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Zoheb Sulaiman, DO Educates About Antibiotic Resistance

Zoheb Irshad Sulaiman, DO, is just starting his medical career, but is well aware of the importance of antimicrobial resistance from his fellowship in infectious diseases (ID) at the Medical College of Georgia/Augusta University.

It is not hard to figure out how Dr. Sulaiman gravitated to ID after having been the only child to his parents. His father works at the Food and Drug

Administration (FDA) in Atlanta as a research microbiologist, and his mother works at the Centers for Diseases Control and Prevention (CDC) in Atlanta as a research biologist. Dr. Sulaiman is a 2019 graduate of PCOM Georgia in Suwanee, and went to Athens, GA to do his internal medicine residency at the AU/UGA Medical Partnership at St. Mary's Hospital.

He looks forward to seeing a wide array of infections at Piedmont Atlanta Hospital and Shepherd Center, but has special interests in bone and joint infections, antibiotic stewardship, and infection control. Dr. Sulaiman starts at Atlanta ID Group, PC on Collier Road in August. He writes that his osteopathic training has helped prepare him for ID, "In the infectious diseases' world, taking a history is paramount to patient care. My osteopathic medical training allows me to be more comfortable when taking a patient's extensive social history including sexual activity and preferences as well as travel and animal exposures when applicable." In his spare time, Dr. Sulaiman enjoys comedy shows, traveling, video games, and spending time with his family and friends.

We asked Dr. Sulaiman (**ZS**) a few questions about antimicrobial resistance:

Did the Covid-19 Pandemic make antimicrobial resistance worse?

ZS: Yes, it absolutely did. In the beginning, there was a huge overuse for empiric antibiotics to cover for superimposed bacterial infections (specifically pneumonia) for both outpatient and inpatient individuals diagnosed with COVID-19. Several patients ended up intubated on ventilators and remained on antibiotics for several days to weeks leading to multidrug resistance.

Justifying antibiotics with "just in case there is a bacterial infection" is a common thought for practitioners. What would you like to say to that clinician?

ZS: I would recommend evaluating your patients clinically and only prescribing if clinical suspicion is high for a bacterial process. Viral infections, such as influenza and gastroenteritis, do not benefit from antibiotic use. If a patient is hemodynamically stable, afebrile, and without leukocytosis, I would recommend watching and waiting for infections to

declare themselves especially in the outpatient setting. This prevents individuals from being exposed to oral antibiotics early on and becoming subsequently resistant if they become hospitalized in the future.

Where do we stand on MRSA infections?

ZS: MRSA infections continue to remain a concern for hospitalized patients. Although anyone can get MRSA, some groups have a higher risk. Risk factors include recent hospitalization or nursing home stay, recent antibiotic use, invasive procedures, open wounds, hemodialysis, bedbound and sedentary folks with sacral pressure ulcers, and people who inject drugs (PWID). If left untreated, MRSA infections can cause sepsis or lead to death.

Where do we stand on Enterococci and antimicrobial resistance?

ZS: Enterococcus infections are still relevant especially in intra-abdominal infections and urinary tract infections in both males and females. In severe cases, it can progress to infective endocarditis which is why a low threshold should exist for ordering a transthoracic echocardiography to rule out vegetations when bacteremia is present. Enterococcus faecalis continue to remain fairly pan sensitive and penicillin therapy (i.e. ampicillin) remains the drug of choice, while Enterococcus faecium is associated with worse outcomes, drug resistance, and nosocomial settings.

Where do we stand on Gonorrhea and antimicrobial resistance?

ZS: STDs remain a huge concern in the US, particularly in the Southeast region (i.e. Georgia). Syphilis cases continue to rise over the last several years, but chlamydia and gonorrhea are still prevalent, and Georgia ranks as the fifth highest state in the US for reported cases according to the CDC. I personally have not seen drug resistant Gonorrhea in my training so far, but I have heard the rising concern for antimicrobial resistance in gonococcal infections.

Thank you Dr. Sulaiman, and good luck fighting infectious diseases in the Metro Atlanta hospitals.

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Delivered by A. T. STILL, D. O., to the students of OSTEOPATHY.

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youthful physician has ever answered the question, What is the cause and cure of Asthma? You can, and prove what you say by your work. Can the M. D's. do as much, No! not to the present age. The same of Croiter, Heart, Lungs and all other diseases except contagion and infections.

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Two Historical Artifacts Reveal Details About the Start of Osteopathic Medicine

To celebrate the osteopathic medical profession's 150th anniversary in June 2024, The DO recently talked with Jason Haxton, director of the Museum of Osteopathic Medicine in Kirksville, Missouri, who shared details about two intriguing historical items in the museum's collection. Each was acquired within the past 15 years. The museum currently houses a collection spanning over 100,000 artifacts.

Read more below about these artifacts and learn about the impact they have had on osteopathic medicine.

The first osteopathic medical school, the American School of Osteopathy (now A.T. Still University Kirksville College of Osteopathic Medicine (ATSU-KCOM)) in Kirksville, Missouri, was opened in 1892 by A.T. Still, DO, MD. However, staff at the Museum of Osteopathic Medicine discovered that Dr. Still actually originally attempted to open the "School of Bones" in 1890 first. They recently acquired a copy of his 1891 annual address to students, shown above.

Howard Kretschmar, DO, who was a Chicago-based artist before becoming a DO, immortalized Dr. Still's 'handiwork' by creating a cast of his right hand in 1897. Kretschmar suggested creating casts of Dr. Still's hands because that's what he was known for—using his hands to diagnose and treat his patients' illnesses. After making the cast, Dr. Kretschmar continued to watch Dr. Still's career and eventually became an osteopathic physician himself, continuing the trend of individuals being so inspired by Dr. Still's work that they pursued careers in osteopathic medicine.

[Read the complete story about these artifacts here.](#)

Darren Dillard, DO Educates on High-altitude Health Care & Navigating In-flight Medical Emergencies

Darren Dillard, DO, is a core faculty physician and the Director of Osteopathic Medical Education for the Northside Hospital Gwinnett-Family Medicine Residency Program in Lawrenceville, Georgia.

One month ago, Dr. Dillard gave a good review of what a physician can expect on an airplane if a medical emergency arises. The article appeared in the May 31st issue of The DO. The article is a follow-up to Dr. Dillard's first piece on emergency medical care during air travel, which covered the ethical and legal considerations for in-flight emergency medical care (October 2023).

As in-flight medical emergencies are on the rise, it is helpful for physicians to be aware of aircraft medical supplies, flight crew capabilities and common conditions that impact air passengers. Darren Dillard, DO, provides an overview of each. [Read more here.](#)



25 Top DOcs in Atlanta Magazine

Atlanta Magazine focuses on doctors once a year and names the doctors that are highly revered by other metro Atlanta physicians. This year, over two dozen osteopathic physicians were listed at “best”. Most of the DOs listed below have been featured in the past but a few are new to the listing. GOMA reveres all the osteopathic physicians in the state of Georgia. The below twenty five were named in this month's issue of Atlanta Magazine:

Karen Buhariwalla, DO (Breast Surgery) of Georgia Breast Care, PC located at 900 Town Lake Parkway; Suite 312; Woodstock, GA 30189 office# 678-370-0370

Carrie Poline, DO (Child & Adolescent Psychiatry) of Carrie Poline, DO, FAPA, CEDS located at 6100 Lake Forrest Drive; Suite 330; Atlanta, GA 30328 office# 404-220-8022

Christopher Buckley, DO (Dermatology) of Goodman Dermatology, PC located at 2500 Hospital Road; Suite 280; Roswell, GA 30076 office# 770-754-0787

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Barbara Joy Jones-Parks, DO (Family Practice) of The Healthy Woman Primary Care located at 1130 Hurricane Shoals Road Northeast; Suite 800; Lawrenceville, GA 30043 office# 770-809-1220

Leah Macklin, DO (Family Practice) of Family Practice Center, PC located at 2860 Ronald Reagan Blvd; Suite 200; Cumming, GA 30041

Candace C. White, DO (Family Practice) of Emory at Miller Grove – Primary Care located at 2745 DeKalb Medical Parkway; Suite 110; Lithonia, GA 30058 office#770-593-2382

Ashleigh Guinn Ross, DO (General Surgery) of DeKalb Surgical Associates located at 2665 North Decatur Road; Suite 730; Decatur, GA 30033 office# 404-508-4320

Stephen Salmieri, DO (Gynecologic Oncology) of Georgia Gynecologic Oncology located at 1505 Northside Boulevard; Suite 3800; Cumming, GA 30041 office#678-442-3121

Manuel D. Rodriguez, DO (Infectious Disease) of Infectious Disease

Services of Georgia, PC located at 1405 Haw Creek Circle East; Cumming, GA 30041 office# 678-341-8035

Ahsan Achtchi, DO (Interventional Cardiology) of Wellstar Cardiovascular Medicine located at 4500 Hospital Boulevard; Suite 320; Roswell, GA 30076 office# 770-410-4520

Salvatore Mannino, DO (Interventional Cardiology) of Wellstar Cardiovascular Medicine located at 55 Witcher Street Northeast; Suite 350; Marietta, GA 30060 office# 770-424-6893

Mathew E. Levine, DO (Orthopedic Surgery) of Resurgens Orthopaedics located at 4150 Deputy Bill Cantrell Memorial Road; Suite 300; Cumming, GA 30040 office# 770-886-8111

Michael Quackenbush, DO (Orthopedic Surgery) of Wellstar Orthopaedic Trauma Surgery located at 4500 Hospital Boulevard; Suite 230; Roswell, GA 30076 office# 470-956-4560

Scott Masson, DO (Pain Medicine) of Alliance Spine and Pain Centers located at 1295 Hembree Road; Suite 101; Roswell, GA 30076 office# 770-929-9033

Nathan J. Neufeld, DO (Pain Medicine) of City of Hope Atlanta located at 600 Celebrate Life Parkway; Newnan, GA 30265 office# 888-926-2965

Erik Shaw, DO (Pain Medicine) of Shepherd Center located at 2020 Peachtree Road Northwest, Atlanta, GA 30309 office# 404-352-2020

Michael Briones, DO (Pediatric Hematology & Oncology) of AFLAC Cancer and Blood Disorders Center located at 1405 Clifton Road Northeast; Atlanta, GA 30322 office# 404-785-3240

Angela Beninga, DO (Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation) of Shepherd Center located at 2020 Peachtree Road Northwest, Atlanta, GA 30309 office# 404-352-2020

Bradley Troxler, DO (Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation) AllSpine Laser and Surgery Center; 900 Eagles Landing Parkway; Stockbridge, GA 30281 office# 770-997-0600

Elizabeth A. Poplawski, DO (Pediatric Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation) of Children's Physician Group – Physiatry – Scottish Rite Hospital located at 1001 Johnson Ferry Road; Atlanta, GA 30342
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Marc Greenstein, DO (Urology) of Advanced Urology located at 1450 South Johnson Ferry Road Northeast; Sandy Springs, GA 30319 office# 678-344-8900

Roger Williams, DO (Vascular & Interventional Radiology) of Quantum Radiology located at 4817 Bellingham Drive; Suite 400; Marietta, GA 30062 office# 267-664-2214

[See the entire listing of top doctors.](#)

Is Your 'Doctor' a Physician under Georgia Law

An Abridged Version of the Article by Roni Robbins For the AJC

A nurse practitioner with a doctorate introduces herself as a doctor. If she doesn't clarify that she's not a physician, she could potentially face licensing penalties under a year-old law that limits who can use the doctor title.

The new Georgia law applies to many health care professionals commonly referred to as doctors, including those with doctorates, and was intended to improve transparency for patients. But clinicians impacted may not be aware of the new legislation and leaders of the largest state health care professions say they do not believe the law is necessary as they already comply with it.

“Everyone using medical specialty titles is impacted,” said Carmen Kavali, M.D., a Sandy Springs plastic surgeon and president of the advocacy group that pushed for the legislation known as the Health Care Practitioners Truth and Transparency Act.

The law prohibits nonphysician health care clinicians who aren't a medical doctor or osteopathic medicine doctor from deceptively advertising, misleading or misrepresenting their specialty titles.

Physicians who support the law say its purpose is to ensure patients can distinguish between medically trained doctors and nonphysicians. The law applies to dentists, chiropractors, optometrists, podiatrists, pharmacists, and therapists, among others who we generally consider doctors.

Kavali explained that the law doesn't prevent dentists or chiropractors, for instance, from using the doctor title in a clinical setting. “If the professional has a clinical doctorate degree and chooses to use the title of doctor in a clinical setting, they simply have to also clarify their licensure for the patient. ‘I'm Doctor Smith. I'm a Doctor of Nursing Practice, and I am not a physician,’” Kavali said.

“It is meant to prevent someone who is not a physician, residency-trained in, say, dermatology, from calling themselves a dermatologist or a specialist or expert in dermatology.”

Other than physicians, the largest groups of health care professionals in Georgia include nearly 12,000 advanced practice nurses, mostly nurse

practitioners, and more than 4,700 physician assistants.

Georgia is one of a dozen states, most in the South, with restricted practice for Advanced Practice Providers such as PAs and NPs, preventing them from working independently or prescribing medication without physician oversight.

Leaders of associations representing Georgia PAs and NPs say they don't know why the law was needed because they don't call themselves doctors. But Michelle Nelson, an NP with a doctorate who is active in legislative affairs, said the new law puts APPs at risk if they use doctor in a clinical setting. Clinicians who violate the new law risk disciplinary action from their licensing boards, potentially even losing their license.

Amy Reeves, legislative government affairs co-chair for the Georgia Association of PAs, says she never misrepresents herself. She has a master's of PA studies degree and is enrolled in a doctorate program.

“In an educational setting, using titles are appropriate, but in patient care settings, PAs would never want to misrepresent ourselves as MDs or DOs and we refer to ourselves as a PA,” said Reeves, a PA at Wellstar Pediatrics at Brookstone in Kennesaw. “Our patients realize that we are PAs and appreciate the care we provide.”

Nelson, who directs a graduate nursing program in South Georgia, said nurses learn not to misrepresent themselves or willfully try to mislead patients. “They don't use it to trick people into believing they are medical doctors.”

APPs who earn a doctor of nurse practice or other doctorate are clear when informing patients they have a higher level of education and knowledge and operate at the highest level of their licensing and expertise, said Nelson, who serves as senior adviser of the government relations council of the United Advanced Practice Registered Nurses of Georgia.

Georgia followed Indiana and California in passing a ban on non-physicians using the doctor title. Other states are considering similar measures.

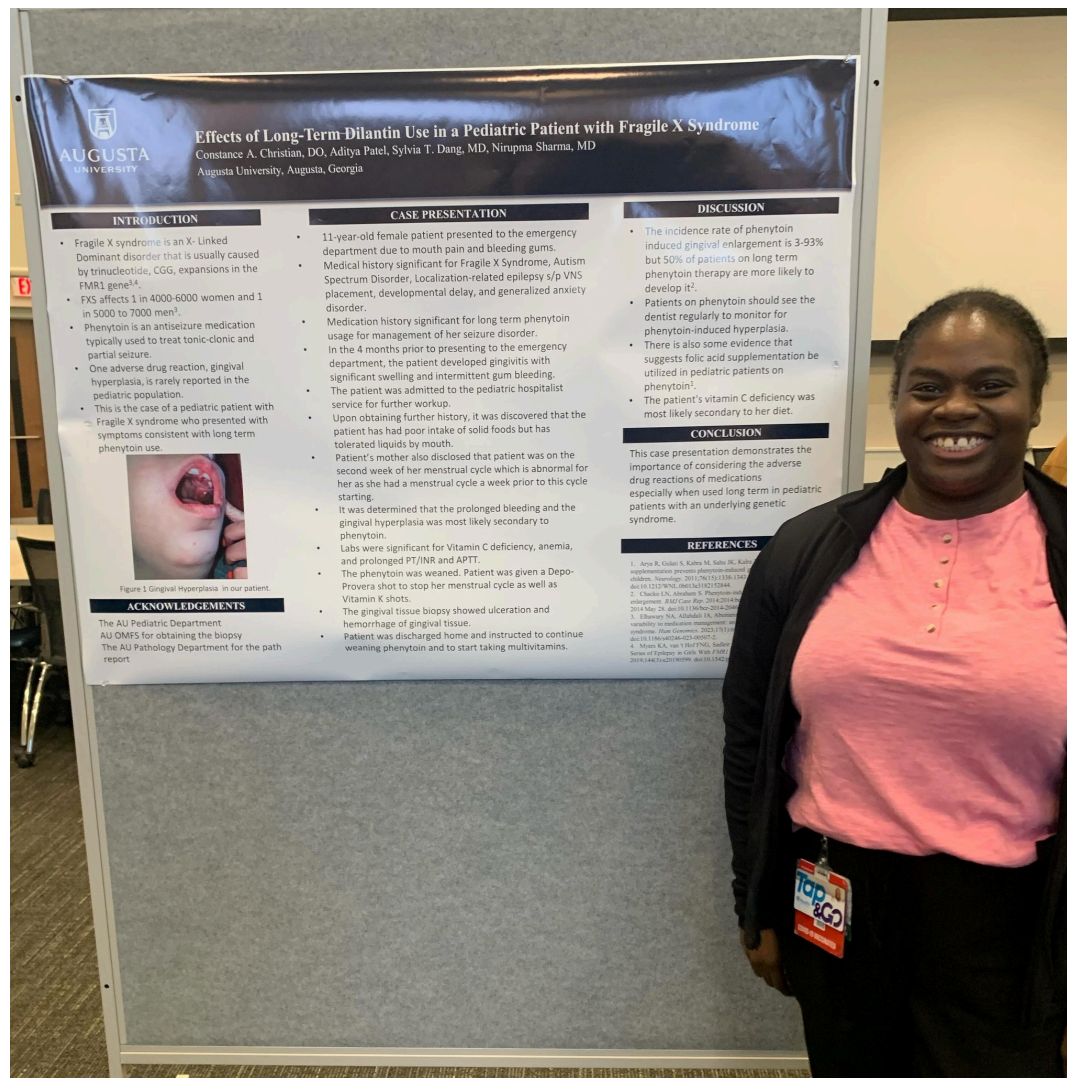
Last year, a group of California NPs sued their state after a DNP was fined nearly \$20,000 for illegally calling herself a doctor on social media and

with patients. The NPs in the suit said the law violates their right to free speech, according to media reports.

Kavali said the Georgia law that aims to improve transparency for patients is not widely publicized. “There are still many misleading advertisements and listings, so the law has not yet had its full intended effect.” Kavali is president of the Georgia Alliance for Patient Protection, an advocacy group that helped write the bill and worked with the Medical Association of Georgia to pass it.

“I expect truthful advertising from all health care professionals and facilities that doesn’t mislead patients. I expect patients to be able to rely on the accuracy of information presented to them by their health care professional or facility.”

In terms of enforcement, Kavali said it may take a few years before anyone violating the law to face repercussions as it’s up to the licensing boards. “Someone advertising untruthfully would be reported to their licensing board, who would then hopefully take corrective action. We rely on colleagues to spread the word about the law.”



Constance Christian, DO presents Paper on Long Term Dilantin Use in Kids

Constance “Connie” Christian, DO won an award for outstanding teaching of medical students from her Pediatric Residency at Medical College of Georgia/Augusta University. The above picture is from a recent conference when she presented a paper on long term Dilantin use in children with Fragile X Syndrome. Dr. Christian just started a pediatric fellowship focused on Child Abuse at Nationwide Children’s Hospital in Columbus, Ohio. She is a 2017 Masters of Biomedical Science from PCOM Georgia in Suwanee and a 2021 graduate from the Alabama College of Osteopathic Medicine.

Robert Bowers, DO, PhD with help from Charles Kenyon, DO Review Article on Platelet Injections

Robert “Robby” Bowers, DO had a review article in Current Sports Medicine Reports published in early June comparing platelet-poor plasma (PPP) to platelet-rich plasma (PRP) for muscle injuries. PPP was found to be the superior option. In the review, there was discussion of cases of baseball players treated with PPP who were able to return to playing faster. Dr. Bowers wrote, “This topic has become my primary interest within the field of orthobiologics and I feel strongly about the utilization of PPP for muscle injuries. I hope this paper helps. Strong work from my coauthors George Raum, DO and Charles Kenyon, DO, MS, CSCS as well.”

Dr. Bowers is an Assistant Professor of Orthopedics and Rehabilitation Medicine at Emory University School of Medicine and serves as the Director of Emory’s Baseball Medicine Program. He graduated from PCOM Georgia with his DO degree in 2013. Dr. Kenyon is a 2017 graduate of the Texas College of Osteopathic Medicine and currently is doing a Primary Care Sports Medicine Fellowship at Emory after his psychiatry residency at the University of Washington in Seattle.

[See article here](#)

PCOM Georgia and PCOM South Georgia Graduates Vary in Paths

Read about the PCOM Georgia and PCOM South Georgia graduates and their goals below. Included in the profiles are: Ivanna Ward, DO starting her Internal Medicine residency at Morehouse; Macy Rowan, DO starting her Family Medicine residency at Georgia South Family Medicine at Colquitt Regional Medical Center; and Janine Kfoury, DO starting her Family Medicine residency at Northside Gwinnett Hospital.

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Justin Nguyen (DO '27) Creates AANHPI Campus Organization at PCOM South Georgia

As the son of immigrants, Justin Nguyen (DO '27) brings his family heritage on his journey toward becoming a physician and creating a campus organization for Asian American, Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander students along the way. But his path to a DO degree began with a sprained ankle while playing tuba in drum corps as an undergrad. [Read more about Justin Nguyen's path to a DO degree.](#) **Osteopathic Institute of the South Finale**

The Osteopathic Institute of the South made its final distribution of the not-for-profit assets of the Georgia Osteopathic Institute on June 7th. It transferred \$37,882.94 to PCOM Foundation to be added to the previous gift establishing the Georgia Student Emergency Fund as part of the PCOM Foundation.

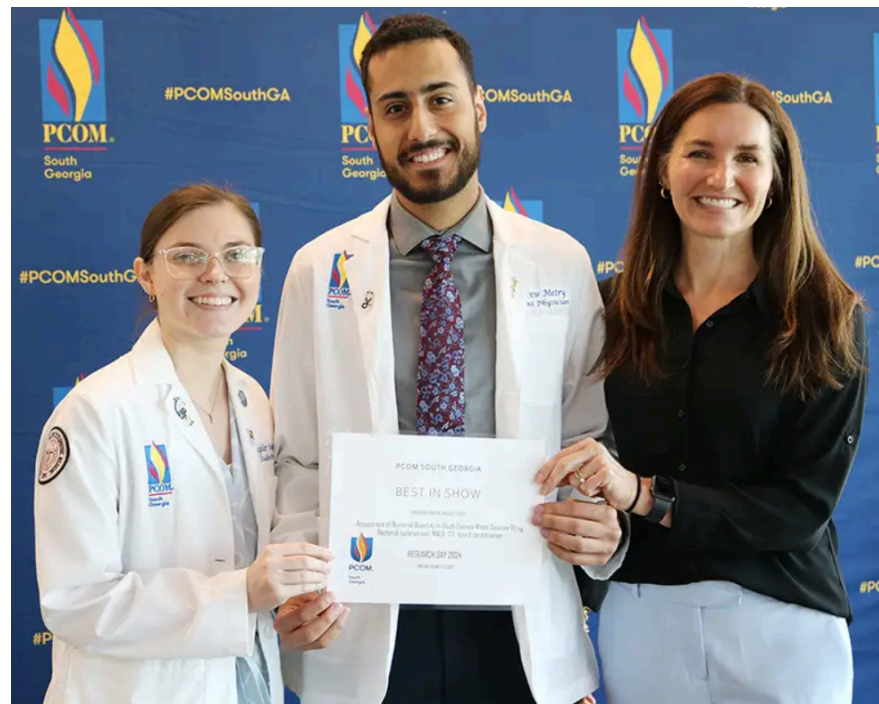
Barry A. Doublestein, DSL, MA, FCCWS, President of the Osteopathic Institute of the South, wrote about the history of the organization.

“It has been a rather successful run as an organization formed from the sale of Doctors Hospital (Tucker, Georgia) back in 1983. One major purpose of Georgia Osteopathic Institute was to promote osteopathic medicine in the Deep South. We chose to do this by creating a clinical education network of 350 volunteer physicians and 50+ hospital affiliations scattered across four Southeastern states (Georgia, Alabama, South Carolina, and

Tennessee) that provided pre doctoral rotations for osteopathic medical students from all over the United States. Our simple hope was that these students would find opportunities for residencies and practice in these states and hopefully do their post-graduate training there.”

“Originally, we partnered with various medical schools to offer their students with options for training in the Deep South; PCOM being one of the primary schools feeding our network. The success of our efforts was beyond imagination as we opened the floodgates that has resulted in the Creation of Georgia PCOM and at least five new medical schools in the region. None can argue that the Georgia Osteopathic Institute seeded and provided a rich soil that has certainly brought strength and credibility to osteopathic medical education.”

The initial installment of the OIS liquidation has already made a great impact by helping students at PCOM Georgia and PCOM South Georgia at times of need by helping them with funding when they needed housing, food or travel.



Annual Research Day at PCOM South Georgia

Practicing physicians, residents and medical students gathered May 8 th to share their current research projects and learn about ongoing investigations during PCOM South Georgia PCOM’s annual Research Day. Pictured

above Jennifer Shaw, PhD, (right) Research Day Committee chair, presents the award for Best in Show to Teighlor Livingston (DO '25) and Andrew Metry (DO '25), members of the group who presented “Assessment of Bacterial Diversity in South Georgia Water Sources Using Bacterial Isolation and MALDITOF-based Identification.” [Read more about Research Day.](#)



Opportunities Academy at PCOM Georgia & PCOM South Georgia

At the end of June, PCOM Georgia hosted high school students from around Gwinnett County. The Opportunities Academy program offered them the chance to explore health and science topics and careers. The young minds interested STEM topics learned about the structures and

functions of the brain using specimens from sheep. Learning in the lab is one of the many hands-on workshops that the students got to participate in through the week.

PCOM South Georgia also hosted an Opportunities Academy for 21 high school students from 12 counties in southwest Georgia.

In Other Words

“Too bad that all the people who know how to run the country are driving taxis and cutting hair.”

— George Burns