastly, we are gearing up for the summer ROME (Regional Osteopathic Medical Education) event being held in Boston from August 17th-20th. Your attendance directly supports RISOPS while collecting all-important CME credits. Please note that we will be holding our annual business meeting at 10am on Saturday morning, August 19th.

I look forward to the upcoming year, and I ask for your continued support as we continue to expand RISOPS' membership

and influence locally, regionally, and nationally.

Respectfully,  
 Gregory G. Allen, Jr., DO

**HONORS** (cont'd from page 9)

*Complex Care Plans in Regards to High Utilizers in the Emergency Department.*

In the student case report category there were 37 poster presentations. UNECOM MS-III **Andrew Ea** has spent his third year at Kent Hospital and was mentored in his presentation by Joseph Brady, MD, Kent Hospital surgeon. He was awarded first place for his report, *Meckel's Diverticulum in a 40Year-old Male.*



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