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News for Washington DO's

By: Jodi Perlmutter, Executive Director WOMA

In January, the new leaders of WOMA began their tenure. At a time of change, they stepped up to take on the challenge. As you recall, the membership re-organized the board at the last annual meeting to a more efficient size. Please welcome your new board members:

President Rose Marie Colombini, DO

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Director of the Division of Membership Suzanne Laurel, DO

Director of the Division of Professional Affairs Jeanne Rupert, DO

Director of the Division of Public Affairs David Escobar, DO

On February 13th, there is a sold-out crowd for DO Day in Olympia. In addition to our active members both PNWU and ATSU HealthPoint are bringing students and giving them their first taste of advocacy.

The Convention this year is on June 7-10th. It will be at the Cedarbrook Lodge <http://www.cedarbrooklodge.com/>. This is a resort oasis tucked away just blocks from the Seattle/Tacoma Airport. It is not too early to book these lovely luxury rooms by calling 1-877-515-2176. Please ask for the **WOMA** code. This independent elegant hotel is expected to sell out in June. The professional education committee is putting together a stellar agenda. We are hearing from out of state DO's wanting to visit our state and the convention is only a shuttle ride away from the airport. I would love to hear from you with ideas for your association. I can be reached at jperlmutter@woma.org or by calling (425)677-3930.

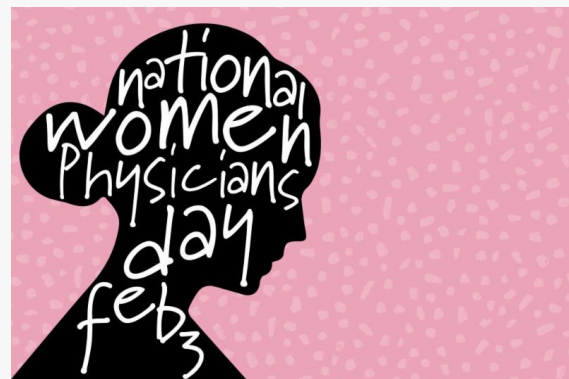


Cedarbrook Lodge



WOMA Remembers Dr. Agner

Dr. Harold Agner, past president of WOMA, passed away in December after a tough battle with cancer. Dr. Agner's legacy lives on through the stories and testimonials we hear from WOMA members and his patients. We have been receiving calls from people all over the state who are looking for another DO who can help them the way Dr. Agner did. Some traveled across the state to keep appointments. Others saw many doctors with limited success until they received treatment from Dr. Agner. This is why, it is vital for the leaders in DO education in our state to continue to teach Osteopathic Practice and Principles. Consumers



WOMEN IN MEDICINE

Q&A: The DO who founded National Women Physicians Day was Feb. 3. Hala Sabry, DO, explains why she feels it's important to celebrate women in medicine.

Although she's a board-certified emergency medicine physician who wears a white coat, Hala Sabry, DO, is occasionally asked to clean coffee spills off the floor and empty trash cans.

Many of Dr. Sabry's female colleagues also had similar stories of gender inequity and wanted to find a way to raise the visibility of female physicians.

With the help of her peers, Dr. Sabry took action by founding National Women Physicians Day (NWPD) on

are demanding the care that Dr. Agner delivered. We extend our deepest condolences to his family and friends.

Feb. 3, 2016. In this edited Q&A, Dr. Sabry discusses the challenges women face in practicing medicine today and how raising awareness of these issues can help improve physicians' lives and patient care.

[Read the Full Article on the AOA Website](#)

Washington Osteopathic Foundation's Loan Program Assists Orthopedic and Spine Surgeon

By: Ali Anissipour, DO

As many current and former medical school students can relate, the financial burdens placed on a medical student during school can be daunting. At the time there was several unfavorable student loan options. I was fortunate to come across Washington Osteopathic Foundation's student loan program. The loan was perfect for me since I planned to return to Washington state to practice medicine. The loan helped with my educational and living expenses through my schooling interest free then assumed a low 3% rate throughout residency. I have now paid off that loan and am grateful to the Foundation for the assistance."



Dr. Anissipour is a fellowship-trained, Board Certified Orthopedic and Spine Surgeon at Western Washington Medical Group, practicing in Everett, Washington, since August 2015. He offers his patients the latest technology in comprehensive spine care.

Dr. Anissipour earned his Bachelor in Science at the University of Washington. He earned his Medical Degree from Western University of Health Sciences in Pomona, California. He completed an orthopedic residency at Midwestern University in Chicago, Illinois, and his fellowship training in Spine Surgery at the University of Washington and Harborview Medical Center in Seattle, Washington.

Dr. Anissipour has received many honors, including a research award from the AO Spine Fellows Forum. He has many publications in orthopedic and spine journals and multiple ongoing research projects at Harborview Medical Center. Dr. Anissipour has written three textbook chapters in the field of spinal surgery and has presented his research at the American Academy of Orthopedic Surgery Annual Meeting. Dr. Anissipour is a member of the American Academy of Orthopedic Surgeons, the North American Spine Society and the Washington Osteopathic Medical Association. Personally, Dr. Anissipour is a former five-time National and two-time Pan-American karate champion, having represented the United States in the World Karate Championships. He is married and has returned to the Northwest to share his knowledge and practice with patients and family.

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foundation page.

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