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Register Now For Winter CME Conference  
At Hilton Head Island



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2023 WINTER  
CME CONFERENCE  
FEBRUARY 17-19, 2023  
SONESTA RESORT | HILTON HEAD ISLAND, SC  
[www.scdos.org](http://www.scdos.org)

Make your plans now to attend the 2023 Winter CME Conference, which will be held Friday, Feb. 17 to Sunday, Feb. 19 at the Sonesta Resort Hilton Head. Experience the South Carolina Lowcountry while earning **18 hours of AOA Category 1-A CME credits for as low as \$495! Make hotel reservations for as low at \$199 per night.**

The Conference, which is co-sponsored by VCOM-Carolinas, and offers sessions on the business of osteopathic medicine, legislative issues and advocacy, OMM/OMT, magnesium, chronic pain management, diabetes, wound care, regenerative medicine, breastfeeding basics, emerging drug trends, and much more. Advanced Cardiac Life Support (ACLS) Training will be available post-conference for \$225. Pre-registration required.

Dr. Vikas Kapil, the Chief Medical Officer and Associate Director for Science at the Center for Global Health at the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, will deliver the keynote address.

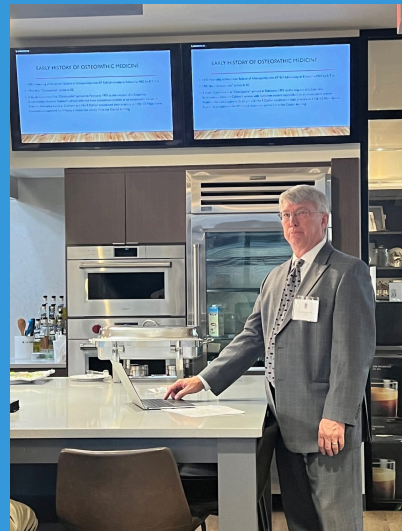
Enjoy the beauty of Hilton Head Island while networking with your colleagues at a Buffet Dinner and Silent Auction, a Lowcountry Spirit Tasting, or a casual dinner.

Medical students, residents, and fellows are invited to submit posters, case reports, original research, and Quality Improvement (QI) projects. Ten presentations will be accepted for the

conference.

For more info, visit [www.scdos.org](http://www.scdos.org) or call (864) 327-9995.

**Register Here**



## DO Regional Networking Events – Greenville and Charleston

SCOMS held its first of a series of DO Regional Networking Events in Greenville on Oct. 4 at **The Cook's Station** with much success. Dr. Tom Lindsey gave an engaging presentation on "The History of Osteopathic Medicine in South Carolina" and very lively networking took place. Thank you to the DOs who attended.

If you are in the Charleston area, make plans to attend the next DO Regional Networking Events on **Wednesday, Nov. 9 from 6 to 7:30 p.m.** at **Holy City Brewing**, 1021 Aragon Ave, North Charleston. For more info or to attend, email [tammy@scdos.org](mailto:tammy@scdos.org) or call 864-327-9995.



### **Renew Your SCOMS Membership**

Is it time to renew your membership? SCOMS offers multiple membership categories to welcome a variety of individuals who practice in and support the Osteopathic profession. **Join or Renew your SCOMS Membership** now at a special rate! Special Physician Price: \$160 per year, or \$325 for 3-years.

## **Member Spotlight: Dr. Ryan Hakimi, the first fellowship-trained DO Neurointensivist**

Ryan Hakimi, DO, MS, NVS, RPNI, CPB, FNCS, FCCM, is Director of the Neuro ICU and Transcranial Doppler Ultrasound Services as well as the Chair of Pharmacy and Therapeutics at Prisma Health in Greenville, South Carolina. Dr. Hakimi also serves as a professor at the University of South Carolina Greenville School of Medicine. Previously, he was the first neurointensivist in Oklahoma and the founding medical director of the Oklahoma University Medical Center Neurosciences Intensive Care Unit, where he served as an associate professor in the Department of Neurology at the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center. He was also on the faculty at the Oklahoma State University Center for Health Sciences.



A U.S. Department of Energy Applied Health Physics Fellow, he graduated from Michigan State University College of Osteopathic Medicine. Dr. Hakimi completed his medicine internship and neurology residency at Michigan State University College of Osteopathic Medicine-Beaumont Hospital (Botsford). He then completed a two-year fellowship in neurocritical care and stroke at Duke University Medical Center. He is board certified in Neurology, Neurocritical Care, Neurosonology (RPNI) and as a Neurovascular Specialist (NVS).

Dr. Hakimi was the first fellowship-trained DO neurointensivist and the first DO to be designated as a Fellow of Neurocritical Care Society. He received Presidential Citations in 2014, 2017–2018 and 2020 from the Neurocritical Care Society, and in 2017 from the Society of Critical Care Medicine. He also received the 2017 ASN Volunteer Member Award where he served as the past treasurer and now serves as a board member and co-chair of the Certification Committee overseeing the NVS certification exam that he helped create. He served as the President of the South Carolina Osteopathic Medical Society in 2021-2022.

**Welcome New Members**



**Dr. Victoria Shadiack** is a Family Medicine Physician and Faculty Member for OMM/Family Medicine/Sports Medicine at VCOM-Carolinas.

A graduate of Rowan University School of Osteopathic Medicine, Dr. Shadiack completed residency training at RWJ Barnabas Health and Saint Barnabas Medical Center. She also completed an Osteopathic Neuromusculoskeletal Residency at VCOM-Virginia.

### **Be a DO Advocate!**

SCOMS advances interests of osteopathic medicine in South Carolina by way of political advocacy and grassroots efforts. We work to advocate and educate at the state and national levels on behalf of the profession, its members, and the nearly 2,000 DO's who practice medicine in South Carolina. Please take the time to review the alerts and **Take Action** on grassroots initiatives that are important to the osteopathic profession.

### **Attend The 5th Annual Live Healthy SC Meeting**

The Alliance For A Healthier South Carolina invites you to attend its 5th Annual Live Healthy SC Meeting in Columbia.

**Register Here to attend.**

# 5<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL LIVE HEALTHY SC MEETING

Join us for the 5th Annual Live Healthy SC Meeting! During this celebration, we will provide an update on the Live Healthy SC State Health Improvement Plan and State Health Assessment. In addition, we will show the great work of communities across the state who are contributing to improving the health and well-being of South Carolina!

**NOVEMBER 1, 2022**  
**9 AM – 1 PM**

Columbia Metropolitan Convention Center  
1101 Lincoln Street, Columbia, SC 29201

Registration: \$49/person (includes lunch)

Register at [www.healthiersc.org](http://www.healthiersc.org)



## **SCAM ALERT: Fake Medical Board Representative/DEA Agents**

The S.C. Board of Medical Examiners has learned that **scam artists are posing** as U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) agents and Board staff/investigators. The scammers are contacting physicians stating they are under investigation and demanding money. The scam artists are pros whose attention to detail make the scam appear and feel very authentic.

The extortion scam calls share many of the following characteristics:

The call scammers may provide physicians with a letter or fax, or attempt to send the physician to a United Parcel Service-UPS (or similar location) to receive a “registered fax” from the Board and DEA.

This fax may look legitimate as it contains the Board's and DEA's logo, address and phone number, the physician's medical license number and National Provider Identifier (NPI). However, this is all public information.

The scammers use fake names and DEA badge numbers, and speak in an urgent and demanding tone. The scammers may provide an "Agreement for Bond and Protocols" stating the physician is not to share or disclose the investigation to any third party and the physician must agree to a bond fee payment.

The scammers may falsify the number on caller ID to make it appear as a legitimate phone number of the Board, such as (803) 896-4500. Some physicians have also received calls from an (804) Virginia area code.

The South Carolina Board of Medical Examiners and DEA will never contact physicians by telephone to demand money or any form of payment, nor will the Board or DEA request any personal or sensitive information over the telephone. For info on how to report these scams, [click here](#).



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