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Researcher Explains Latest Long COVID Findings

via Conversations on Healthcare

Dr. Igor Koralnik, the co-director of [Northwestern Medicine's Comprehensive COVID-19 Center](#), is one of the world's leading Long COVID researchers. For instance, he's been involved in a [first-of-its-kind study that's giving experts an idea of how Long COVID affects the body by looking through the eyes](#). Patients at his center receive coordinated care across 14 different specialties to address Long COVID's symptoms.

[In the second part of our two-part series on Long COVID](#), Dr. Koralnik explains how patients who have experienced more episodes of COVID are at a higher risk of developing Long COVID.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XhSyJlgUnp0&t=18s>



All members of vaccine advisory panel will be retired, US Health Secretary Kennedy in WSJ oped

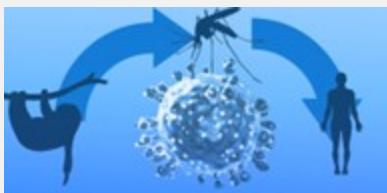
via Reuters
by Puya Singh

All 17 members of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's outside panel of vaccine experts will be retired, U.S. Health Secretary Robert F. Kennedy Jr said in an oped published in the Wall Street Journal on Monday, June 9th.

Kennedy is retiring and replacing all 17 members of the CDC's Advisory Committee for Immunization Practices, he wrote in piece published in the Wall Street Journal.

"Without removing the current members, the current Trump administration would not have been able to appoint a majority of new members until 2028," Kennedy wrote.

<https://www.reuters.com/business/healthcare-pharmaceuticals/all-members-vaccine-advisory-panel-will-be-retired-us-health-secretary-kennedy-2025-06-09/>



Why Is Oropouche Spreading so Fast?

Commentary via Medscape
by Robert D. Glatter, MD; Julia Sader Neves Ferreira, MD

Oropouche virus (OROV) cases surged significantly in 2024 and early 2025, with almost 20,000 confirmed infections reported across Latin America and the Caribbean, including four deaths. The highest burden was observed in Brazil, followed by Peru and Cuba. This sudden spike has captured the attention of public health officials. What set the stage for its resurgence and rapid geographic spread?

https://www.medscape.com/viewarticle/why-oropouche-spreading-so-fast-2025a1000cgb?ecd=WNL_mdpls_250521_mscpedit_publ_etid7440072&uac=349327MR&spon=42&implD=7440072

Member Spotlight: Dr. Kris Belland



Congratulations to AOCOPM member and past president, [Dr. Kris Belland](#), on receiving the Aerospace Medical Association (AsMA's) President's citation!

Discounts Available for OMED25

Join us in Nashville, September 25-28, 2025, for our Annual Educational Conference held in conjunction with [OMED25](#)! AOCOPM Members may use the \$100 [discount code](#) (Members must login).

AOA Members who Register AND Reserve a Hotel Room June through July 31 will receive the special promotional price of only \$675! Added Bonus: The first 500 AOA members who take advantage of this exclusive promotion will receive two \$15 food vouchers to utilize at the convention center.

IMPORTANT NOTE: The \$100 discount code is not valid during the June through July 31 member bonus rate.

<https://omed.osteopathic.org/register-now/>

Why AOA Board Certification?

AOBPM Chairman, Dr. Stanley Miller, and AOBPM Certification Manager, Diane Georgelos, explain AOBPM Board Certification and why it's important: <https://youtu.be/rx5uL9o3VgI?si=-IW8lhxqxcnTYD8H>



Board Certification Maintenance Q&A

AOBPM Chairman, Dr. Stanley Miller, and AOBPM Certification Manager, Diane Georgelos, answer questions about maintaining certification.

via AOCOPM's YouTube Channel: <https://youtu.be/rx5uL9o3VgI>



Register Now for the DOT FMCSA NRCME Course, September 25, 2025, Nashville, TN

AOCOPM will also be offering the [OPAM Workshop: Department of Transportation, Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, National Registry of Certified Medical Examiners'](#)



[Course](#) as a LIVE pre-conference workshop on September 25th.

You may [register for the DOT Course alone](#), or when you [register for OMED](#).

Nominations Open!



The American Osteopathic College of Occupational and Preventive Medicine (AOCOPM) needs dedicated officers and leaders to champion the growth of our Osteopathic Occupational and Preventive Medicine specialties. Serving on our Board doesn't just mean lending a hand—it's about shaping the future of public health, prevention, and our dynamic community of professionals.

Our mission? To provide high-quality education in occupational, environmental, and preventive medicine, and to empower our members to take the lead—both within AOCOPM and across other organizations focused on prevention. If you'd like to learn more about our Board and Officers, check out the AOCOPM [Committees](#) page. Want to chat directly with someone on the Board? Visit our [Leadership page](#) (you'll need to log in since we keep personal contact info private) or simply reach out to the [AOCOPM office](#) with any questions.

Ready to take a big step toward advancing our specialties? Join us to make a real impact on health and prevention—become an AOCOPM officer or Board member and help set the course for the future.

Let us know you're interested: [Future Leader](#)

NOTE: The Board has an immediate vacancy to fill due to Dr. Birchfield's appointment to the AOBPM. His [Trustee](#) term will be fulfilled at the end of 2025.

Save the Date for DO Day 2026



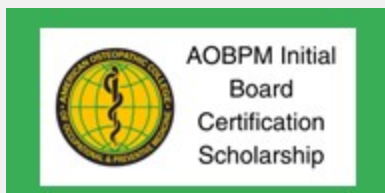
Save the Date - DO Day 2026!

- **Virtual:** Saturday, March 21 and Sunday, March 22
- **In-person:** Wednesday, March 25 and Thursday, March 26
- The Westin Arlington (Arlington, VA)
- Hotel room rate: \$264 per night plus tax

Board Scholarships Available

AOCOPM now offers scholarships for initial AOBPM certification exams.

Learn more: <https://www.aocopm.org/aobpm-scholarship>



Vacation Notice: Your AOCOPM staff will be away from the office from June 26-July 5, so apologies ahead of time for delayed responses to emails or phone calls.

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**Did We Miss Something?
Do You Have News to Share?**

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