

Newsletter

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Important

PAIN POLICY

At a meeting held on November 4, 2004, the WV Board of Osteopathy passed a motion to adopt the Federation of State Medical Boards' Model Policy for the *Use of Controlled Substances for the Treatment of Pain* as its own. The Federation adopted this in May 2004. For your reference, you may request a copy from the board office or you may view this policy at

www.fsmb.org
(under Policy Documents)

SCHEDULE II CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES

An interim policy statement issued by the DEA which clarifies a misstatement made in the August 2004 FAQ:

The clarification states: "No prescription for a controlled substance in Schedule II may be refilled." "For a physician to prepare multiple prescriptions on the same day with instructions to fill on different dates is tantamount to writing a prescription authorizing refills of a Schedule II controlled substance. To do so conflicts with one of the fundamental purposes of section 829(a)."

THEREFORE, according to DEA officials prescribers may no longer write multiple Schedule II prescriptions on the same day with instructions to fill at a later date and dispensers may no longer accept such prescriptions. If a patient presents multiple scripts dated the same day, then the pharmacist would have the knowledge that this has been done and should inform the patient they cannot fill the subsequent scripts and the patient needs to contact their doctor to reissue a new script at a later date. If only one prescription is presented with a notation that it should not be filled until a later date and that is within 90 days of the date issued, then a pharmacist may fill the prescription.

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AOA: www.Osteopathic.org
www.DO-Online.org
800-621-1773

DEA: www.dea.gov
800-882-9539

OSTEOPATHIC PHYSICIANS BY COUNTY

Barbour	3	Berkeley	9
Boone	5	Braxton	6
Brooke	11	Cabell	26
Calhoun	1	Clay	1
Fayette	13	Grant	2
Greenbrier	66	Hampshire	1
Hancock	8	Harrison	38
Jackson	11	Jefferson	5
Kanawha	74	Lewis	4
Lincoln	3	Logan	14
Marion	6	Marshall	8
Mason	14	McDowell	2
Mercer	26	Mineral	2
Mingo	5	Monongalia	39
Monroe	8	Morgan	2
Nicholas	7	Ohio	51
Pocahontas	7	Preston	1
Putnam	16	Raleigh	25
Randolph	9	Richie	1
Summers	1	Taylor	2
Tucker	1	Tyler	2
Upshur	7	Wayne	3
Webster	3	Wetzel	5
Wood	25	Wyoming	4

Other states with a large number of Osteopathic Physicians holding a WV license are: Ohio (66); Pennsylvania (20); Michigan (18); Virginia (16); and Florida (12).

CME ON-LINE

The College of Osteopathic Medicine at Michigan State University is offering CME on line. You may preview the content, take a competency test, the test is corrected, and you are immediately provided with a test score, **ALL ON-LINE.** The content is approved by the AOA for Category IB credit. Go to:

<http://hal.bim.msu.edu/cmeonline>

**RENEWAL OF A
PROFESSIONAL LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY**

If you, as a physician, are practicing as a Professional Limited Liability Company (PLLC), you are required to send the Board office, on or before the first day of July each year, a renewal fee of \$100.00; documentation that the PLLC carries at least one million dollars of professional liability insurance; and a copy of the annual report that is filed with the Secretary of State's office.

No renewal forms are mailed!

END OF LIFE CARE REQUIREMENTS

All physicians and physician assistants are required to complete two (2) hours of CME in end of life care including pain management during each renewal period through the reporting period ending June 30, 2005. **Beginning July 1, 2005, this coursework requirement will become a one-time requirement, and all licensees who have not completed the coursework requirement shall complete the coursework requirement prior to his/her first license renewal.** You may view a video from WVU: 304-293-3937; www.cme.wvu.edu; or cme@wvu.edu.

Other websites are:

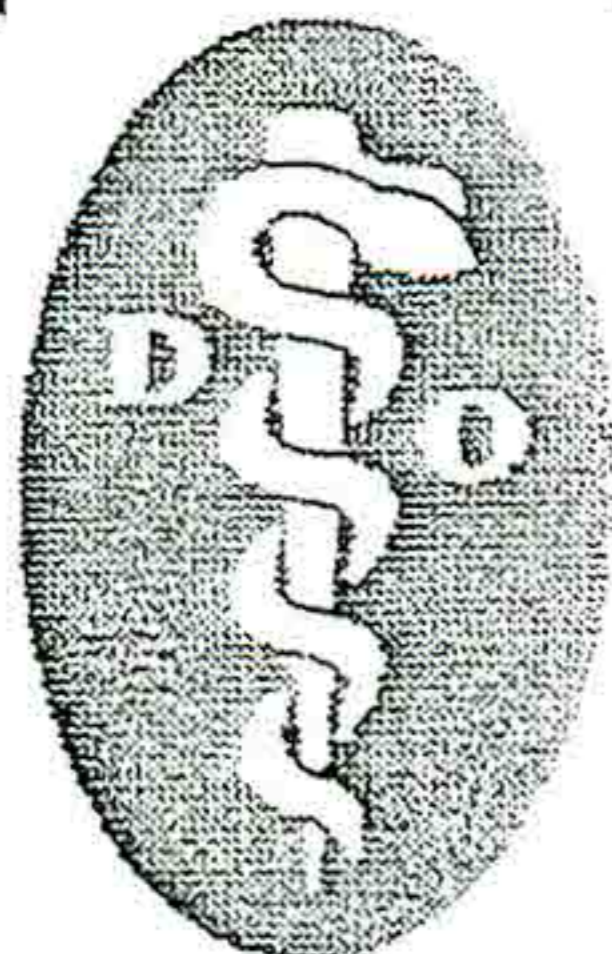
www.learnwell.org
powerpak.com
lecturehall.com
www.camcinstitute.org/wvsma

MISCELLANEOUS

Robert Suter, D.O., medical director of the emergency department of Spring Branch Medical Center in Houston, has become the **first osteopathic physician** to be elected president of the American College of Emergency Physicians.

Our deepest sympathies are extended to Robert Foster, D.O. on the loss of his mother; and to the families of Hamidi Mehdi, D.O., Jerry Roger Culpepper, D.O., Dana Kim Brown, D.O. and Michael W. Young, D.O.

If a physician wants to incorporate or establish a PLLC, **ALL** transactions must first be approved by the Board office.



2005 HOLIDAYS—BOARD OFFICE CLOSED

May 30, 2005 - Memorial Day
June 20, 2005 - West Virginia Day
July 4, 2005 - Independence Day
September 5, 2005 - Labor Day
October 10, 2005 - Columbus Day
November 11, 2005 - Veterans' Day
November 24, 2005 - Thanksgiving
December 26, 2005 - Christmas

It is the duty of each physician to be knowledgeable of the Rules and Regulations that govern their profession. These may be located at:

www.legis.state.wv.us (Code) Chapter 30, Article 14

www.wvsos.com/csr (Rules) Title 24, Series 1

West Virginia Board of Osteopathy:

E-Mail: bdosteo@mail.wvnet.edu

Website: www.wvbdosteo.org

800-206-6625

Per the Board's Legislative Rules, §24-1-15, **all correspondence is mailed to each licensee at the last known address.** It is the responsibility of each physician to make the Board office aware of any address and phone number changes. You may do this in writing, by phone, or even e-mail.

URGENT!

To Physicians licensed in West Virginia that have an expiration date of June 30, 2005:

License renewals are due by June 30, 2005. If you do not renew your license by that date, you should not practice medicine. Late renewals are permitted until September 30, 2005; however, applications postmarked after June 30 require an additional late payment fee of \$50.00.

Licensees who fail to renew by September 30, 2005 must reinstate their license, which requires you to complete a new application, not just a renewal form.

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