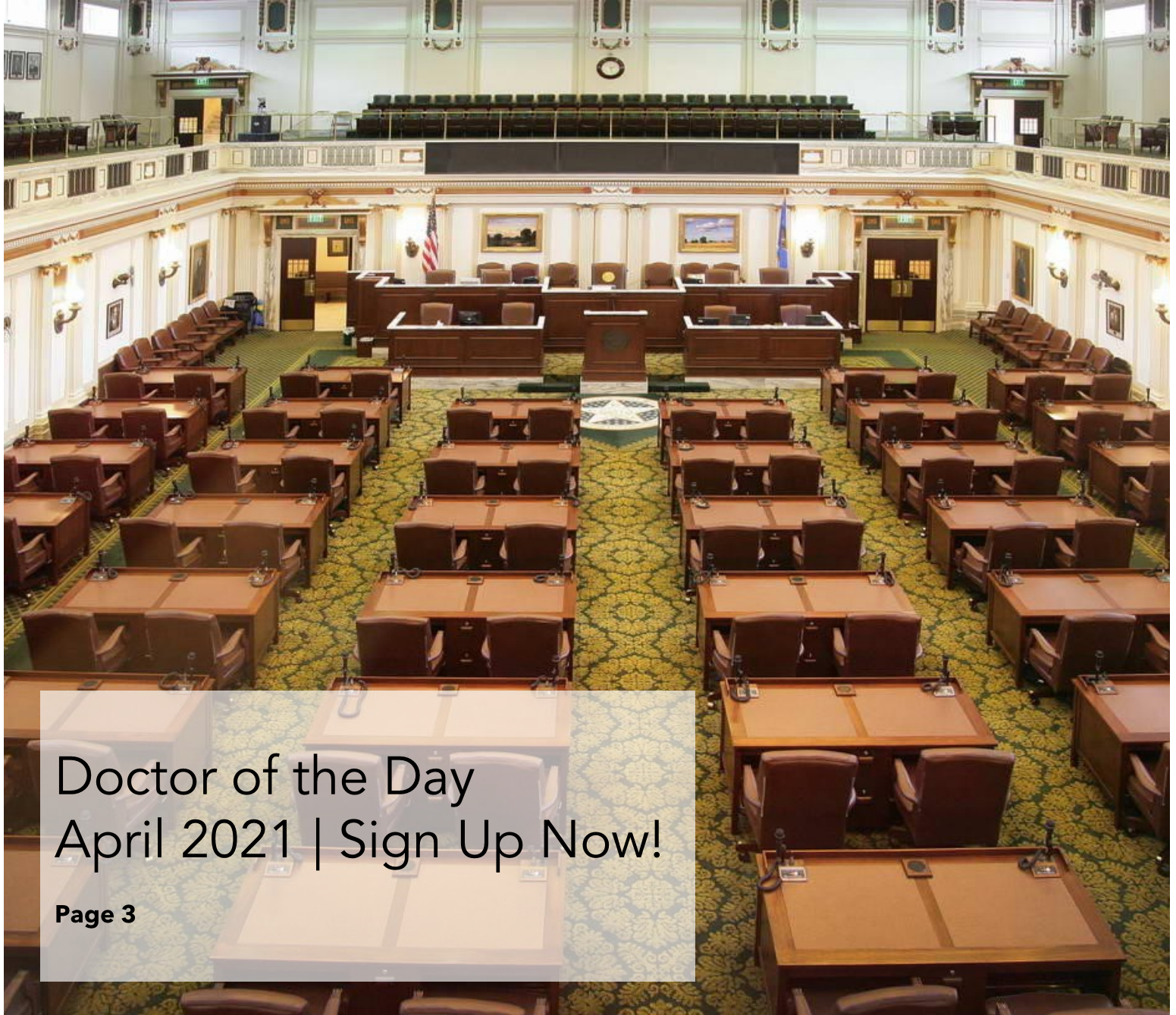




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PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Spring is in the air. As I reflect on the past year, what a change. I don't think any of us will forget the stay at home orders, the empty streets, highways and hospitals that March of 2020 brought to our world. What a difference a year makes. Even as this month marks the one-year anniversary of the first COVID-19 outbreak in the United States. It was announced Feb. 29, 2020, at a Kirkland, WA, nursing home.

The ensuing healthcare chaos has been unlike anything experienced by anyone currently living. The numbers, as of Sunday, are staggering: 2.5 million dead and 114 million infected worldwide — including 512,000 dead and 25.6 million infected in the U.S., according to the Johns Hopkins University coronavirus tracking site.

The work and dedication on the vaccines have been nothing less than superb. Our colleagues in vaccination research outdid themselves with multiple vaccines at 90% efficacy. I am very proud of Oklahoma it was all hands on deck and it is now rare to find a patient who has not been vaccinated in my clinic. Until our recent ice and snow storms, we have been in the top 10 of states for percentage vaccinated. This is a real tribute to the can-do nature of Oklahomans, many of whom are volunteers. We truly should be proud of ourselves, but need to continue until there are no eligible waiting recipients.

Spring is also Doctor of the Day and April is TCMS's month for coverage of Doctor of the Day. For those who have not participated, it is a short time commitment by signing up for one day, typically Monday to Thursday all day or in the afternoon till 4 pm. As the Doctor of the Day, you are the designated physician who covers the Oklahoma State Legislature. Any specialty can participate. Your Senator and Representative will have been contacted regarding your participation and will introduce you in their



**Diane M.
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TCMS President

respective chambers during the opening of that day's session.

The First Aid Station is provided as a service to the Legislature and staff. Only primary level care is provided. The station has basic office examination supplies (i.e. ophthalmoscope; otoscope; BP cuff; tongue depressors; band-aides; etc.). Only over the counter medications are supplied (such as aspirin; Tylenol; URI meds; antacids; etc.). Prescription pads are not provided.

We also have a request that medical students from OU and OSU in Tulsa can travel with and shadow the Doctor of the Day. I think this is a wonderful opportunity to interact, mentor, and introduce the activities of our County and State organizations.

The Spring also brings legislation that we need to support or outline our reasons to not support including Scope of Practice, Insurance, Pain Management/Opioids clarifications, Public Health, Telehealth, and Women and Children's Health.

I implore each of you to review our legislative issues. OSMA and TCMS work tirelessly in the background to support our ability to practice medicine and advocate for our patients. The pressure and burdens on physicians are greater than I have ever witnessed. We are stronger together and now is the time to speak with a unified voice that our patients deserve the best trained physicians who without question have the patient's best interests as their primary goal.

Sincerely,



Diane M. Heaton, M.D.
President

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DOCTOR OF THE DAY APRIL 2021

As part of our ongoing legislative relations, the Oklahoma State Medical Association manages the Oklahoma State Capitol's Doctor of the Day program. This 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". Each Doctor of the Day is at the Capitol for the day to handle minor medical situations (think aspirin and Band-Aids). But more importantly, participants can serve as the face of OSMA and visit with elected officials about the impact their votes have on Oklahoman's health.

Dates fill up quickly. If you are interested in serving as Doctor of the Day, please contact the TCMS office at 918.743.6184 or email mark@tcmsok.org to reserve your date.

In addition, the TCMS Student-Resident Council has asked if any physician volunteering as Doctor of the Day would allow a student or resident to join them to the Capitol. Please let our staff know if you would be willing to have a student or resident join you.

April 2021 Available Dates
April 1, 5-8, 12-15, 19-22, 26-28
Hours: M & W, Noon-4pm
T & Th, 8am-4pm

**Due to COVID-19, all physicians will be required to wear face masks/coverings and maintain social distancing when possible while in the capitol. Additional restrictions may later be required.*



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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4	5 Noon-4pm	6 8am-4pm	7 Noon-4pm	8 8am-4pm	9	10
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25	26 Noon-4pm	27 8am-4pm	28 Noon-4pm	29 Reserved	30	

UPCOMING EVENTS

MARCH 3, 2021

TCMS Foundation Board Meeting
TCMS Office & Zoom; 6:00pm

MARCH 9, 2021

Medicine Day
Virtual Meeting, link will be emailed.

MARCH 14, 2021

Daylight Savings Time Starts

MARCH 30, 2021

National Doctors' Day

APRIL 1-30, 2021

Doctor of the Day
Sign up for your day by emailing mark@tcmsok.org or call 918.743.6184

OSDS ANNUAL MEETINGS

APRIL 23, 2021 7am-4:30pm

Skin of Color Symposium (VIRTUAL)
7.5 AMA PRA CME Category 1
Register at: cme.ouhsc.edu
More information renee-wall@ouhsc.edu

April 24, 2021 7:30am-2:45pm

2021 OSDS Annual Meeting (VIRTUAL)
6 AMA PRA CME Category 1
1 CME for Proper Prescribing Credit
Register at: joetta@tcmsok.org
Call: 918-743-6184

MAY 6, 2021

OU Resident Research Night (VIRTUAL)
More details to come

PROPER PRESCRIBING VIRTUAL CME

Upcoming Dates
Friday, May 21, 12-1pm
Thursday, July 22, 6-7pm
Friday, September 17, 12-1pm
Thursday, November 18, 6-7pm
Friday, December 3, 12-1pm

To sign up or for more information, contact Sandy Deebea, 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. 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.

OU SCHUSTERMAN LIBRARY ACCESS

NEW MEMBER BENEFIT

Thanks to a partnership with the OU Schusterman Library, TCMS Members receive access to the OU Library. Due to COVID-19, certain restrictions are in place. TCMS Members can search the online catalog, which includes electronic articles: https://ou-primo.hosted.exlibrisgroup.com/primo-explore/search?vid=OUTULSA2&lang=en_US.

For online articles, access to full text for most of the articles may be limited. But members can use Interlibrary Loan (ILL) to request full text. To use this service, members should contact the Interlibrary Loan technician, Vicki Ford, (vicki-ford@ouhsc.edu), and identify yourself as a member of the Tulsa County Medical Society. She will verify membership, and then will set up an ILL account for members, and provide a password and instructions for logging on. To request a literature search, members should go to https://outlibrary.col.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_1HsFdDoWL77b6C1 and complete the form. Members can also use the 'Chat' feature on the library home page (<https://library.tulsa.ou.edu>) or contact the library through the 'Contact Page' and identify themselves as members of TCMS.

Thank you to the OU Schusterman Library for this benefit to all TCMS Members. For more information or questions, please contact Toni Hoberecht, MA, MLIS, AHIP, Assistant Professor, Technical Services Librarian, Schusterman Library, 4502 E. 41st Street | Tulsa, OK 74135 | 918.660.3231

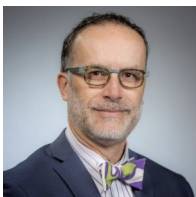
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The Library is an active partner in accomplishing the educational, research, and community service goals of the University. We strive to connect members of the OU-Tulsa community to outstanding information services, collections, and technology. The 22,000-square-foot library was completed in 2011 and includes a digital exhibit space, an information commons with 24 workstations, and four group study rooms. The second floor features a quiet reading room, twenty study carrels, and the print collection of books and journals.

Our local collections include more than 19,000 books and audiovisual materials, along with current subscriptions to about 300 print journals. In addition, we coordinate with the Norman Campus and Health Sciences Center to provide access to thousands of electronic journals, e-books, databases, and images. Materials not immediately available on-campus may be obtained from libraries nationwide.



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!



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LEGISLATIVE ISSUES AND FOCUS FOR 2021

The 58th Oklahoma State Legislature has commenced and the OSMA Legislative Council has met to review over 200 pieces of legislation which impacts medicine in Oklahoma. Each week, a legislative summary is sent to TCMS/OSMA members. The first major deadline of the session occurred this week as measures had to be out of Committee in their respective House of Origin. Several "shell bills" previously without substantive language have been amended to become viable pieces of legislation. This deadline made a major impact on the number of bills under consideration. Measures which were not heard in committee and are no longer under consideration have been removed from this report. The legislature will now focus on floor action. March 11 is the next major deadline whereby bills must be heard on their respective Floor in order to remain alive. Below is a summary of the issues reviewed.

Scope of Practice

HB 2164 (Roe) – Allows psychologists to be considered as a class of physician (Passed House Public Health; to House Floor) **OSMA OPPOSES**

General Government

SB 574 (McCortney/McEntire) – Creates the Oklahoma State Health Information Network and Exchange (OKSHINE), charged with creating and maintaining a digital platform for the sharing and exchanging health related information among healthcare system participants. (Passed Senate Health & Human Services; to Senate Floor) **OSMA SUPPORTS**

Pain Management/Opioids/Pharma

SB 58 (Rader) - Permits a practitioner to electronically order a controlled dangerous substance when administered through a hospice program (Passed Senate; to House Committee) **OSMA SUPPORTS**

Insurance

HB 1006 (Bush/Pugh) – Creates the "Transparency in Health Care Prices Act" which requires health care providers and facilities to make prices for certain health care services publicly available (Passed House Public Health; to House Floor) **OSMA SUPPORTS**

Legal Reform

SB 793 (Weaver) – Considers the assault and or battery of a respiratory therapist who is performing medical care duties as a felony offense (Passed Senate Public Safety; to Senate Floor) **OSMA SUPPORTS**

Telehealth

SB 674 (McCortney/McEntire) – Requires health care plans to provide coverage for telemedicine and remote care services (Passed Senate Retirement & Insurance; to Senate Floor) **OSMA SUPPORTS**

For the complete list, visit <https://bit.ly/3qdk16g>

REMINDER: MEDICINE DAY – TUESDAY, MARCH 9

Virtual Town Hall Forum with Legislative Leadership / 5:00pm – 6:00pm (more details soon)

TULSA TECH MEDICAL ASSISTING STUDENTS SEEK HELP TO MEET CRITICAL NEED

Oklahoma is now more than a year into the COVID-19 pandemic. The need for qualified health care workers is more evident not only across Oklahoma, but nationwide. Tulsa Tech is training students to step in and fill that void. Clinical hours provide students the hands-on, real-world application to the training that they receive in the classroom. Programs at Tulsa Tech have a direct impact on the medical industry and health care within Green Country. Hundreds of students graduate each year ready for work.

"Our Medical Assisting students are the first face you will see at a doctor's office," Kaydee Clark, Medical Assisting Instructor, said.

"These are the people that take your vitals and perform tests for everything from strep to COVID-19." The pandemic has taken a toll on our students' ability to get the clinical practice they need. Medical Assisting students must complete clinical work to be able to earn a national certification.

"Tulsa Tech requires students to complete 135 clinical hours to complete the program," Clark said. "These clinical hours are critical for real-world experience and are truly a long-term interview for our students."



Clark knows the value of Tulsa Tech programs. She took the same Medical Assisting class she now teaches when she was in high school. She says the work-based experience she gained was invaluable to her career.

"I am a direct product of Tulsa Tech," Clark said with a smile. "This has been one of the longest-running programs at Tulsa Tech." A 2019 report by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics shows the need for Medical Assistants will grow by 20% by 2029. Adult and high school students can train for this high-demand career at our Health Sciences Center and Owasso Campus.

"Our Medical Assisting program is the largest in Oklahoma," Clark said with pride. "Our students need these clinical hours to grow their skills and help meet the needs of our industry."

You can help by partnering for a work-based experience and help train the next generation with Tulsa Tech. To join forces with our medical assisting students, please contact Candace Shoopman directly at 918-828-1212 or candace.shoopman@tulsaitech.edu for more information.



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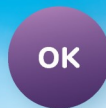
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