

Advocacy:

Rhode Island DO Briefs Congressman on Important Osteopathic Issues



Dr. Pasquarello called the Congressman's attention to the changes within the current system that have forced his office from private practice into an employment model.

Additionally, the team discussed the new Medicare physician payment system created by the *Medicare Access and CHIP Reauthorization Act of 2015* (MACRA), MIPS, clinical improvement activities and the impact at the front line level within practices.

Lastly, Dr. Pasquarello

Earlier this month, **George J. Pasquarello, DO** and his colleagues at East Greenwich Spine & Sport hosted **Representative Jim Langevin** (D-RI) and met with him to discuss a variety of issues important to the

osteopathic community. After a short tour of the practice, Dr. Pasquarello and the staff met with the Congressman to discuss relevant and timely issues such as costs and infrastructure for EHRs and Meaningful Use. Specially,

and Congressman Langevin had a candid conversation about the future of medicine and the need for support of GME slots to assure adequate training for the next generation of osteopathic physicians. ❖

In Memoriam

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Dr. Steven A. Peligian (L)
1957-2015

Dr. Lawrence Bouchard (R)
1931-2015



MESSAGE from the PRESIDENT



With the holidays past us it is a natural time to reflect on the events of the

previous year. RISOPS has seen a number of changes this year, not the least of which is the departure of Sally Podolski who has taken a position developing physician protocols in the insurance industry. We are very fortunate, however, to have as her replacement a very energetic and enthusiastic affiliate executive, Ms. Samyuktha Gumidyala. I have no doubt she will excel in this position as she quickly learns the ropes. Our marketing intern, Molly Jaffe, has graduated college in May and we also wish her the best of luck in her future endeavors.

We welcome two new members to the RISOPS Board: Angela Haliburda, DO is an anesthesiologist and pain specialist currently practicing in Fall River, MA and John Chece, DO is a Family Medicine resident at Kent Hospital. He replaces Dr. Tyler Vogt as our resident Board member. Of note, we have recently seen a sizable increase in our student and resident membership and this trend highlights the importance of our close collaboration with UNECOM and the residency programs at Kent and Memorial Hospitals.

Our dinner meeting in April was at Trattoria Zooma in Providence. It featured a speaker on the prevention and treatment of DVT's and PE's; the talk was preceded by a presentation by Lauren Hedde, DO. She discussed her "Direct Primary Care" model of practice, which was very well received. In future meetings we hope to have similar

"guest speakers" preceding the main speaker who discuss various topics of interest to osteopathic practitioners. The Holiday Dinner at Spain restaurant in Cranston was, as usual, very well attended by a great mix of practicing and retired physicians, spouses/guests, residents and students. It was a great opportunity for the DO community to come together and catch up with what's happening with our colleagues personally and professionally. That evening, it was also my distinct pleasure to present the Laurence E. Bouchard, DO Outstanding Service award to an individual who has done so much for RISOPS, UNECOM, and the osteopathic profession as a whole: Dr. Robert Leonard. I recall how pleased Dr. Bouchard was to hear that Dr. Leonard was the well deserving recipient of his namesake award.

Sadly, following a protracted period of declining health, Dr. Laurence Bouchard passed away on December 11th at age 84. His passing was preceded less than

one month earlier by another tragic loss to our community. Dr. Steven Pelagian, a longtime RISOPS member and chair of the Student Recruitment and Placement Committee, was involved in a motor vehicle accident and passed away at age 58 on November 16th. RISOPS is greatly indebted to them for their commitment and contributions; they will be greatly missed.

As we look to the future, discussions on how to restructure our organization continue to progress. On February 7th, RISOPS Past President George Pasquarello and I will attend a Maine Osteopathic Society meeting in conjunction with the other New England State Societies to explore how our respective organizations can work together as we pool resources and leadership, with the ultimate goal of strengthening each component society. Your continued support of RISOPS as we

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AOA BRAND CAMPAIGN

The American Osteopathic Association launched a national osteopathic awareness campaign at OMED on October 17, 2015.

This campaign raises public awareness about osteopathic medicine, DO's and the philosophical approach in caring for their patients. The campaign features real DO's from across the country. Ads have been seen in different publications and websites such as People, Essence, WebMD, and Healthgrades. The campaign will also be found on billboards and was even used at the New York City Marathon.

In two months, there have been over 75,000 visits to www.doctorsthatDO.org and over 16,000 "find your DO" searches. The campaign is definitely making its mark and just as AOA trustee Dr. William J. Burke says, the aim is that it "will educate patients and potential patients on who we are and what we do, but will also help enhance the pride of DO's and medical students across the country."

Check out the new website at www.doctorsthatDO.org, which is part of the campaign launch.



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Before reading a chart or lab report, a DO sees a human being. Doctors of Osteopathic Medicine practice their distinct philosophy in every medical specialty. A DO first considers the person within the patient.

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R.I. Legislative Update

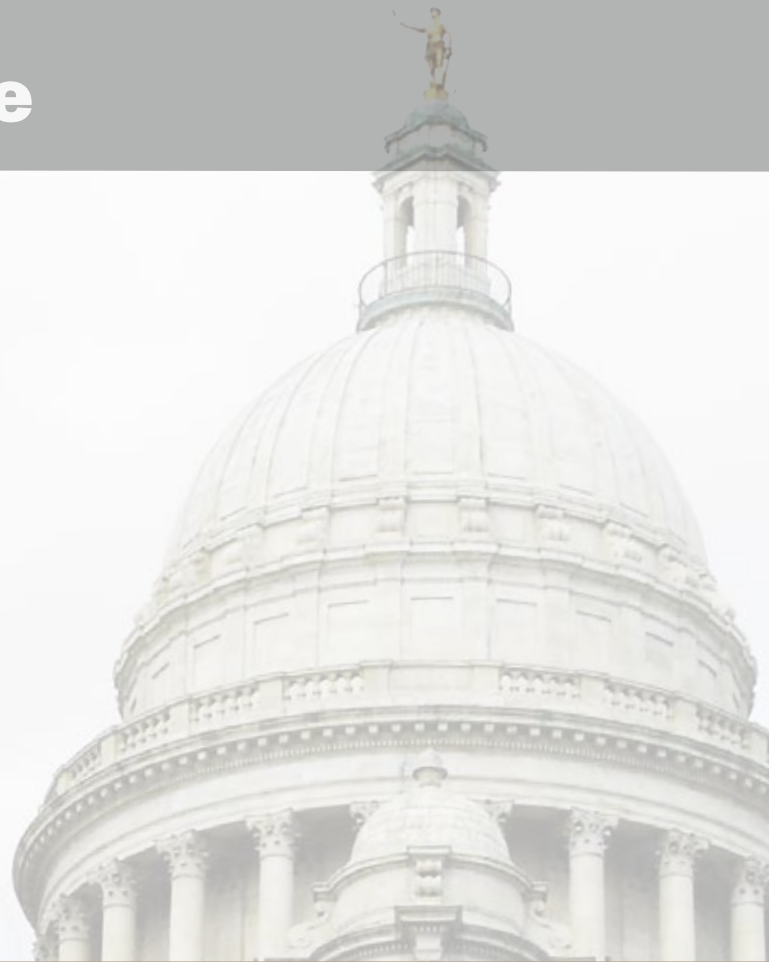
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All of the AOA's proposed regulatory changes to incorporate osteopathic recognition and equivalency into the Rules and Regulations for the Licensure and Discipline of Physicians were adopted by the Board of Medical Licensure and Discipline and went into effect November 23rd, 2015.

RI adjourned on 8/30 but bills that did not pass in the 2015 session carry over to the 2016 session, so we may see action on:

- **The Naturopathic Physicians Act**, which establishes procedures for the licensing of naturopathic physicians and defines the practice of naturopathic medicine (H.5380, H.5501, S.94, S.331)
- **H.5759**, which creates a civil cause of action against physicians for failing to report a patient's condition which would significantly impair the patient's ability to operate a motor vehicle to the DMV.

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DO Day
on Capitol Hill



AMERICAN OSTEOPATHIC ASSOCIATION

2016 Registration Open

Online registration is now open for AOA's DO Day on Capitol Hill 2016 being held on **Wednesday, April 13 in Washington, DC**. DO Day provides an exciting opportunity for DOs and osteopathic medical students to come and use their time to educate members of Congress and their staff on the difference osteopathic medicine makes in communities and for patients across the country to improve health and well-being.

Go to <http://tinyurl.com/DO-Day-2016> for more information.

Admission into UNECOM Interviews

The RISOPS Student Recruitment and Placement Committee holds interviews for students each year who are applying for admission to UNECOM. Interviews are usually held on the 3rd Saturday of September. After the committee completes the interviews, recommendations letters are sent to the UNECOM admissions office. The letters are also available to be sent to other schools that the interviewee would like them sent to. This past September, we had interviewed 7 students. We know two got accepted to UNECOM. Applying to osteopathic school is a competitive process. Interviewing and getting a recommendation from RISOPS can be a very important addition to your application material.

If you'd like more information or want to schedule an interview, please email risops@osteopathic.org.

Kent Hospital Graduate Medical Education Program

Graduate Medical Education at Kent Hospital includes residency training programs in Emergency Medicine, Family Medicine and Internal Medicine, as well as fellowship programs in Gastroenterology and Undersea and Hyperbaric Medicine. These training programs are accredited by the American Osteopathic Association, American College of Osteopathic Emergency Physicians, American College of Osteopathic Family Physicians, and American College of Osteopathic

Internists. The Hyperbaric Medicine Fellowship Program is the only such program in the country to be accredited by the American Osteopathic Association. Kent Hospital is affiliated with the University Of New England College of Osteopathic Medicine. All training is supervised by full-time and voluntary faculty who provide a rich clinical and academic environment.

Kent Hospital currently has fifty residents and fellows in its training programs.

Grassroots Tool Intro: Strengthening Our Voice Within the Osteopathic Profession

The grassroots advocacy program is a tool that will be integrated into our state's website. It will allow us to create letter-writing campaigns, tweet legislators, and access web design functions with newsfeeds and legislative updates, as well as the advocate database. Rhode Island controls the website's design and content, and you will have the ability to create state-based grassroots campaigns targeting your state legislators.

We will be connected to AOA's national grassroots network, which will allow for national alerts from the AOA, if we choose to share them. Similarly, the AOA will also have the ability to share our state alerts on the federal site to allow for additional visibility and reach.

We are excited for what the future holds for our grassroots program.

RISOPS Volunteer Opportunities: Leadership Positions Board and Committee Members Needed!

Board Members: Candidates must be an active member of RISOPS to be considered. More information about the positions is found in the bylaws, which can be at: <http://www.risops.org/about.html>

Committees: Bylaws, Education, Finance and Personnel, Membership, Programs/Convention, RIOPAC, Student Recruitment and Placement.

Appointment Term: 3 years, no more than 4 terms.

Time Commitment: 1 to 3 hours every month to prepare and participate in board meetings. Participation can be in person or via conference call.
Respond by: March 31st, 2016

Interested individuals can submit a letter of interest and a CV to risops@osteopathic.org.

RISOPSTRANSITIONS

New Members in 2016

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James Chapman, DO



Dr. Lawrence Bouchard 1931–2015

We are saddened to share with you that Laurence E. Bouchard, DO, HON '94, passed away on Friday, December 11, 2015.

Bouchard served many important roles for the University of New England and the College of Osteopathic Medicine and was often recognized for his contributions to the school. As a former

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trustee of the New England Foundation of Osteopathic Medicine, Bouchard was one of the founders of UNE's College of Osteopathic Medicine. He also served as COM's regional dean of Clinical Affairs. Bouchard served on UNE's Board of Trustees for many years and was a Trustee Emeritus. He received an honorary degree in 1994 and the Pioneer of Osteopathic Medicine Award in 2002.

Bouchard was a Heritage Society member and made gifts in support of a wide range of initiatives at the University including the Art Gallery, the COM Annual Fund, the Pickus Center for Biomedical Research, the Alford Center for Health Sciences, the UNEqualed Vision Campaign and COM scholarships. Bouchard was a leader within the medical community. He was a general

practitioner and ran a family practice in Narragansett, Rhode Island. He received his DO from Kirksville College of Osteopathic Medicine (AT Still University) in 1962. Bouchard served as president of the AOA from 1993 to 1994 and as president of the Rhode Island Society of Osteopathic Physicians and Surgeons (RISOPS) from 1968 to 1969. He also served as secretary of the Rhode Island Board of Examiners in Osteopathy from 1985 to 1997. In 2008 Bouchard received the AAO's Honorary Life Membership Award. In 2013, RISOPS awarded Bouchard the first "Laurence E. Bouchard DO Outstanding Service Award."

NE President Danielle Ripich recalled Bouchard's dedication to UNE. "Dr. Bouchard's service to his profession and

A LOOK BACK IN HISTORY

photograph courtesy of the NEOHC



**The Emergency Room at
Cranston General Hospital**
(undated)

If anyone can identify any of the individuals in this photo, please contact RISOPS. Thank you!

to the university is unmatched and his counsel and guidance have helped build the institution he took such great pride in," she said. "He will be sorely missed."

Visiting hours were held on December 18 at Avery-Storti Funeral Home, 88 Columbia St., Wakefield. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at St. Mary Star of the Sea Church, on Saturday the 19th followed by a gathering at the church hall. Donations may be made in his memory to University of New England, c/o Institutional Advancement, 716 Stevens Ave., Portland, ME 04103 for College of Osteopathic Medicine (COM) Scholarships. ❖



Dr. Steven Peligian
1957-2015

"DR. STEVE", 58, of North Kingstown, passed away on Monday, November 16, 2015. Born in Providence, he was the devoted son of the late Alexander and Marjorie (Oskoian) Peligian. Steven was the loving brother of Carol P. Boghosian and her husband Robert and cherished uncle of Alexandra Boghosian, all of New York City. A beloved friend to many, "Dr. Steve" was a physician in private practice and later became Medical Director of CODAC, a behavioral health care agency where he worked for 15 years. He was an Emeritus Member of the Board of Trustees for Blue Cross Blue Shield of Rhode Island. He was also a long time RISOPS member and past chair of the RISOPS student recruitment and placement committee. The osteopathic community has lost an ardent supporter and he will be greatly missed. ❖



We had a great turnout at our annual RISOPS holiday dinner. It was held at Spain Restaurant in Cranston, RI, and over 50 people attended. **Dr. Bob Leonard** was presented the *Laurence E. Bouchard Outstanding Service Award*.

CLASSIFIED AD

WANTED: Osteopathic Primary Care Physician

We are looking to expand our established practice! Primary care physician wanted (*Family Medicine, Internal Medicine, or Pediatrics*) to join a small osteopathic family practice in **Narragansett, RI**. Outpatient only, however local hospital (*South County*) with inpatient opportunities if candidate is interested.

Compensation is flexible; would consider traditional insurance-based billing and direct pay models.

OMT exam room available and waiting room for group visits. Friendly, experienced staff. For information, visit: **osteopathicfamilymedicine.com**

Please email your resume to:
drway@cox.net
or call **(401) 284-4555**

2016 Membership Application

Join online at www.risops.org

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Email Address <i>*REQUIRED</i>			AOA No.		
Work Information					
Practice Name <input type="checkbox"/> This is my preferred contact address					
Office Address <small>*We only will give your office address and phone number when patients are seeking referrals</small>					
Office Address 2					
City			State	Zip	
Phone		Fax		Pager	

2016 Membership Rates		
JOINING <input type="checkbox"/>	RENEWING <input type="checkbox"/>	
<input type="checkbox"/>	RI Physicians New Member-First Year New Member-2 nd Year	\$325 FREE \$100
<input type="checkbox"/>	Associate Membership <i>Physician with license in other state</i>	\$150
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Return completed application & payment to:
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Questions? Please call RISOPS at 800-454-9663.

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progress through this process is essential; now more than ever your membership, suggestions and participation is critical to ensuring the future of RISOPS as the organization representing all DO's in the Ocean State.

The loss of two of our closest colleagues reminds us that life is short and brings us back to what's really important in life. We need to support each other through the bad times, cherish the good times we have together, and through it all, stay connected. Best wishes for a healthy and happy 2016!

James Griffin, DO



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