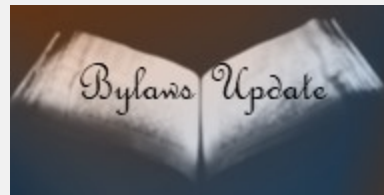




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AOCOPM News, September 2023



AOCOPM Board Recommends Bylaws Changes

AOCOPM's bylaws were revised and updated during this year's basic documents review. The changes were recommended by the AOCOPM Board of Trustees on September 14th and will be on the next election ballot for members to vote to approve. Here is a link to the updated bylaws for your review:

[AOCOPM Bylaws, proposed changes 2023](#)



AOCOPM Student Chapter Guidelines and Bylaws Approved

AOCOPM's Board of Trustees approved the final draft of AOCOPM Student Chapter Guidelines and Bylaws. Student members are encouraged to organize AOCOPM chapters on their campuses. As always, feel free to contact the office with any questions.

[AOCOPM Student Guidelines and Bylaws](#)



New OMED23 Mentoring Opportunity

NEW Opportunity! Sunday, October 8th, 9:00-10:00 am.:

- Serve as a faculty guide for our **EM Toxicology Escape Room**.

Groups of 10 students and residents will compete to solve the case. Faculty guides will assist in time management, sharing clues, etc. (outline and clues are provided by presenter)

AOCOPM has two opportunities to support the Student Track within the [OMED23](#) program on SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7:

- 12:30-1:30 pm Residency Mix & Mingle
Pairing OMS III and IV with program faculty and residents in various specialties to discuss residency application, interview tips, and PGY life.
- 12:30-1:30 pm Mentor Café. **Thank you, Dr. Gregory Schwaid, for volunteering again!**
OMED participating specialties are invited for mentoring roundtables with OMS I and II.

The students are so appreciative of the support they receive from everyone in the osteopathic profession, and they need to hear from early-career physicians who can give up-to-date guidance. Please let me know if you are interested: ronda@aocopm.org



There is still time to register for the DOT FMCSA NRCME Course

The OPAM Workshop: Department of Transportation, Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, National Registry of Certified Medical Examiners' Course will be offered live (in person and via Zoom) as a pre-conference workshop before OMED23, Thursday, October 5, 2023, in Orlando, Florida.

Registration is separate from that of OMED23: \$450 AOCOPM members, \$550 non-members. As this is an all-day workshop, a lunch will be provided, and the cost is included in the registration fee.

More information and registration link:

<https://www.aocopm.org/opam-workshop-dot-fmcsa-nrcme>



Video Challenge!

Get creative and enter our first ever video competition!

The AOCOPM is inviting you to produce an informative video on something related to occupational and preventive medicine:

- Be informative
- 6-10 minutes in length
- Open to all! Don't have to be an AOCOPM member to participate
- Winner will receive a cash reward!

- Deadline December 31, 2023

For more information and to enter the contest, go to <https://www.aocopm.org/video-challenge>



AOCOPM Members Get \$100 Discount on OMED23 Registration

You won't want to miss AOCOPM's offerings at OMED23:

- [AOCOPM Agenda at OMED23](#)
- Register for OMED: <https://registration.experientevent.com/ShowAOA231>
- AOCOPM Members can receive \$100 off the full paid rate. Login to the member center to obtain the discount code: <https://aocopm.memberclicks.net/course-discount-codes>

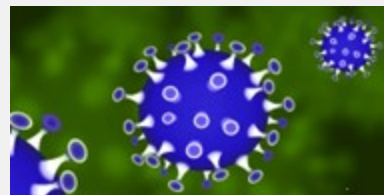


U.S. Drug Overdoses Are Increasing as Fentanyl Spreads

via MedHost
by Temma Ehrenfeld

The opioid crisis isn't over. The use of synthetic opioids, primarily fentanyl, is causing more deaths from drug use, and the numbers are climbing.

<https://www.yourcareeverywhere.com/research-mental-or-behavioral-health/substance-abuse-disorders/u-s--drug-overdoses-spiked-during-2020-.html>



New Moderna Vaccine to Work Against Recent COVID Variant

Moderna reports that clinical trial data showed its updated COVID-19 vaccine will likely be effective against the highly-mutated BA.2.86 subvariant of the coronavirus that has raised fears of a resurgence of infections.

<https://finance.yahoo.com/news/moderna-says-updated-covid-vaccine-110000357.html>



Tackling Misinformation: A Three-Pronged Approach

By Claire Wardle, Ph.D., Professor of the Practice, Brown University School of Public Health

<https://www.nih.gov/about-nih/what-we-do/science-health-public-trust/perspectives/tackling-misinformation-three-pronged-approach>

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