



Strides

Keeping you informed of issues, developments and activities in your profession

OSC Continues to Dispel Misinformation

We received correspondence from a colleague who shared the following:

I work in a CHC and was talking with one of our physicians. He had a concern that he believed the OPP HR department had provided prescription forms to their employees. This form had check boxes for orthoses, shoes and support hose. A podiatrist completed the prescription and gave it to the employees to have their physician sign it. Fortunately, this particular physician would not sign as he had no background with this regard to his patient. The physician suggested if the patient would like to be seen by our chiropractor (me) and be assessed either I or he would reconsider signing. The patient then stated he had been warned about Chiropractors (no surprise).

It is scenarios such as these that the OSC is continually combating on behalf of the profession. Our efforts to be proactive and educate others in government, health care and insurance industry are ongoing. It is only with the support of membership that we have the resources to continue to represent the profession. Your membership is important. Watch upcoming editions of 'Strides' for innovative payment plans to make membership more affordable.

The OSC will be contacting the OPP HR department to seek clarification on this issue. The OSC is consulting with our legal counsel as to how best to manage and address this and similar false and misleading information which has a direct and negative impact on patient care.

This clinician's positive relationship with the physician benefited the entire profession. We would not have known about this if the MD didn't inform our colleague.

Here's a suggestion that will benefit your practice and the profession: When someone has previously been referred by their MD to an alternate provider for orthoses and experienced a poor outcome, and subsequently come to your office and experienced a positive outcome, ALWAYS write that MD reporting on the poor outcome and the need for a second pair of orthotics through a qualified provider (yourself). When the patient reports back to the doctor about the great treatment received at your hands your referrals will undoubtedly increase and respect for Chiropractors increases in the eyes of another physician.

Small steps taken by individuals CAN make a huge impact on the greater community if we all take the time to do this kind of case-by-case education.

Down Memory Lane

The OSC would appreciate any photos Chiropodists have from their time at the Michener/TIMT, TGH, or GBC. We are trying to compile a collection of memories for the 25th Anniversary Celebration at the upcoming Annual Convention April 30-May 1, 2010. Contact the OSC office if you have something that you are willing to share.

Another Exceptional Speaker

The OSC's 25th Anniversary Convention (April 30-May1) will boast a roster of exceptional speakers and topic. Following is the biography of another of these talented individuals:

Robert G Smith, DPM, MSc. R.Ph, C.Ped

Dr. Smith received his B.S degree in Pharmacy from the University of Florida in 1983. He then received his DPM degree from the College of Podiatric Medicine and Surgery at Des Moines University in 1999. He completed a PPMR at Hu Hu Kam Memorial Hospital in Sacaton, AZ in 2000. He obtained his certification in Podorthotics from BCP in 2001. He completed postgraduate training with the College of Medicine at the University of Wales, Cardiff, Wales, UK in wound care and tissue repair. He received his Masters of Science degree from College of Medicine at the University of Wales, UK 2006. Dr. Smith's research interests centers on Infection Prevalence, Infection Control and Wound Care. He is a consultant to PICA in the area of Podiatric Pharmacy. He is a consultant to National Board of Podiatric Medical Examiners. Currently, he serves as a member on a specialty committee for the American Podiatric Medical Association. He is a contributing editor and reviewer to JAPMA in the areas of Podiatric Clinical Pharmacology. He has authored over 50 refereed journal articles for the disciplines of Pharmacy, Podiatry, and Wound Care. Dr. Smith is a member of the American Podiatric Medical Writers Association, the American Professional Wound Care Association and the American College of Foot & Ankle Orthopedic and Medicine Association. Dr. Smith was honored by the American Podiatric Medical Association in 2009 by being awarded: "The Rising Star award for his contributions to the profession of podiatry. He was recently acknowledged by the Consumer Council of America as being one of the Top 100 Podiatrists in America. He has lectured for APMA, FPMA, IPMS, and PFA. He operates a sole practice: "Shoe Sting Podiatry" in Ormond Beach, Florida.

Until Next Time...

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