



UPDATE: KENT HOSPITAL

Pictured: Family Medicine residents and director Jess Manyan, DO (3rd from right)

Kent Hospital, a teaching affiliate of the University of New England College of Osteopathic Medicine, is home to three residency programs and a fellowship. Family Medicine, Emergency Medicine and the Hyperbaric Medicine Fellowship programs opened their doors in 2008 and have since successfully graduated their respectful residency classes. The Internal Medicine program is currently in its second year.

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Most of the rotations are completed at Kent Hospital. Additional affiliations include the Naval Health Clinic of New England, local nursing homes, federally qualified health centers and clinics. Internal Medicine is a 3-year program approved by the AOA for nine positions. Electives are offered in all medical subspecialties as well as wound care. In addition, there is a unique opportunity to rotate on the obstetric medicine service at our sister hospital, Women and Infants.

Emergency Medicine program is PGY1-4 format, approved by the American Osteopathic Association and the American College of Osteopathic Emergency Physicians. The program is approved for 26 resident positions. In addition to Kent Hospital, EM residents rotate through several other satellite emergency departments affiliated with the EMRP during the program including Tufts Medical Center, Massachusetts General Hospital, St. Barnabas Hospital in the Bronx, St. Anne's Hospital, Boston Children's Hospital, and Women & Infants Hospital. EM residents have put this relatively new program on the national map taking first place in 2012 FOEM research paper competition as well as first place in 2012 ACOEP spring seminar resident case poster presentation.

RISOPS is committed to providing advocacy, education and support for

physicians practicing the distinct philosophy of osteopathic medicine in

Rhode Island and the patients they serve.

**MANAGE YOUR
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ONLINE**

RISOPS is pleased to introduce a new online membership program. Members now have the ability to manage their RISOPS membership electronically. This new feature allows members to sign into their personal account through the website at www.risops.org. Join, pay dues, and update your profile or membership type online with ease.

All Rhode Island DOs will soon receive an email from RISOPS to access their individual account with their own unique username and password. Simply log into the membership section of our website and control your account from there. This updated service is quicker and more efficient allowing members to join and maintain their account at their convenience.

Join RISOPS now and help our organization support all Osteopathic physicians and the patients they serve. If you have never been a RISOPS member your first year dues are FREE. Second year dues are also reduced for Rhode Island physicians. As always, retired physicians, allied health, and associate member categories receive reduced rates. Resident and student memberships are free. Become involved and help promote the Rhode Island osteopathic community. Join today.



You will find men who want to be carried on the shoulders of others, who think that the world owes them a living. They don't seem to see that we must all lift together and pull together.

- Henry Ford

Greetings and welcome to the inaugural edition of RIVisions, the RISOPS newsletter which will keep you up to date on the happenings in our society. At this time we are winding down from an extremely successful ROME conference held at the historic Viking Hotel in Newport, RI. Held in conjunction with Connecticut and Massachusetts, we had 189 physicians attending with participants from all over New England as well as PA, NJ, and even Arizona! This year's theme, "Thinking Osteopathically, A Life in Medicine" featured pertinent topics from birth to old age, an OMT workshop, and speakers addressing the socioeconomic issues of running a practice in today's ever changing healthcare environment. You can log on to our website (www.risops.org) to view photos of the conference. There you can also see photos of other RISOPS events such as the numerous dinner meetings held throughout the year. These meetings are a great opportunity to enjoy a fabulous dinner and medical lecture as you reconnect with your DO colleagues and meet new members of the osteopathic community. And of course, in this age of social networking, be sure to find us on Facebook and connect with us on LinkedIn.

RISOPS maintains an integral link to the future of osteopathic medicine in the state with close ties to UNECOM and Kent Hospital. Over the years our

training programs for students and residents in Rhode Island continues to grow and thrive; Kent Hospital currently has family practice, internal medicine, and emergency medicine residencies as well as a Hyperbaric Medicine fellowship. Currently 14 student DOs are training at Roger Williams Hospital and Kent Hospital and in the past 5 years students have rotated at physician offices in 23 locations throughout the state. In September, the RISOPS Student Recruitment & Placement Committee will conduct its annual interviews for undergraduate students seeking admission to UNECOM.

Now with elections recently concluded, it is imperative that the voice of osteopathic physicians be heard. RISOPS continually monitors legislation affecting the profession and the RISOPS Political Action Committee (PAC) provides support for candidates that support the osteopathic profession in Rhode Island. Osteopathic representation is also present on the Rhode Island Board of Medical Licensure & Discipline (2 of 12 Board members are DOs). Additionally, we seat two delegates from our society every July at the annual AOA House of Delegates meeting in Chicago.

Please help us to help you more effectively. We all practice medicine in Rhode Island first and foremost as Osteopathic Physicians. The success of RISOPS as

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ROME NEW ENGLAND

The **2012 ROME New England** Program was held August 16 – 18, 2012, at the Hotel Viking in Newport, Rhode Island. The meeting sold out with over 200 physicians and guests in attendance. Along with the Rhode Island Society of Osteopathic Physicians and Surgeons (RISOPS), the Connecticut Osteopathic Medical Society (COMS) and the Massachusetts Osteopathic Society (MOS) co-hosted the program. Attendees earned up to 25 Category 1-A CME credits while they listened to presentations focused on the life cycle. Attendees represented more than 20 different states from around the country and the

exhibit hall held over 20 exhibitors. Two lucky people were chosen to win the raffle prizes of an iPad and a certificate for a free night's stay donated by The Hotel Viking. Feedback on the meeting was overwhelmingly positive and planning is underway for another successful program in August.

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BELOW: Patricia Kelley, Associate Dean of Constituent Services, is ready to share the history and accomplishments of the University of New England's College of Osteopathic Medicine with attendees.
BOTTOM: George Pasquarello, DO, and Laurence Bouchard, DO, chat over coffee.



RENEW the DO in YOU

2013

Plan to attend the **2013 ROME New England** Program. For the third year, the Rhode Island Society of Osteopathic Physicians and Surgeons (RISOPS) is partnering with the AOA and the state societies of Massachusetts and Connecticut to cosponsor the Regional Osteopathic Medical Education (ROME®) Conference for New England.

The 2013 theme is "RENEW the DO in YOU." Presentations will include tracks focusing on the Medical Impacts of Disasters and Tragedies, Changes in Medical Practice and the Impact on Physicians, an Internal Medicine update (including, among other topics, infectious diseases, oncology, pulmonology, rheumatology and more), OMT for the Lower Extremities Workshop, an ALS Recertification Workshop, State-mandated CME such as End of Life Care, and other topics.

Join us August 15–18 at the Sheraton Boston Hotel, 39 Dalton Street, in Boston, Massachusetts for this year's meeting. The room rate will be \$189.00/night. Information and details will be available soon on our website at www.risops.org or visit the AOA's website at www.osteopathic.org/ROME.

RIGHT: AOA President Ray E. Stowers, DO, addresses the crowd at the Thursday evening reception.
BELOW: Karl Felber, DO, discuss products in the exhibit hall with a Pfizer representative.
BELOW RIGHT: Karl Felber receives an award on behalf of RISOPS from Marc Hahn, DO, Dean, UNECOM.

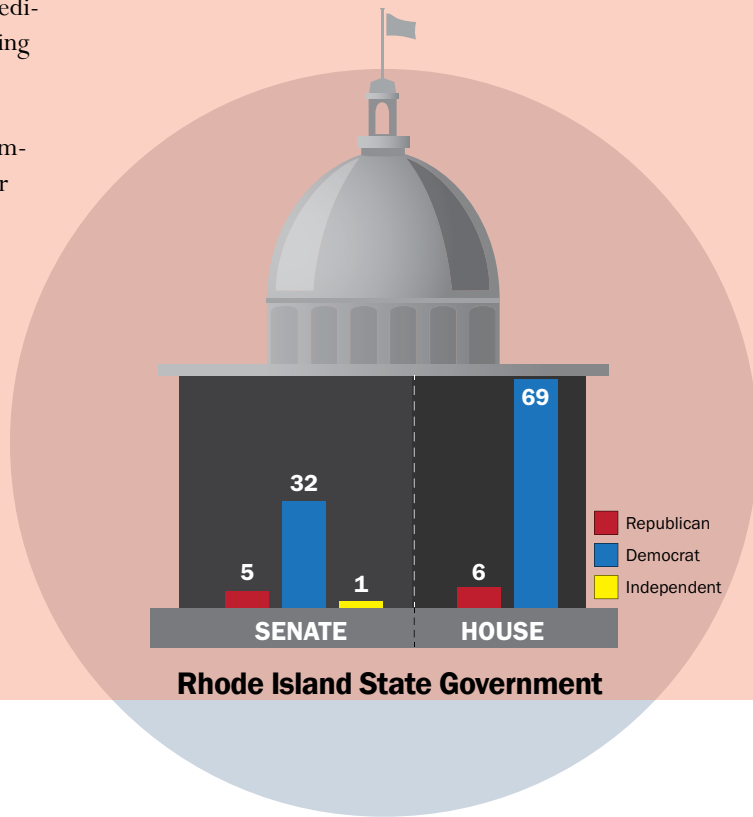


■ The Rhode Island Department of Health has begun enrolling all licensed practitioners authorized to directly access the Prescription Monitoring Program (PMP). The PMP is a new, free and secure web based tool which allows prescribers and pharmacists to access information about controlled substances that have been prescribed to a patient and how they have been filled. For further information please visit the RI DOH website at www.healthri.gov. To register for a free PMP account visit www.ripmp.com and click on "Not a user? Register to become a User". For questions regarding registration, contact the RIPMP administrator at (401) 222-4747.

■ Thursday, March 14, is **DO Day** on Capitol Hill in Washington DC. Attend meetings, a legislative briefing, and share your position on important health issues with members of Congress. To sign up, contact Leann Fox, Director, Political Affairs and Advocacy, at govt-issues@osteopathic.org or call (800) 962-9008.

■ **EMR Update:** February 28, 2013 is the last day to attest for EHR Meaningful Use for 2012. If you participated in the Center for Medicare and Medicaid (CMS) Medicare Electronic Health Record (EHR) Incentive Program in 2012, the last day to complete your attestation to get paid your incentive is February 28, 2013. You must have completed your 2012 reporting period by December 31, 2012. Visit the AOA website at www.osteopathic.org for helpful information on electronic medical records system purchase, implementation, and meeting Meaningful Use.

Category 1-B Credit is approved for the webcast EMR Implementation - Lessons Learned. Watch this free webinar and hear Melissa Gastorf, DO, Gastorf Clinic, the first practice in the United States to receive the CMS incentive for meeting Meaningful Use, and Michael Hunt, DO, Chief Medical Information Officer for Mercy Hospital in Chesterfield, Missouri discuss tips for implementation. The replay highlights advice and suggestions from osteopathic physicians who have successfully implemented EMR systems in their practice. To view this and other helpful Practice Management webinars, visit the Practice Management area of the AOA's website (www.osteopathic.org) for details.



Snapshot of Rhode Island's Health

According to the 2012 Edition of the United Health Foundation's America's Health Rankings®, Rhode Island was identified as the 10th healthiest state in the nation. Specific measures follow:

- 8.4% Adults who "have...been told by a doctor that [they] have diabetes." Does not include pre-diabetes or diabetes during pregnancy.
 - 11.8% Percent of population that does not have health insurance privately through their employer or the government.
 - 20.0% People over the age of 18 who smoke on a regular basis.
 - 25.4% Estimated to be obese with a body mass index (BMI) of 30.0 or higher.
- Per 100,000 population:
- 172.4 Number of primary care providers (including general practice, family practice, OB-GYN, pediatrics, and internal medicine)
 - 185.4 Number of deaths due to all causes of cancer
 - 256.6 Number of murders, rapes, robberies and aggravated assaults
 - 261.5 Number of deaths due to all cardiovascular diseases, including heart disease and stroke

Cranston General Hospital was established in 1933 as the Osteopathic Hospital of Rhode Island. Twelve osteopaths pooled their resources to purchase a mansion on Broad Street in Cranston, Rhode Island. The original hospital had 6 physicians, 12 nurses and could house 18 patients. The hospital grew steadily through the 1940s, 1950s, and 1960s adding new wings in 1954, 1961, 1963, 1967, and 1979. In 1947 the hospital became Osteopathic General Hospital and in 1971 the Cranston General Hospital. The hospital closed September 20, 1993 due to bankruptcy.



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Kent Hospital *(cont'd)*

The Undersea and Hyperbaric Medicine Fellowship Program is approved by the AOA and offers a 12 month curriculum with a clinical focus on wound care, dive medicine and hyperbarics. Kent Hospital is the only 24-hour-a-day hyperbaric medicine referral center for southern New England and is the busiest one in the region.

Message from the President *(cont'd)*

your professional home is strengthened by the participation of all DOs in Rhode Island. Your membership counts! If you are not currently a member, please take a moment now and join your colleagues. Mark your calendar to attend the next RISOPS dinner, and consider contrib-

uting your knowledge and expertise by serving on a committee or as a member of the Board. You will be rewarded by professional growth and the satisfaction of knowing that you are contributing to the greater good of the Osteopathic Medicine.

Finally, feel free to contact RISOPS anytime regarding any concerns or suggestions on how we may better serve you. This is, after all, your organization and your feedback can only serve to help us better meet your needs in the future.

Hope to see you soon!



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