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As we welcome the start of a new year, I would like to extend many thanks to Dr. Brain Macha, our immediate past president for his leadership throughout 2022. I am looking forward to continuing the mission of providing physician wellness support as well as the discounted medical pricing offers currently available to all TCMS members through our new GPO program. Additionally, the opening of the 2023 Oklahoma State legislative session is on the horizon, and I am certain that there will be items presented that will be of special interest to our local and state medical societies.



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

Each year our Legislature begins its appointed task to present, promote, and pass bills reportedly designed to improve the lives of all Oklahomans. While we may not support all proposed legislation, we do recognize our obligation to support the ensuing democratic process. Having an influential advocacy team through the Oklahoma State Medical Association assures us that initiatives involving public health matters, physician autonomy, and healthcare financial considerations are promoted based on science and other factors determined to be in our best interests. None of this would be possible without your support through your membership. We are thankful for those who advocate tirelessly for us and for their efforts to sustain evidence-based medical ideologies in this state.

Your participation in this process does not end at merely submitting your membership dues. You are strongly encouraged to become an active participant. One of the easiest ways to become involved is by signing up for the Doctor of the Day program. This year, TCMS is once again responsible for the month of April. Please check your calendars and select the date that you would like to travel to Oklahoma City to meet state legislators and attend minor medical issues (think aspirin and Band-Aids) that may occur. I have been several years and always look forward to visiting with my elected representatives and demonstrating my support for TCMS, OSMA, and the sound principles of public health.

I look forward to having an opportunity to meet, greet, and interact with each of you during one of our annual or other special events. This year, in addition to returning to the Drillers Stadium in May, we are also working a new event, "Whiskey and Wine". Stay tuned for more details.

Finally, I would like to extend my heartfelt wishes for a happy and prosperous New Year!!

Sharon C. Smallwood, M.D.
President
Tulsa County Medical Society
2023

FRIENDLY REMINDER HAVE YOU RENEWED 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, 2023. 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.

Tulsa County Medical Society
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Tulsa, OK 74105-6530

INVOICE

INVOICE TO:
Dr. First Last Name
123 First Street
Tulsa, OK 74000

INVOICE NO: 2023 TOTAL DUE: 680.00

DATE: October 1, 2022 TOTAL DUE BY: January 1, 2023

Qty	Description	List Price	Total
1	TCMS Membership Dues	380.00	380.00
1	OSMA Membership Dues	300.00	300.00
1	AMA Membership Dues (Voluntary)	420.00	420.00
Total			1,100.00
Payment / Credit / Write Off / Discounts Applied			(0.00)
TOTAL DUE			680.00

If your full-time working status has changed, please contact our office for lower-cost membership options.

Payment Options

Online - Use this link to make your payment online [Phone](#) - 918.743.6184 - Call to pay by credit card
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Lobbying Fee: TCMS 0%, AMA 60%, OSMA 100% are not deductible as a business expense for federal income tax purposes. 54% of the OSMA dues provides an annual subscription to the OSMA Journal. Membership in OSMA is required to continue OSMA Group Health Plan Coverage.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

TCMS OFFICES CLOSED

January 16 - MLK Jr. Holiday

Oklahoma State Dermatology and Dermatological Surgery Society (OSDS) Regular Scheduled Series Meetings

Tuesday January 17, 2023 5:30 - 8 PM

Tuesday March 28, 2023 5:30 - 8 PM

(Virtual patients only)

Contact Joetta Cunningham, TCMS

February 24, 2023 - REGISTER NOW

Presidential Inauguration of Sharon C.

Smallwood, M.D., TCMS President

See Page 3 for more information

March 2, 2023 - SAVE THE DATE

Whiskey and Wine Social

At TCMS, 5315 S. Lewis Avenue

More information coming soon

March 9, 2023 - SAVE THE DATE

House of Delegates Caucus

At TCMS, 5315 S. Lewis Avenue

Refreshments Served

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.

WELCOME NEW BOARD MEMBER CHRISTOPHER D. EMERSON, M.D.



Christopher D. Emerson, M.D.
Anesthesiology
Associated Anesthesiologists
Tulsa County Medical Society
Member since 1998

Medical Education
University of Oklahoma
1990-1994

Internship
University of Oklahoma
1994-1995

Residency
University of Alabama, Birmingham
1995-1998

Welcome Dr. Emerson to the TCMS
Board of Directors!

If you are interested in a leadership position with TCMS or OSMA, please contact Mark McElreath at 918.743.6184 or mark@tcmsok.org.

Presidential INAUGURATION

Sharon C. Smallwood, M.D.

as the

One Hundred Sixteenth President

Join us for the 116th Presidential Inauguration of Sharon C. Smallwood, M.D.

In addition to the Presidential Inauguration, the following TCMS Members will be honored upon their retirement from the practice of medicine:

Penni A. Barrett, M.D.	James A. Rodgers, M.D.
Steven C. Buck, D.O.	William P. Sawyer II, M.D.
J. Clark Bundren, M.D.	Bruce C Saxon, M.D.
Tamara L. Chaney, M.D.	Keith L. Stanley, M.D.
Joseph R. Cunningham, M.D.	Charles V. Stewart, M.D.
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For more information, please contact 918.743.6184 or email tcms@tcmsok.org.

REGISTER NOW
PRESIDENTIAL INAUGURATION
AND RETIREE DINNER

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~~
\$65 register by Feb 1



MEDICARE UPDATE

The United States Congress passed their year-end omnibus legislation in December, which includes a Medicare physician payment cut of 2.5% in 2023. Physicians had been staring down cuts as much as 8.5%, but a nationwide advocacy campaign by more than 150 organizations representing over 1 million physicians helped stave off many of the reductions. However, physicians who care for Medicare patients are very concerned about how the cut will impact patient access to care.

This 2.5% cut, following two decades of flat payment rates with no inflationary updates, will cause irreparable harm to Medicare and our underserved communities. When adjusted for inflation, Medicare physician payments have dropped by 22% from 2001 to 2021. Physicians simply cannot afford to operate under the current payment system.

The omnibus budget deal also extends the Advanced APM incentive payment at a reduced rate of 3.5% for one year and delays for one year a scheduled increase in patient and revenue requirements to qualify for incentives.

WHISKEY & WINE SOCIAL MARCH 2ND

WHISKEY & Wine

**Thursday,
March 2
6 PM**

Join us for a
Whiskey & Wine
Tasting at Tulsa
County Medical
Society.

Register at:
[https://
bit.ly/3X25R9e](https://bit.ly/3X25R9e)



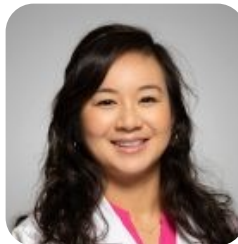
DOCTOR OF THE DAY APRIL 2023

It's never too early to plan ahead for the Doctor of the Day! Tulsa County Medical Society is slated for the April session at the Capitol. The Doctor of the Day Program offers a great opportunity for our members to meet their state legislators and talk to them about issues that matter to the "House of Medicine".

If you are a physician, resident, or student, look at your calendar now and mark the day you can attend. Email mark@tcmsok.org or call 918.743.6184 to verify your spot!

RESERVE YOUR SPOT TODAY!

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!



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TCMS ANNUAL MEETING & SCHOLARSHIP DINNER

On November 11, the Tulsa County Medical Society and TCMS Foundation held the 115th Annual Meeting & Scholarship Dinner.

We want to thank those who attended, TCMS members, spouses, scholarship recipients, family members, and guests.

A social hour kicked off the evening followed by dinner. Dr. Brian Barki was the keynote speaker, providing a personal look at his time on the Mercy Ships. After Dr. Barki's presentation, the Scholarship Awards were presented to nine medical student recipients. In total, \$38,000 was awarded.

We want to thank our sponsors, SVMIC, Trust Company of Oklahoma, and Medline for their support.





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