



TULSA MEDICINE

Tulsa County Medical Society | A Newsletter for the Medical Community

May 2023



TCMS Drillers Night

Join us for an evening of fun, food, baseball, and fireworks on Saturday, May 27th on the Coors Light Deck.

Page 3

President's Letter - Sharon C. Smallwood, M.D.

Page 2

Cinco de Mayo lunch with speakers Dr. David Kendrick and Dr. Bruce Dart

Page 5

Welcome New Members to TCMS and OSMA!

Page 5

TULSA COUNTY MEDICAL SOCIETY PRESIDENT'S LETTER



**TULSA COUNTY
MEDICAL SOCIETY**
Physicians Advancing Health Care

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Sharon Smallwood, MD (Pres)
Stephen Bruns, MD (Pres-Elc)
Ondria Gleason, MD (VP)
Brian Macha, MD (IPP)
Christopher Emerson, MD
Diane Heaton, MD
Stephen Gawey, MD
Karen Gold, MD, MSCI
Justin Parschauer, DO
David Siegler, MD
James Webb, Jr., MD
Michael Weisz, MD

STUDENT RESIDENT COUNCIL LEADERSHIP

Monica Ha, OU, MSIV
Jantzen Faulkner, OSU, MSIII

TCMS FOUNDATION

Physicians Caring for the Community

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

David Griffiths, MD - Chair
Pete Aran, MD
Stephen Bruns, MD
James Cash, MD
Lynn Frame, MD
Michael Hairston, CTFA
Diane Heaton, MD
Martina Jelley, MD
Brian Macha, MD
David Minielly
Kulsum Siddiqui

TULSA COUNTY MEDICAL SOCIETY & TCMS FOUNDATION

A : 5315 S Lewis Ave
Tulsa, OK 74105
P : 918.743.6184
F : 918.743.0336
E : tcms@tcmsok.org

STAFF

Mark McElreath, MPA
Executive Director
TCMS & TCMS Foundation
mark@tcmsok.org

Joetta Cunningham
Director of Operations
TCMS
joetta@tcmsok.org

Pam Oppelt
Care Coordinator
Project TCMS
pam@tcmsok.org

Beverly Thompson
Events & Grants Coordinator
Project TCMS
beverly@tcmsok.org

*Acceptance of advertising in
Tulsa Medicine in no way
constitutes professional approval
or endorsement of products or
services advertised.

Greetings Colleagues and Friends,

I hope spring will be in full effect by the time this newsletter is printed. Wait – I think I forgot we live in Oklahoma...we'll just get what we get and keep on moving. ☺

Last month, I had the opportunity to attend and participate in the inauguration of our very own, Dr. Diane Heaton, as she stepped into the role of State leader for our medical association. Dr. Heaton will serve as the Oklahoma State Medical Association president through April 2024. The event was held at Southern Hills and was a very special night. We also celebrated the upcoming retirement of three outstanding women in our OSMA office: Donna Bartlett, Sandy Deeba, and Nancy Marshall. They will be missed and are definitely appreciated for their many years of service.

Also in April, I was pleased to serve as the Doc of the Day at the State Capitol. I met with several of the legislatures and discussed the similarities in our daily struggles as lawmakers and physicians. Overall, there was a feeling of mutual respect and a desire to understand the issues of both disciplines. Please look ahead to your April 2024 calendars so that you are prepared to select a date to serve and represent TCMS and OSMA.

We have our Drillers Night event coming up on the 27th! Don't forget to RSVP as it looks like the weather may actually cooperate again this year (fingers crossed) and provide us with pleasant temperatures to sit out and enjoy watching the game and hanging out with each other and our TOMS colleagues. The link to register is in this newsletter so please register early as there is limited space in the reserved area.

CINCO de MAYO – the widely

celebrated day of Margaritas- is the date commemorating the Mexican Army's victory over France at the Battle of the Puebla in 1862. For us at TCMS, it also means that we get to honor our retired physicians with a luncheon and speaker presentations by David Kendrick, MD, and Bruce Dart, Ph.D.



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

Here are a few other important events and celebrations occurring this month:

- Nurses Week: 6-12
- National Hospital Week: 7-13
- Teacher Appreciation Week: 8-12

The OU College of Medicine Graduation is Saturday, May 20, 2023, at 11 a.m. Lloyd Noble Center - 2900 Jenkins Avenue, Norman, OK.

The OSU College of Osteopathic Medicine Commencement is Saturday, May 13th, 2023, at 3:00 p.m. Mabee Center - 7777 S Lewis Ave, Tulsa, OK.

Regardless of how many activities you attend or how you choose to spend your time this month, please remember to take a few minutes out of every day to reflect upon the many blessings bestowed to you as we continue on this journey of helping Oklahomans live their healthiest lives.

Sharon Smallwood, MD

"Knowing what to say measures your intelligence, but knowing how to say it measures your heart."

TULSA COUNTY MEDICAL SOCIETY NIGHT AT THE DRILLERS MAY 27, 2023 | 6:30 PM



It is our second annual Drillers Night for Tulsa County Medical Society members with Tulsa Osteopathic Medical Society members. We have reserved the Coors Light Refinery Deck, so capacity will be limited to the first 75 attendees who register. We look forward to this social event with food, drinks, baseball, and fireworks!

When: Saturday, May 27th at 6:30 PM

Cost: FREE - Admission to the ballgame, food, drinks, fireworks included, including cash bar available.

Who can attend: Any TCMS Member plus one guest. *This is an adult only event.*

How to RSVP:

Online - [Click Here](#) to RSVP or scan the QR Code.
Call - 918.743.6184
Email - mark@tcmsok.org

We politely ask that if you RSVP, that you attend the event.

SCAN to RSVP



CONGRATULATIONS DIANE HEATON, MD, OSMA PRESIDENT 2023-2024



On Friday, April 14, 2023, Diane Heaton, MD was inaugurated as the 2023-2024 OSMA President. The TCMS Board of Directors congratulates Dr. Heaton and looks forward to her outstanding presidency.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

May 5, 2023

Cinco de Mayo Luncheon - TCMS Retired and Lifetime Physicians at TCMS from 11:30 -1:00 PM - Dr. David Kendrick and Dr. Bruce Dart will give presentations. [Click Here](#) to RSVP.

May 5, 2023

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

7 AM - 4 PM VIRTUAL

For more information contact Renee Wall:
renee-wall@ouhsc.edu

May 11, 2023

OU & OSU Resident Research Night
6:00 - 9:00 PM hosted by the Tulsa OBGYN
Society at TCMS.

May 14, 2023 - Happy Mother's Day from
TCMS & TCMS Foundation



*"If I have done anything
in life worth attention, I
feel sure that I inherited the
disposition from my mother"
- Booker T. Washington*

May 27, 2023

TCMS Drillers Night - Join us for an evening of fun, food, baseball, and fireworks on Saturday, May 27th on the Coors Light Deck. TCMS Members can bring a guest. [Click Here](#) to RSVP.

July 18, 2023

OSDS Regular Scheduled Series
More details to come

PROPER PRESCRIBING VIRTUAL CME

Friday, May 12, 2023; Noon-1 PM
Friday, July 21, 2023; Noon - 1 PM
To sign up or for more information, contact
Sandy Deeba, 405-601-9571

*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. This one-hour event offers insight to the legal issues affecting pain management and an overview of the new laws connected with prescribing opioids to patients. All Oklahoma physicians with a DEA license are required to take this one hour course annually.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE FROM OSMA

VICTORY ON APRN SCOPE MEASURE (SB458) and HEALTH INFORMATION EXCHANGE BILL (HB1688) DORMANT

OSMA continues to be the major player when negotiating and affecting measures important to the physician profession. These negotiations remain a priority. **Thursday, April 27** was the deadline for bills to be considered on the opposite chamber's floor. Measures now go to the opposite chamber to either consider amendments or be assigned to a Conference Committee where language is drafted and, if considered, is non-debatable and non-amendable. The Legislature must adjourn by 5:00p on **May 26**, the last Friday in May. Currently:

- Just over 200 House Bills remain active (93 became dormant)
- Approximately 300 Senate Bills remain (85 became dormant)
- The Governor has 106 bills on his desk awaiting action.
- The Governor vetoed 20 bills mainly due to a dispute with the Senate over common education reform.
- The following are OSMA supported measures **VETOED** by the Governor:
 - **SB249 (McCortney/Caldwell)** – Adjusts provisions related to illegal drugs to include a definition of palliative care and exempts such care from certain electronic prescription requirements. **VETOED**
 - **SB711 (Rosino/Boatman)** – Directs the Dept. of Mental Health to provide opioid antagonists to the Dept. of Corrections and to county jails to be provided to inmates with a known opioid addiction or related condition upon release. **VETOED**
 - **SB712 (Rosino/McEntire)** – Directs the Dept. of Mental Health to provide hospitals with opioid antagonists to be given to persons presenting to emergency departments with the symptoms of an opioid overdose or related disorder upon discharge from the hospital. **VETOED**
 - **SB563 (Haste/McEntire)** – Includes that anesthesia is to continue to be reimbursed equal to or greater than the established Fee Schedule, with value-based payment arrangements possible for services furnished to Medicaid members. **VETOED**
 - **SB711 (Rosino/Boatman)** – Directs the Dept. of Mental Health to provide hospitals with opioid antagonists to be given to persons presenting to emergency departments with the symptoms of an opioid overdose or related disorder upon discharge from the hospital. **VETOED**
- OSMA is now tracking 39 pieces of legislation (not including marijuana or budget related measures)

APRN SCOPE: SB458 (Stanley/McEntire) was not considered before Thursday's deadline and is officially dormant for the year. This measure would have allowed Advanced Practice Registered Nurse (APRNs) to pursue enhanced prescriptive authority statewide without physician supervision. Unfortunately, the APRN representatives politically and personally attacked the OSMA Lobby team which includes **Matt Robison; Pat Hall, CAE; Jim Dunlap; Tonya Lee Noon; Bruce Robertson and Luke Martin**. The OSMA team did an INCREDIBLE JOB representing the *House of Medicine* and defeating the perpetual APRN SCOPE measure this year.

OSMA's H.E.R.O. (Healthcare Expansion in Rural Oklahoma) Plan DID THE JOB Defeating SB458! OSMA devised several Amendments authored and ready for consideration if **SB458** was

brought to the House Floor. These amendments included:

- MD or DO Licensure Boards must play an integral part in APRN evaluation and authorization.
- APRN enhanced prescribing authority would require the passage of Board authorized pharmacology exam and CME.
- Expanded practice APRNs **MUST ONLY** work in Rural Oklahoma counties (under 200K population).
- A "sunset clause" provision be added so the legislature could evaluate the results.

OSMA also helped develop and lobby for a separate *Floor Substitute* authored by **Rep. Carl Newton (R-58)**. His bill **ONLY** defined APRN supervision and fee requirements and did not expand scope. The H.E.R.O. plan language proved to be a major benefit to OSMA when combating and defeating this effort by the APRNs.

This ALL circles back to the **OSMA CAMPAIGN**. The physician profession is building a political force supporting the *House of Medicine*. This is a long-term game and **MUST** be considered as such. OSMA's impact on the political landscape has only begun and we need to commit to this effort. PLEASE recall that **OMPAC** plays a MAJOR roll in OSMA's political strength. YOU CHOOSE to make a difference...**INVEST IN OMPAC!**

Another major issue affecting the *House of Medicine* is the **Health Information Exchange (HIE)** which is still scheduled to begin reporting requirements on **July 1, 2023**. There continues to be significant **concerns** over the HIE implementation due to patient record confidentiality and physician participation expenses.

OSMA has developed this FAQ document summarizing the history and status Oklahoma's effort to implement a HIE: https://www.okmed.org/web/Online/News/Health_Information_Exchange_FAQ.aspx

OHCA rules **allow physicians to apply for an exemption from this mandate** based on "type of health care provider, financial hardship, size, or technological capability of a health care provider or organization."

To apply for an exemption, visit <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/9MXJ5MH>.

OSMA's position is that costs associated by this unfunded mandate should be directly borne by the state, not by physicians. OSMA and other physician led organizations pushed for a delay in the HIE legislation to allow organized medicine to have more input when determining the implementation of the system until questions and concerns can be addressed. **HB1688 (McEntire/Haste)** contained language addressing some concerns over program implementation, but the measure was "held for consideration" and was never brought back to the Senate Floor. The measure is dormant for the year.

Please let me know if you have any questions or comments about the attached Legislative Update. Thank for your leadership and guidance.

Matt Robison

Director of Governmental Affairs
Oklahoma State Medical Association
Phone 405-601-9571 or email robison@okmed.org

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!



Hassan Kaleem, MD

Internal Medicine
Hematology/Oncology
Warren Clinic General Surgery
2408 E 81 St Ste 110
Tulsa OK 74137
918-871-3712



W. Hugh Nesbit, MD, FAAFP

Family Medicine
Dr. Nesbit, PLLC
3315 E 47th Pl Ste 120
Tulsa OK 74135
918-203-7588



Mary K. Mills, DO

Family Medicine
Utica Park Clinic
1551 N. 9th St
Broken Arrow, OK 74012
918-355-7900



Scott E. Plaster, MD

Orthopedic Surgery
Total Hip & Knee Replacement
Specialists
Premier Orthopedic Specialists
2448 E 81st St Ste 1520
Tulsa OK 74137
918-900-2520

TULSA RETIRED PHYSICIANS (GOLDEN OLDIES)

CINCO DE MAYO LUNCHEON

FRIDAY - MAY 5TH - 11:30AM
AT TCMS - 5315 S. LEWIS AVE

WITH GUEST SPEAKERS
DAVID KENDRICK, M.D.
AND BRUCE DART, PH.D.



When: Friday, May 5th at 11:30 AM
Where: TCMS, 5315 S. Lewis Ave, Tulsa, OK
Cost: \$25 - Lunch and Drinks Included
Spouses, Significant Others, and guests are welcome to attend.

The Tulsa Retired Physicians (formerly Golden Oldies) will be having a luncheon on Friday, May 5th. A Mexican lunch, margaritas, beer, and wine will be served.

David Kendrick, MD, MPH, FACP, is the principal investigator and CEO of MyHealth Access Network, Oklahoma's non-profit health information network, which ensures that every Oklahoman's complete health record is securely available where and when they need it for care and health decision-making. Dr. Kendrick has been a member of TCMS and OSMA since 2009. Bruce Dart, PhD, is the Executive Director of the Tulsa Health Department.

RSVP: Call 918.743.6184 or [Click Here](#) to register and pay online



TULSA MEDICINE

A Newsletter for the Medical Community | May 2023

Tulsa County Medical Society

5315 S. Lewis Avenue

Tulsa, OK 74105-6539



YOUR
patients
MATTER AT MABREY

Y O U M A T T E R A T M A B R E Y

Patients are more than just a number. While you offer your patients personalized care, Mabrey supports you with tailored financial solutions for medical professionals. Because if it matters to you, it matters to us.



MABREYBANK.COM | 888.272.8866