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The South Carolina Osteopathic Medical Society Names Dr. James L. Hubbard 2023 Physician of the Year

Spartanburg, S.C. – The <u>South Carolina Osteopathic Medical Society</u> presented James L. Hubbard, DO, FACOOG with its 2023 Physician of the Year Award on June 8 at its Annual Meeting.

This award honors a practicing physician who demonstrates unwavering dedication toward patients, has made a significant impact in direct patient care and whose actions embody the values of the profession through leadership and service to the public and the osteopathic medical profession.

"Dr. Hubbard has been an exceptional practitioner in the field of Obstetrics and Gynecology, enthusiastic teacher and educator dedicated to his students, tireless in helping our community hospital at many levels, and furthermore, he has been very relational and has had excellent interactions with colleagues both on a personal and professional levels, across multiple specialties of medicine, both locally and regionally," said Dr. Robert Wozniak, an Endocrinology and Internal Medicine Physician at Piedmont Medical Center.

A Board-Certified Obstetrician-Gynecologist, Dr. Hubbard is a Senior Partner at <u>Carolina OB/GYN of</u> <u>York County</u> and has delivered well over 10,000 babies during his 24 years in practice. He has helped pioneer osteopathic medicine in the tri-county area (York, Chester, and Lancaster) by being the first D.O. to have privileges at <u>Piedmont Medical Center</u> in Rock Hill where he was the first D.O. to deliver obstetrical and gynecological, the first to perform surgery, and the first to perform robotic surgery.

Since coming to Rock Hill in 1999, Dr. Hubbard has fulfilled the duties of a consulting physician for Piedmont Medical Center in Rock Hill and Fort Mill, Gaston Memorial Health Center, and Catawba Indian Nation Health Center.

Outside of his medical practice, Dr. Hubbard's commitment to hard work was evident in assuming multiple professional activities. These included being a South Carolina Board Member of the Medical Examiners, taking multiple tours of duty as the Chief of Staff at Piedmont Medical Center, the Departmental Chair in the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology, the Chairman of multiple hospital committees over the course of years, including the Peer Review and Quality Improvement Committees, and others.



Medical students across South Carolina have benefitted from Dr. Hubbard's commitment to medical education. For many years now, students from <u>VCOM-Carolinas</u> have been able to pursue training at local hospitals and at offices of multiple specialties practices across York County thanks to his role as VCOM-Carolinas Director of Medical Student Education in the Rock Hill area. Through his extensive knowledge of the local medical community, Dr. Hubbard has leveraged these experiences to develop health profession internships. Additionally, he has served as a preceptor for OBGYN since VCOM-Carolinas opened in 2011.

Dr. Hubbard received his Doctor of Osteopathy degree from Philadelphia, PA and after completing Internship in Langhorne, PA and Residency at the University of Medicine and Dentistry in Stratford, New Jersey moved South with his growing family. He joined a Carolina OB/GYN of York in Rock Hill, SC in 1999 where he continues to work today. He served as president of the South Carolina Osteopathic Medical Society from 2012 to 2013.

About SCOMS

The South Carolina Osteopathic Medical Society (SCOMS) is the voice for osteopathic medicine in the state of South Carolina. Membership is comprised of physicians, residents, medical students, and associates who have an unwavering passion for the osteopathic profession.

The purpose of SCOMS is to promote the osteopathic medicine profession and to provide valuable services to its members such as advocacy, networking opportunities, CME sessions to maintain compliance requirements, updates on legislative issues, and opportunities for research collaboration.

With nearly 2,000 DOs practicing across the state, SCOMS works tirelessly to advocate for these physicians and to promote a greater understanding of the osteopathic profession.

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