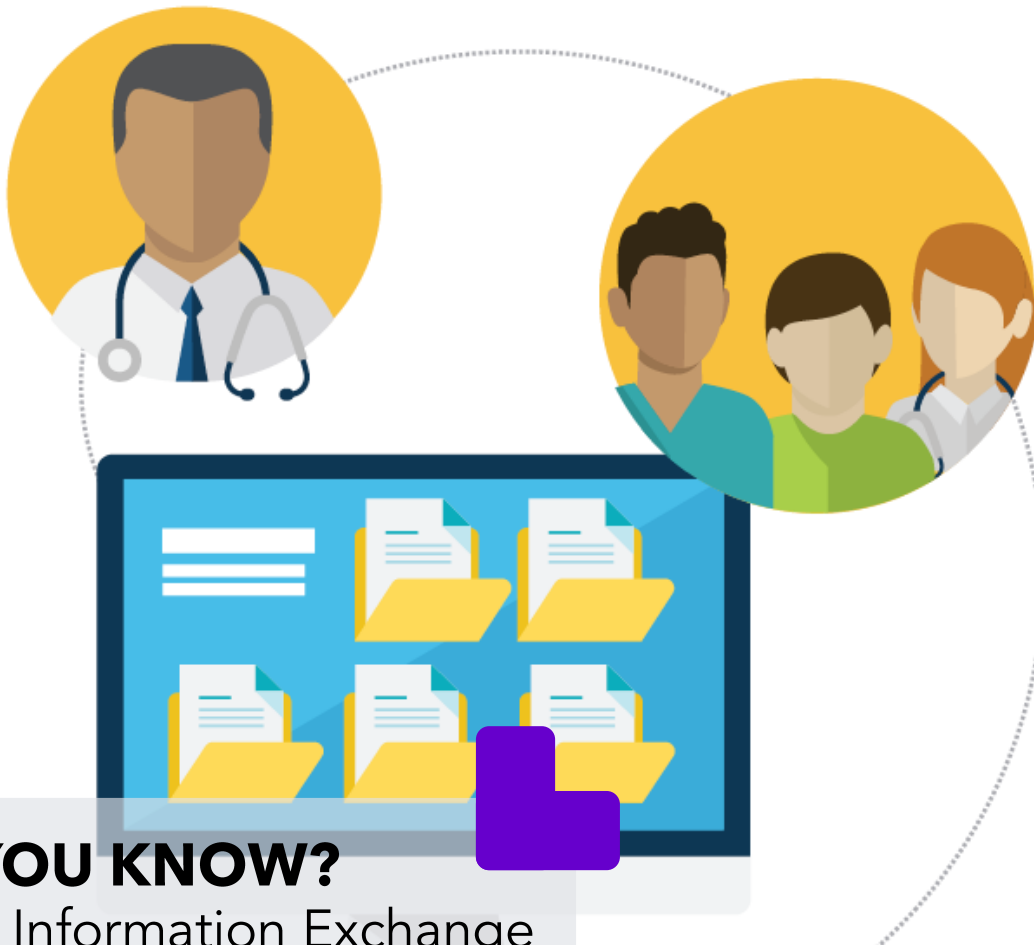


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February 2023



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TULSA COUNTY MEDICAL SOCIETY PRESIDENT'S LETTER



As an Oklahoman, I commonly refer to the month of February as the "Ice Month". Arriving here nearly 30 years ago from Virginia, I was stunned when I became an unwilling participant in my very first ice storm while living as a medical student in Oklahoma City. Sure, we had snow, wind, and heat in Virginia, but I had never witnessed an ice storm and I remember thinking to myself, "This seems so wrong!" Nevertheless, I learned how to maneuver my vehicle on icy roads and have become quite adept at driving during inclement weather. In preparation to help lead the Tulsa County Medical Association this year, I have viewed this new role as a similarly daunting task. However, with the assistance and guidance of the past presidents, OSMA leadership, and the dedicated TCMS staff, I am equipped to successfully begin and end this journey!



**Sharon C.
Smallwood, M.D.**
TCMS President

Also occurring this month is the start of the Oklahoma Legislative season. There are various bills of interest coming through the State House and Senate. Among some of the most controversial are The Millstone Act of 2023 and other related bills aimed at regulating how health care providers manage gender defining and transition care issues. Do you know about these pieces of legislation? Do you have an opinion on them? Yes, you do because we are doctors who have opinions on many things (many things). Check your calendars and remember to sign up for Doc of the Day at the State Capitol. If you are retired, retiring, or just have the interest (as you all should), this is your opportunity to meet your legislators and discuss issues that are pertinent to you and/or your colleagues. If they do not hear it from you, who will inform them? [Click here](#) for availability and to reserve your day.

Here are a few other items of interest for this month:

- Black History Month is an opportunity for all to discover something new about African-Americans and our impact on issues affecting Tulsa area communities. An Honorable mention and congratulations goes out to, Dr. Jabraan Pasha who was recently appointed as the Vice-President of Health Equity for Juno Medical. Dr. Pasha will lead a team of diversified and talented physicians and other medical providers as the medical director for the organization's first healthcare clinic in the Tulsa area.
- Focusing on all aspects of cardiovascular health occurs during this month. Go Red for Women has been a national campaign centered on the recognition, treatment and education of stroke and heart disease in women. Remember to wear Red on February 3rd to support this dynamic cause, and ensure that you acknowledge our colleagues on that day as it also Nation Women Physicians Day.
- Prepare your evening schedules for the Health Information Exchange (HIE), Whiskey, & Wine event set for March 2, 2023. The link to sign up is on page 4.
- February 2nd is Groundhog Day – Do not live the same nightmare over and over again wondering if your TCMS dues have been paid. Call the office at 918.743.6184 and ask... then pay! Your support matters!

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Finally, February is best known for being the month of love as it features Valentine's Day. Often, we see symbols of love expressed using hearts of various sizes and colors. For the members of the Tulsa County Medical Society, our hearts are intertwined within our service. Physicians are compassionate beings who seek to improve the health and welfare of our patients, and a large part of our mission at TCMS is to demonstrate that compassion through Project TCMS (Tulsa Charitable Medical Services). By volunteering medical services and talents, we are able to display our ability to affect the well-being of our community in a positive manner. If you specialize in a discipline that can be used to enhance or improve the health of patients who are inadequately insured and you have not signed up to participate in Project TCMS, please strongly consider joining us in this endeavor. The Tulsa area community is waiting on you!

I look forward to seeing you all on February 24th at the Hard Rock Casino and Hotel!! If you have not sent your RSVP for the Inauguration and Retiree Dinner, please do so TODAY! (See page 4 for the information to RSVP)

Sharon C. Smallwood, M.D.
President
Tulsa County Medical Society

"Alignment is obtained when both your head and your heart point in the same direction."



TCMS HOUSE OF DELEGATES CAUCUS THURSDAY, MARCH 9, 2023

At TCMS Building
6:00PM

RSVP 918.743.6184 at
or to mark@tcmsok.org or
register using the button below.

Dinner provided for those who
attend in-person, must RSVP.
Zoom option also available for
those who RSVP.

- Delegate Meeting
- Resolution Workshop & Review
 - Learn about becoming a delegate
 - How the HoD works

Resolutions to discuss:

- Ban on Corporate Medicine
- NBPAS Board Equivalency
- And others

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#)

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

February 24, 2023 - [REGISTER NOW](#)

Presidential Inauguration of Sharon C. Smallwood, M.D., TCMS President
See Page 4 for more information

March 2, 2023 - [REGISTER NOW](#)

Health Information Exchange (HIE), Whiskey, and Wine Presentation & Social At TCMS, 5315 S. Lewis Avenue
See Page 4 for more information

March 9, 2023 - [REGISTER NOW](#)

House of Delegates Caucus At TCMS, 5315 S. Lewis Avenue
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March 21, 2023

Medicine Day at the Capitol
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April 4, 2023

ACOG's 5th Advocacy Day
1 pm to 5 pm at 2300 N Lincoln Blvd, Oklahoma City, OK 73105 For more information contact Kate Arnold, MD at katearnold@icloud.com; 650-283-0530
[Click Here to Register](#)

Oklahoma State Dermatology & Dermatologic Surgery Society

[OSDS Annual Social](#)

April 21, 2023 / 6 - 9 PM

CHK Central Boathouse

Featuring Elizabeth Speegle Band

[OSDS Annual Meeting](#)

April 22, 2023 / 7 AM - 4 PM

Nicholson Tower, Dean Gandy Auditorium

Contact Joetta Cunningham, TCMS

The Mark Allen Everett, MD, Skin of Color Virtual Symposium Presented by the OU Department of Dermatology

May 5, 2023 / 7 AM - 4 PM VIRTUAL

For more information contact Renee Wall:
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PROPER PRESCRIBING VIRTUAL CME

Thursday, February 16, 2023; 6-7 PM

Friday, May 12, 2023; Noon-1 PM

To sign up or for more information, contact Sandy Deeba, 405-601-9571 or visit www.okmed.org

*Signed into law in 2018, Oklahoma's Senate Bill 1446 mandates that all physicians complete one hour of CME in pain management per year. To help Oklahoma's physicians better understand how this new law impacts their practice and patients, the Oklahoma State Medical Association is hosting special CMEs in Oklahoma City and Tulsa.

HEALTH INFORMATION EXCHANGE (HIE) INFORMATION EVENT WITH Q&A

Join us for a Health Information Exchange (HIE) presentation and Whiskey & Wine Social. Learn about the upcoming HIE requirements and sip and savor while connecting with colleagues. (Non-alcoholic beverages also served)

When: Thursday, March 2, 2023, 6PM
Where: TCMS, 5315 S. Lewis Ave.



Steve Miller, State Coordinator for Health Information Exchange, will join us in person for a presentation on the HIE requirements along with Q&A.

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#)

Health Information Exchange (HIE)

In March 2022, the State of Oklahoma passed SB1369 and the subsequent rules, requiring all health care providers to report data to and utilize the State Designated Entity (SDE) for Health Information Exchange beginning July 1, 2023.

All health care providers shall:

- Establish a direct, secure connection to the state-designated entity for HIE and submit data in the form and format as defined on the Office of the State Coordinator for HIE website.
- Actively use the HIE services to securely access records during and/or in support of patient treatment or healthcare operations.

RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP

A friendly reminder if you have not yet paid your TCMS & OSMA membership dues for 2023. The Deadline for renewal is March 31. Your membership provides advocacy, physician wellness, medical student and resident support, and more.

These invoices have a new look this year with several options including:

- Check** - Make payable to TCMS and mail to our office
- Credit Card** - Complete the information on the invoice and mail or fax to our office.
- Online** - Use the link in your emailed invoice to pay securely and directly online to your membership account.

Please contact Joetta or Mark at 918.743.6184 or email us at tcmsok.org if you have any questions about dues/membership.

We thank you for your membership and support of your physician organizations.

BIDEN ADMINISTRATION TO END COVID-19 PHE ON MAY 11

The Secretary of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) has the authority to declare a national public health emergency (PHE). For ongoing PHEs, the Secretary must reissue a declaration at least once every 90 days.

The HHS Secretary determined a PHE has been in effect due to the COVID-19 pandemic since Jan. 31, 2020. Under a declared PHE, the Department has additional authority and discretion to waive certain program requirements in order to respond to the identified emergency. Under the COVID-19 PHE, HHS and supporting agencies have issued numerous flexibilities and waivers to support the continued access to critical healthcare services throughout the pandemic. However, following the expiration of the declared COVID-19 PHE, many of these flexibilities will expire.

On Jan. 30, 2023, the Biden Administration announced its plans to end the COVID-19 PHE on May 11, 2023. This decision comes after multiple renewals over the past three years. The end of the PHE will have ramifications for a variety of flexibilities afforded by the pandemic over the last several years, such as HIPAA penalty waivers, controlled substance prescription waivers, and COVID-19 testing and treatment coverage.

THERE'S STILL TIME TO RSVP

Presidential
INAUGURATION

FEBRUARY 24, 2023

Sharon C. Smallwood, M.D.

as the

One Hundred Sixteenth President

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#)

When:

Friday, February 24
6 PM Cocktails

7 PM Dinner & Program

Where:

Hard Rock Tulsa,
Sky Room on the 18th Floor

Cost:

\$75 per person

Black Men in White Coats Exposes Youth to the Medical Field

On Tuesday, November 1st, hundreds of Tulsa Public Schools students attended Black Men in White Coats youth summit for the first time at the University of Tulsa. The event gave students exposure, mentors, and access to resources in the medical field, and could potentially help close a racial gap. The number of Black men in the medical field has dropped by an astonishing 15% since 1970. Today, Black men make up only 2% of medical school students.

Dr. Andre Fredieu with Hillcrest says that is because of a lack of resources. "I think a lot of it had to do with a lack of resources," Fredieu said. "Some of the schools that we have in the area that are predominantly African American deal with a lack of resources compared to schools in more affluent areas."

Black Men in White Coats wants to change that. Today, more than 200 students got the chance to put on a white coat and roll up their sleeves to get some hands-on practice in the medical field, with plastic mannequins. Students had access to 20 hands-on clinical stations, panel discussions, and could network with other students who shared a passion for medicine.

"Literally we're gonna put them in the middle of a hospital experience to figure out what it's like to be page, being able to find out what a clinical skill is and then have to reset and go on to the next event really quickly," Dr. Chris McNeil, founder of Black Men in White Coats Tulsa chapter, said.

While the event is named Black Men in White Coats, it was not exclusive to Black men. In fact, it was open to all races and genders. "I feel so professional," Bryann Brown, a junior at Central High School, said. "It's just crazy to think that I might actually be wearing one of these one day."

By Mckenzie Richmond, KTUL Staff

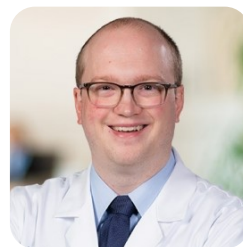
Dr. McNeill is a resident member of Tulsa County Medical Society and Oklahoma State Medical Association and a 2018 recipient of the Charles James Bate Memorial Scholarship Award. For more information about this program, please contact Dr. McNeil at bmwc918@gmail.com.



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!



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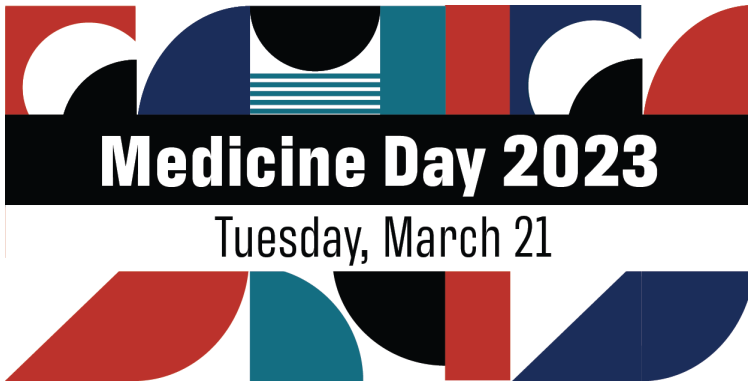
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Medicine Day 2023

Tuesday, March 21

Medicine Day is an annual event where you – as an OSMA member – have an opportunity to meet one-on-one or in a group with your legislators and let your medical voice be heard. Show your support for medicine-friendly legislation by joining us for Medicine Day 2023. The event returns to the Oklahoma State Capitol with an afternoon legislative meet and greet, followed by an evening reception at the Harn Homestead.

Tuesday, March 21, 2023

Schedule

1:30 pm

Legislative Update and Briefing

Oklahoma State Capitol, Room TBD
2300 N. Lincoln Blvd.

Oklahoma City, OK 73105

(Parking available in south and east parking lots)

2:30 to 5 pm

Meet with Your Legislators

Oklahoma State Capitol
2300 N. Lincoln Blvd.

Oklahoma City, OK 73105

5 to 6:30 pm

Legislative Reception

Harn Homestead (open-air venue)

1721 N. Lincoln Blvd.

Oklahoma City, OK 73105

If you have questions about Medicine Day 2023, please contact OSMA Director of Government Affairs, Matt Robison at 1.405.664.0265.