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## Message from the President 19 July 1979



### MY DEAR COLLEAGUES:

Having just witnessed the All-Star game two nights ago, I realized our membership in the A.O.C.R.M. puts us in the All-Star category. We have the seasoned veterans and the new players, so to speak. Of course, we need new players to strengthen the team as some of the older stars start to fade. Education and practice are essential if we are to continue our growth.

We had a good Mid-Year Meeting in Denver and it was fairly well attended, even though the airline strike did impose some hardships on some of the members.

However, now is the time to make plans for the A.O.C.R.M. Meeting in Dallas, November 4-8, to celebrate our 25th Anniversary. Rehabilitation Medicine will use the new Loew's Anatole Dallas as the Headquarters Hotel. Jim Harris has a fine

program drawn up and it should be most informative. We will also usher in our new President, Dave Rosenthal, at this meeting.

Make your plans now, so you won't miss the meeting, the education, and the camaraderie of the Social Night as well as the President's Reception. Keep in mind that each of you are an important part of the team and we count on your attendance, not only at the Mid-Year Meeting but also at the National Convention.

Y'all come and have a good experience, celebrating our Silver Anniversary.

Fraternally yours,

Robert J. Connair, D.O., F.A.O.C.R.M.  
President

## Convention Highlights

November 4-8, 1979 — Dallas, Texas

Dr. James Harris has announced the official hotel for the A.O.C.R.M. is the Loew's Anatole Dallas. Dr. Harris states that the major theme of the convention will be "Rehabilitation Medicine Communicating."

On Wednesday, Nov. 7th, A.O.C.R.M., along with the College of Rheumatology, will jointly present an educational session. The College of Sports Medicine has requested some members of A.O.C.R.M. to contribute to their educational program. These cooperative efforts indicate the interest in physical medicine and rehabilitation held by specialists in Rheumatology and Sports Medicine. At the invitation of the College of Rheumatology, A.O.C.R.M. and Rheumatology are combining their respective Social and Honors Night into a gala affair. This Annual Celebration will be hosted by Merck, Sharp & Dohme.



## New Fellows in A.O.C.R.M.

At the 9th Conclave of Fellows, held in Honolulu, Hawaii, two members of A.O.C.R.M. were elected to Fellowship. They are: Robert J. Connair and David Rosenthal. At the Mid-Year Scientific Seminar banquet, in Denver, Colorado, on March 20, 1979, Drs. Connair and Rosenthal were presented with their Certificates of Fellowship in A.O.C.R.M. These honors were bestowed on behalf of A.O.C.R.M. by Secretary, Dr. Hadley Hoyt.

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## Twenty-Fifth Anniversary

Dr. Victor C. Gordon is Chairman of A.O.C.R.M.'s Publicity Committee. This very important committee will serve during the Silver Anniversary of our College and is looking forward to making this an outstanding year. It is important that, we, the membership at large, support Dr. Gordon in his efforts. This can best be done by contacting him and his committee directly, with any specific projects you may have in mind.

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## "What's New In Family Practice"

Through the auspices of Charles E. Still Osteopathic Hospital's Continuing Medical Education Department, on September 13-15, Ramada Inn, Jefferson City, Missouri, a grand seminar on "What's New in Family Practice" will be held. Dr. John L. Hart will lecture on the subject of "Chronic Pain."

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## New Certification in Rehabilitation Medicine

During its Mid-Year Meeting, January 30-31, 1979, the Board of Trustees, American Osteopathic Association, declared Paul Elinson, D.O. and John Hart, D.O. Certified as Specialists in Rehabilitation Medicine.

During its Annual Meeting, July 18, 1979, the A.O.A. Board of Trustees declared four more members of A.O.C.R.M. Certified Specialists in Rehabilitation Medicine, namely: Gerald L. Benaderet, D.O., Robert L. Cimber, D.O., Melvin D. Gerber, D.O. and Marvin B. Zwerin, D.O.

Our heartiest congratulations to each and all new Certificants of our A.O.B.R.M. in this our Silver Anniversary Year!

## Hawaii Review

At the October, 1978 Annual American Osteopathic Association Convention, the American Osteopathic College of Rehabilitation Medicine presented a most informative education program. This program evolved around the multiple facets of rehabilitation medicine and the necessity for it to be integrated into the total practice of medicine.

On October 28, 1978, at the Annual Meeting of the Executive Board, Dr. Donald Siehl, President of A.O.A., spoke to the members assembled. President Siehl's obvious interest in the various concerns of this Specialty College was appreciated and his visit was considered very helpful. It also provided an opportunity for ways and means of direct input to the A.O.A. concerning various issues of this College.

Upon nomination from the Conclave of Fellows, Richard K. Chambers, Jr., D.O. was unanimously elected a Fellow in the A.O.C.R.M.

Secretary Hadley Hoyt reported for the Evaluating Committee. At the time, there were ten active training programs in rehabilitation medicine and six programs under construction for A.O.A. approval.

Elections were held and Dr. David Rosenthal became President-Elect. Dr. Hadley Hoyt became Secretary-Treasurer for a three-year term and Dr. Wayne English was elected a Trustee for a period of 4 years. Dr. James Harris was nominated to the A.O.A. for election to the A.O.B.R.M. for a 3-year term.

On October 31st, at our Annual Honors and Social Night, Dr. Wayne English was awarded our certificate, recognizing him for delivering the Sixth Annual Thomas D. Webber, D.O. Memorial Lecture.

On November 1st, the College hosted a reception honoring incoming President of A.O.C.R.M., Robert J. Connair, D.O.

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## Evaluating Committee Report

At the Mid-Year Meeting in Denver, Colorado, March 29, 1979, the A.O.C.R.M. Evaluating Committee reported to the Executive Board. As of that date, there were 20 osteopathic physicians currently being trained in the specialty of rehabilitation medicine and, of these 20, eight are Candidate Members of A.O.C.R.M.



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**Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medi-  
cine and Surgery Plans Physical Medicine  
and Rehabilitation Seminar, October 20,  
1979.**

A comprehensive seminar has been planned by Dr. Paul Elinson on the multi-phases of rehabilitation medicine and how they apply to the general practitioner and the medical profession at large. This seminar will start at 9:00 A.M. and conclude at 4:30 P.M. It promises to be one of the most informative seminars in Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation ever held in the Philadelphia area. Several members of our College have been invited to be guest speakers. Please mark your calendar early.

**"Board" Basic Document  
Amendments Approved**

On July 18, 1979, the A.O.A. Board of Trustees approved amendments to the Constitution and By-Laws of the American Osteopathic Board of Rehabilitation Medicine, which the latter had submitted to the Advisory Board for Osteopathic Specialists in June, 1979.

Consequently, the changed portion of the "Board's" Basic Document now reads as follows: Article IV, Section 1-Requirements for Certification.

Section 1)

- d) He must have satisfactorily completed an internship of at least one year in a hospital approved for intern training by the American Osteopathic Association.
- e) He must be able to show evidence of conformity to the standards set in the Code of Ethics of the American Osteopathic Association.
- f) A period of not less than three years of special training related to the specialty shall be required, after the required one year of internship. Applicants who graduated in 1946 and thereafter with four years of practice following an approved American Osteopathic Association internship may, at the discretion of the Board, receive for one year credit toward specialty training. An applicant who is a graduate of an accredited school of physical therapy or occupational therapy and was then approved for licensure in any of the 50 states, who later attended and graduated from an approved college of osteopathic medicine and has completed an approved A.O.A. internship, may at the discretion of this Board receive credit for one year toward specialty training.

It is anticipated the development of physiatry as a specialty within osteopathic medicine will be enhanced over time by this refinement. These Basic Document revisions will likely be of considerable interest to many who have watched the development of specialty training. It appears the controversial issue of whether predoctoral training can ever be credited toward postdoctoral specialty training has, at least in part, been resolved in a positive manner.



# Tentative Meeting Schedule

## Silver Anniversary Annual Meeting of the American Osteopathic College of Rehabilitation Medicine

November 4-8, 1979  
Dallas, Texas  
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### PRECONVENTION MEETINGS

Hotel Loews Anatole Dallas

★Saturday, November 3, 1979 —

9:00 A.M. — Nominating Committee

10:30 A.M. — Finance Committee

1:30 P.M. — Executive Board

### CONVENTION MEETINGS

★Monday, November 5, 1979

3:30 P.M. — A.O.C.R.M. Annual Business Meeting

★Tuesday, November 6, 1979

3:30 P.M. — Tenth Conclave of A.O.C.R.M. Fellows

★Wednesday, November 7, 1979

6:30 P.M. — Joint Reception for Incoming A.O.C.R.M. President David Rosenthal, and for President Allan Crosby, of the American Osteopathic College of Rheumatology— Sponsored by Merck, Sharp & Dohme.

7:30 P.M. — Annual Honors & Social Night Dinner, Combined Function of A.O.C.R.M. and A.O.C.R.— Sponsored by Merck, Sharp & Dohme.

### EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM OF A.O.C.R.M.

Theme: A.O.C.R.M. Communicating

James D. Harris, D.O., Program Chairman

★Monday, November 5, 1979

8:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M. — Combined Meeting with A.O.A.

1:30 P.M. — Alumni Luncheons

★Tuesday, November 6, 1979

8:00- 8:15 A.M. —Introduction,  
James D. Harris, D.O.

8:15- 8:25 A.M. —Cancer Rehabilitation,  
Wilbur A. Nimmer, D.O.

8:45- 9:15 A.M. —Cardiac Rehabilitation,  
Speaker to be announced

9:15- 9:45 A.M. —Lower Extremity Amputee,  
John L. Hart, D.O.

9:45-10:15 A.M. —Pharmacological Update  
and Discussion

10:15-10:45 A.M. —Congenital Birth Defects  
(Myelodysplasia),  
James D. Harris, D.O.

10:45-11:45 A.M. —Thomas D. Webber Memorial  
Lecture (Chronic Low Back  
Problems),  
Gustave Conti, D.O.

12:30- 1:00 P.M. — Pharmacological Update and  
Discussion

6:30 P.M. — A.O.A. President's Reception

★Wednesday, November 7, 1979

Combined Meeting of A.O.C.R.M. and A.O.C.R.

8:00- 8:15 A.M. — Introduction,  
James D. Harris, D.O.

8:15- 9:00 A.M. —Pharmacology Relative to  
Rheumatology,  
Allen McKinzey, M.D.

9:00- 9:45 A.M. —Application of Electrodiagnosis  
in Rheumatoid Disease  
Ronald D. Abraham, D.O.

9:45-10:15 A.M. —Pharmacological Update and  
Discussion

10:15-11:00 A.M. —Orthotics for the Rheumatoid  
Patient,  
David Rosenthal, D.O.

11:00-11:45 A.M. —Osteopathic Manipulation of  
the Rheumatoid Patient,  
Wayne R. English, Jr., D.O.

11:45-12:30 P.M. —Panel Discussion, Questions  
and Answers

12:30- 1:00 P.M. — Pharmacological Update

★Thursday, November 8, 1979

Topic: Communication by the A.O.C.R.M.

8:00- 8:15 A.M. — Introduction,  
James D. Harris, D.O.

8:15- 9:00 A.M. —Communication with Consumer  
Groups and the Public,  
David Rosenthal, D.O.

9:00- 9:30 A.M. —Communication with Fellow  
Physicians,  
Harris A. Ross, D.O.

9:30-10:00 A.M. —Communication with Students  
and Residents,  
W. Hadley Hoyt, D.O.

10:00-10:30 A.M. —Pharmaceutical Update and  
Discussion

10:30-11:15 A.M. —Communication with the  
Federal and Private Agencies,  
Claude Oster, D.O.

11:15-12:15 P.M. —Communication with the  
A.O.A.,  
Robert J. Connair, D.O.

12:15- 1:00 P.M. —Pharmaceutical Update and  
Discussion



## Communication Is Basic

Dr. Harris A. Ross, Chairman of the Department of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation of Parkview Hospital and Consultant at Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine, together with the Philadelphia Community College presented a lecture to the students at P.C.O.M. on "Communication With the Deaf Person." This lecture stresses the tremendous need for complete communication with the deaf person and the fact that communication should be considered one of the patient's basic rights. It is to be noted that this is the second year in a row for such a lecture to be given at the college and, in view of the recognition for the need for the physician to be aware and able to communicate with the deaf person, this lecture has been considered to be a basic part of the curriculum. It is highly recommended in all medical teaching institutions that such a lecture be incorporated in the scope of Rehabilitation Medicine Education.

## 1980 Program Chairman

Dr. Harris A. Ross has accepted the appointment as Program Chairman, A.O.C.R.M., during Dr. Rosenthal's term of office.

## Date Reminder!

David Rosenthal, President-Elect, has announced the College plans to hold its Mid-Year Scientific Seminar for 1980 in Southern Florida, March 28th and 29th. Details to be announced later.

## K.C.O.M. "Chronic Pain-Update"

On June 6-9, 1979, the Kirksville College of Osteopathic Medicine held a symposium with special emphasis on chronic pain and many additional topics, to provide practical information for the practitioners in the office and hospital. Participating in the program was Dr. Fred Smith, Resident in the Department of Rehabilitation Medicine, and Dr. John L. Hart, Director of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation, Charles E. Still Osteopathic Hospital, Jefferson City, Mo.

Dr. Smith's topic was "Assistive Devices for Ambulation." Dr. Hart's subjects included: "Chronic Pain Syndrome," "Behavior Management of Chronic Pain," "Low Back Exercises and How to Approach Disability Evaluation," "Diagnostic and Treatable Pain Entities," and "Transcutaneous Nerve Stimulation and Its Role in Pain Management."

## JAMES D. HARRIS, D.O. RELOCATES

After September 1, 1979, James D. Harris, D.O. will be at Oklahoma Osteopathic Hospital, Tulsa, Oklahoma. He has accepted the position of Chief, Department of Rehabilitation Medicine and will be involved in the organization and growth of this new clinical department. He has also been appointed Associate Professor in Rehabilitation Medicine at the Oklahoma College of Osteopathic Medicine and Surgery. He also anticipates a limited opportunity to develop a private practice in his specialty field. He will soon leave his current position of Assistant Professor of Rehabilitation Medicine at the University of Kansas School of Medicine where he has been active in teaching and in practice with a strong interest in electromyography and pediatric rehabilitation.

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