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Monthly Newsletter

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SCOMS Announces 2024 - 2025 Board of Trustees



The South Carolina Osteopathic Medical Society congratulates the following members on their election to the 2024 - 2025 Board of Directors:

President: Raymond V. Romano, DO, FACOFFP

President-Elect: Scott Klosterman, DO

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Past President: John Gould, III, DO, FACP, FAAHPM

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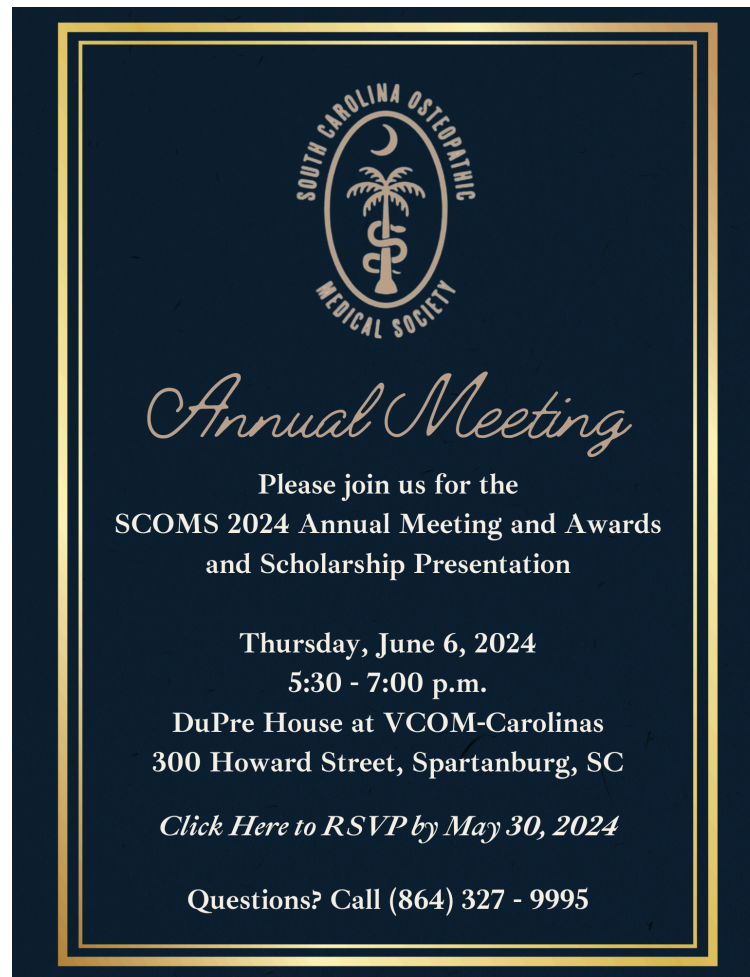
Physician Trustee: Jesse Rockmore, DO

Physician Trustee: Victoria Shadiack, DO

Resident Trustee: Joseph Metz, DO

We also wish to thank all of our members that voted.

SAVE THE DATE- SCOMS Annual Meeting



[All SCOMS Members are invited to attend the 2024 Annual Meeting on Thursday, June 6 from 5:30 to 7 p.m. at the DuPre House on the VCOM-Carolinas Campus.](#)

Network with your colleagues, meet the 2024-2025 SCOMS Board of Trustees, and congratulate this year's recipients of the SCOMS Awards and Scholarship.

[RSVP to attend](#) by **May 30** or call 864-327-9919.

Important Update Regarding SCOMS Membership

After careful consideration and review, it has become necessary to make a slight adjustment to our membership fees to ensure that we can continue to provide the high-quality services and benefits our members value.

Effective July 1, 2024, there will be a slight increase in our membership dues. Members have the opportunity to renew their membership before June 30, 2024 and lock in the current membership rate for the coming year.

The new dues structure will be as follows:

Membership Category:	Until June 30, 2024	Effective July 1, 2024
Physician	\$160 or \$325 for 3 years	\$175 or \$395 for 3 years
Retired	\$125	\$140
Military	\$125	\$140
Out-of-State Physician	\$75	\$90
Associate	\$75	\$90
Resident	\$50	\$50
Student / Intern	\$30	\$30

We will be sending an email further explaining the change as well as a special gift when you renew before rates go up!

SCOMS Membership Satisfaction Survey



As a valued member of SCOMS, your input is extremely important. That's why we invite you to participate in our [Membership Satisfaction Survey](#) by **May 30, 2024**.

Your feedback helps us understand how we can improve our programs and services to ensure we are meeting your membership needs. The [survey](#) will only take a few minutes to complete, and your responses will be completely confidential.

As a token of our gratitude, **upon completion of the [survey](#), you will be entered into a drawing for a chance to win a Littman Classic III Stethoscope**. Thank you for your continued support and involvement. If you have any questions or need assistance, please don't hesitate to reach out.

SC DHEC Restructuring: What You Need to Know

In May of last year, the Governor signed a law ordering the restructuring of the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC) into two new agencies: the South Carolina Department of Environmental Services (SCDES) and South Carolina Public Health (DPH). This change is set to be implemented on July 1, 2024 of this year.

For South Carolina hospitals, it's important to know that the new DPH will be organized into three different divisions:

- **Health Promotion and Services**, which will promote community health and well-being by protecting people from disease, illness and injury, as well as providing access to quality care,
- **Healthcare Quality**, which will enhance patient safety and the quality of care by leading efforts to make healthcare in South Carolina safer, more accessible, affordable, equitable and of higher quality,
- and **Administration**, which will provide the agency's program areas and teams with the necessary support to ensure the successful accomplishment of its mission and vision.

All DHEC staff are currently slated to move to one of the new agencies or to the Department of Agriculture, which means any staff that you work with at DHEC now will likely be the same staff you will work with at the other agencies in the future. Licenses for healthcare facilities and certificates that DHEC issued before July 1, 2024, will continue to be valid after this date. DPH will update licenses and certifications at the time of renewal. Any new licenses or certifications issued on or after July 1, 2024, will contain the DPH agency name and logo.

For more information on the restructuring process, see DHEC's explainer [here](#).

CDC Health Advisory: Adverse Effects Linked to Counterfeit or Mishandled Botulinum Toxin Injections

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) is issuing this Health Alert Network (HAN) Health Advisory to alert clinicians about risks of counterfeit or mishandled botulinum toxin injections. CDC, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA), and state and local partners are investigating clusters of 22 people in 11 U.S. states reporting adverse effects after receiving injections with counterfeit botulinum toxin or injections administered by unlicensed or untrained individuals or in non-healthcare settings, such as homes or spas. Eleven patients were hospitalized, and none have died.

Clinicians and health departments should consider the possibility of adverse effects from botulinum toxin injections in patients presenting with localized paralysis. Clinicians should immediately contact their state, tribal, local, or territorial health department if they suspect botulism. Learn more [here](#).

Have you completed or are you completing a fellowship in geriatrics or geriatric psychiatry?

The South Carolina Department on Aging is seeking applicants for its Geriatric Loan Forgiveness Program, which provides up to \$35,000 in loan forgiveness to physicians who agree to practice for 5 years in South Carolina focusing on geriatric patients.

Geriatric Loan Forgiveness Program

If you have completed or are completing a fellowship in geriatrics or geriatric psychiatry you are eligible to have **\$35,000** of your medical school debt repaid!



Scan QR code to
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application or visit
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Thank you for all you do on behalf of the
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