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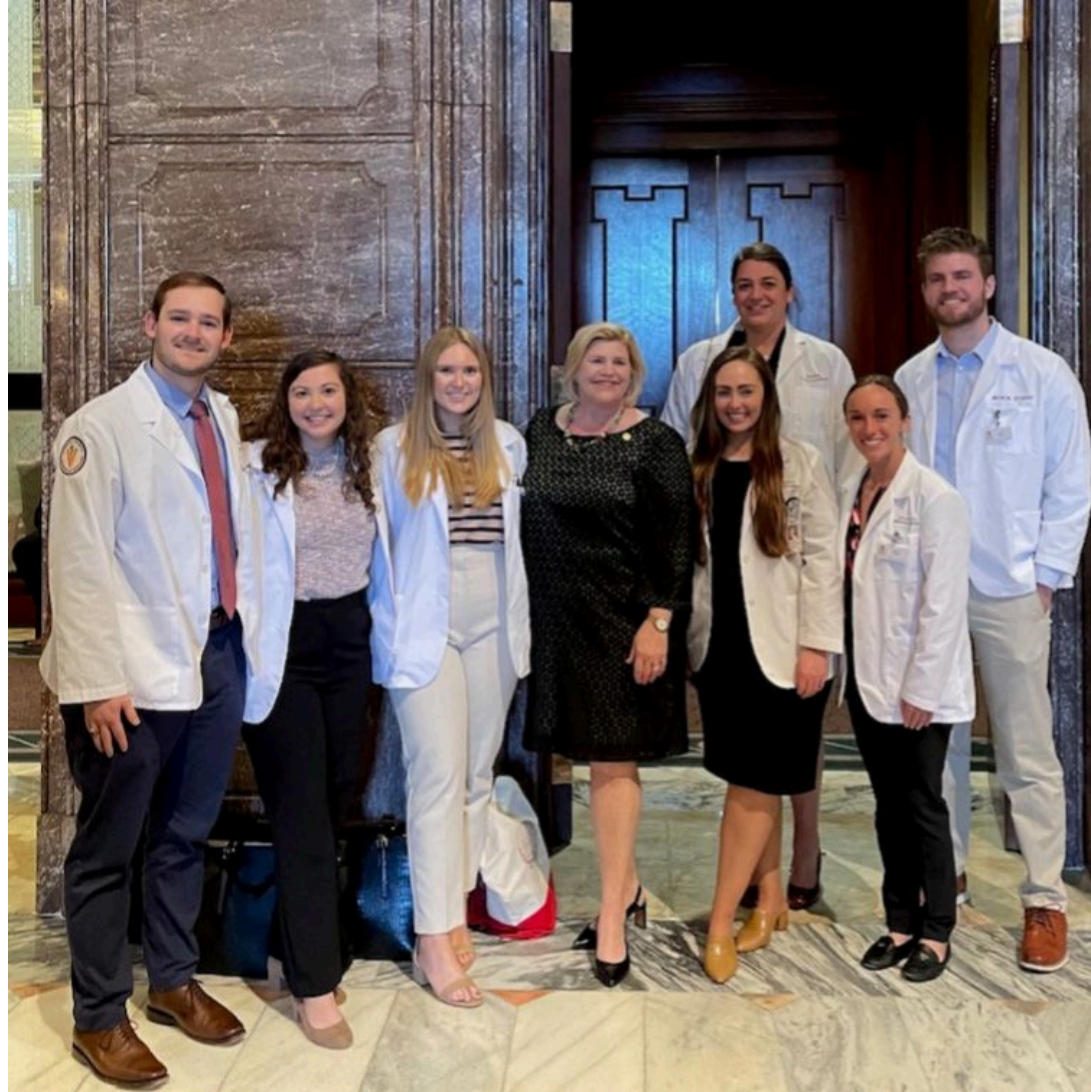
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Winter CME Conference- There is still time to register!



There is still time to register for the [SCOMS Winter CME Conference](#) – to be held Feb. 16-18 at the [Marriott Myrtle Beach Resort and Spa at Grande Dunes](#). Explore the [Grand Strand](#) area while earning up to 20 AOA 1-A CME credits, gathering in intimate groups for social activities, and networking with your colleagues at a Saturday Evening Buffet Dinner and Silent Auction. Bid on the exciting [Silent Auction items](#) and help support the SCOMS Student Scholarships!

DO Day at The Dome



SCOMS Member Physicians are invited to participate in DO Day at The Dome on Wednesday, March 6 at The State House in Columbia. More details regarding the day's event will be announced in the coming weeks. Help advocate for the osteopathic profession and current legislation that affects healthcare in South Carolina. Small groups comprised of physicians and medical students will meet with key legislators. To participate, please [email](#) Andrea Powell or call her at 864-327-9919.

Welcome New Members



Daniel Callisto, DO is a Pediatrician at Lima Memorial Health System Pediatrics in Myrtle Beach, SC. Dr. Callisto earned his medical degree from the University of New England College of Osteopathic Medicine and completed his residency at Affinity Medical Center.



Douglas Wiley, DO is a Family Medicine Physician at Family Physicians of Spartanburg. Dr. Wiley earned his medical degree from the Edward Via College of Osteopathic Medicine - Virginia and completed his residency at Spartanburg Regional Healthcare System.



Christina Beattie, DO is an Internal Medicine Hospitalist who recently joined the Internal Medicine faculty at VCOM-Carolinas. Prior to moving to South Carolina, she practiced at the Ascension Genesys Hospital in Grand Blanc, MI. Dr. Beattie earned her medical degree from the Campbell University Jerry M. Wallace School of Osteopathic Medicine and completed her Internal Medicine Residency at Ascension in Grand Blanc, MI.

James R. Edinger, DO is a retired Diagnostic Radiologist who practiced in Orangeburg. He earned his medical degree from Des Moines University College of Osteopathic Medicine and completed his residency at Duke University Medical Center. Dr. Edinger was the first DO at Duke University Medical Center and the first DO to practice in Orangeburg. He was also among the first physician members to join SCOMS in 1981.

Member Benefits

SCOMS members are entitled to a host of benefits.

Are you taking advantage of savings and opportunities?

- [Special Mortgages for Physicians at First Citizens Bank](#) on primary residences and second homes that offers up to **100% financing, flexible fixed-rate and adjustable-rate terms**, and comprehensive financial review available with mortgage, insurance, wealth management specialists.
- Complimentary [Emerald Club Membership](#) with Enterprise and National Car Rentals. SCOMS members can **bypass the rental counter** and go directly to the Emerald Club Aisle at more than 50 major airports in the U.S. and Canada; **choose any car** from the Emerald Club Aisle and be on your way; and have **speedy returns** with your detailed receipt emailed to you.
- [SoFi](#) is the leading provider of **student loan refinancing** and offers a complete solution for your student loan needs. [SCOMS](#) members can save thousands of dollars thanks to low fixed and variable rates and you will receive a **0.25% rate discount** when you **apply for refinancing**. Get started by **checking your rates** in just two minutes. Save on your student loans by choosing between **a range of rates and terms**. When you enroll in AutoPay, Fixed Rate are available from 2.99% APR and Variable Rates are available from 2.25% APR. There are no prepayment penalties and no hidden fees.
- Earning CME credits has never been more convenient. Visit [The CME Center](#) for a wide array of on-demand programs, webinars, and live educational opportunities addressing a broad spectrum of topics covering practice management, healthcare regulation and relevant clinical issues.

Nurse Practitioner Professional Liability Exposure Claim Report

New [malpractice data](#) provides a unique look at how malpractice and license defense claims have increased in cost, and how claim allegations and settings have changed over the years as nurse practitioners' role in the healthcare community has grown and evolved. Here are a couple of the key findings:

- "The average total incurred of professional liability claims in the 2022 dataset (\$332,137) increased more than 10.5 percent compared to the

- 2017 dataset (\$300,506).
- Claims resulting in higher payouts have increased from earlier reports. “Claims that resolved for greater than \$500,000 represented 21.5% of all claims in the 2022 dataset, compared to 13% in the 2012 dataset.
 - 90.1% of claims were related to diagnosis (43.0%), treatment and care management (29.5%), and medication prescribing (16.5%).
 - Diagnoses related claims included failure to order proper diagnostic tests, delay in diagnosis and the failure/delay in obtaining/addressing diagnostic test results. These failures often resulted in delay in diagnosis of cancer (33.7%) and infection (19.8%).
 - Medication prescribing claims included “failure to recognize known contraindications/adverse reactions, improper prescribing/management of anticoagulants and improper/prescribing/management of controlled drugs. Notably this was down from 29.4% in 2017. The authors opined this could be due to better adherence to the opioid prescribing guidelines.
 - While diagnosis related allegations represented the most frequent allegation in the claims, within these claims, failure to refer a patient to a higher level of care or a specialists had the highest severity.
 - “Death and cancer are the two most common injuries, representing more than half of the claims.”
 - The percent of claims filed against NP owned practices increased from 8% in 2017 to 13.8% in 2022 likely due to the growing number of NP owned practices.
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WHY I JOINED SCOMS

"Joining SCOMS has allowed me to connect with like-minded professionals who share my passion for osteopathic medicine. It provides a sense of belonging and support for personal and professional growth."

Doralyn Jones, DO
Edward Via College of Osteopathic Medicine
Spartanburg, SC

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ABOUT SCOMS

Serves as the voice for osteopathic medicine in South Carolina, seeks to build awareness, and enhance the availability of quality healthcare.



ABOUT BENEFITS

Network opportunities, discounted fees on CME courses, patient referrals, research and mentor collaborations, legislative updates, and more.



ABOUT MEMBERS

Membership is comprised of physicians, residents, medical students, and associates who have an unwavering passion for the osteopathic profession.



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Thank you for all you do on behalf of the osteopathic profession every day!

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