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Osteopathic Post Doctoral Training Institute (OPTI)

An OPTI is a consortium of an osteopathic medical school and affiliated teaching hospitals, the purpose of which is to establish a stronger and higher quality of postdoctoral training than can be realized by the individual institutions. The OPTI concept was mandated by the American Osteopathic Association (AOA) and its Council on Postdoctoral Training (COPT).

OPTI-West places high value on the commitment of its partners to provide quality Osteopathic Graduate Medical Education (OGME). It is pledged to providing its partners with a quality evaluation program that will ultimately provide insight and oversight of learning and education outcomes. OPTI-West and its partner institutions are committed to providing an academic and employment environment in which all staff and employees are treated with respect and dignity.

OPTI-West Teaching Hospitals:

Arrowhead Regional Medical Center ...................... Colton, California
Casa Colina Centers for Rehabilitation ................... Pomona, California
Chino Valley Medical Center ............................... Chino, California
Downey Regional Medical Center ......................... Downey, California
Garfield Medical Center ................................. Monterey Park, California
Good Samaritan Regional Medical Center ............. Corvallis, Oregon
Pacific Hospital Long Beach ............................. Long Beach, California
Riverside County Regional Medical Center ... Moreno Valley, California
San Diego FP/Sports Medicine Center ................. San Diego, California
St. Mary–Corwin Hospital ................................ Pueblo, Colorado

OPTI-West is also committed to fostering, developing, conducting and maintaining the philosophy and performance of research. Research is the foundation of graduate medical education and is a priority for OPTI-West and GME.
Clinton Adams, DO, is WesternU’s Vice President for Clinical Affairs and Dean of the College of Osteopathic Medicine of the Pacific (COMP). He joined WesternU in January 2005 following a distinguished career in the United States Navy, where he attained the rank of Rear Admiral and served in a variety of capacities, notably as Command Surgeon for United States Fleet Forces Command, Command Surgeon for Allied Command for Transformation (NATO), and Commander of the Naval Regional Medical Center in Portsmouth, Virginia.

Among other professional certifications, Dr. Adams is a Fellow of the American College of Health Care Executives and a Fellow of the American Academy of Family Physicians. He received board-certifications in Anesthesiology and Family Medicine after completing an Anesthesia residency at George Washington University and a Family Medicine residency at the Charleston Naval Hospital. Additionally, he holds a Master of Public Administration degree from the University of Oklahoma. Dr. Adams is a past President of the Association of Military Osteopathic Physicians and Surgeons (AMOPS), a member of the American College of Osteopathic Family Physicians (ACOFP), the American Osteopathic Association (AOA), and the Los Angeles and San Bernardino County Medical Societies (LACOMA & SBCOMA). Currently, he serves on the Executive Board of the American Association of Colleges of Osteopathic Medicine (AACOM).

Dr. Adams has overseen the implementation of COMP’s evolving curriculum and the growth of research funding and publications. He has expanded the reach and breadth of the College’s practice plan and has led COMP to a major expansion in full-time faculty positions and a new campus in Lebanon, Oregon. Under the leadership of Dr. Adams, COMP has a national reputation for its superior academic profile due to its high rankings in many domains including licensure examinations and placement of graduates in excellent post-doctoral residency programs.
Norman E. Vinn, DO, MBA
Chief Medical Officer
Housecall Doctors Medical Group, Inc.

Norman Vinn, DO, MBA, is a board-certified family practitioner who specializes in home care medicine. He is the Founder and Medical Director of Housecall Doctors Medical Group, a network of 20 clinicians serving patients in Los Angeles County, Orange County, and the Inland Empire. As an active proponent of the “Residentialist” model of care, Dr. Vinn and his associates strive to improve access and continuity of care for homebound frail elderly patients. Above and beyond a successful career as a family practitioner and residentialist, Dr. Vinn has over 25 years in healthcare management. He has broad experience in the design, development, management, and leadership of healthcare delivery networks.

Dr. Vinn is an Associate Clinical Professor of Family Medicine at WesternU’s College of Osteopathic Medicine of the Pacific and also serves on the College’s Advisory Board. He has a special interest in healthcare socioeconomics and in creating heightened awareness of socioeconomic issues among osteopathic students, residents, and fellows.

For the past eight years, Dr. Vinn has served on the Board of Trustees of the American Osteopathic Association. He is currently a member of the AOA Board’s Executive Committee. During his eight-year tenure on the AOA Board, Dr. Vinn has served as Chair of the Departments of Business Affairs, Government Affairs, and Educational Affairs. Dr. Vinn is also a past President and Emeritus Board Member of the Osteopathic Physicians and Surgeons of California (OPSC). In 2009, he was honored with the OPSC Lifetime Achievement Award. Besides authoring numerous journal articles, Dr. Vinn is a frequent speaker on home care and technology issues. He holds a Bachelor’s Degree in English Literature from Tulane University, a Masters of Business Administration from the University of Southern California, and a Doctorate in Osteopathic Medicine from the Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine.

The Sponsors

Western University is deeply appreciative of the generosity of the following sponsors:

Osteopathic Physicians and Surgeons of California (OPSC) who donated the white coats to the class of 2015.

The Arnold P. Gold Foundation is a public, not-for-profit organization dedicated to fostering humanism in medicine. The funds raised by the foundation are used for projects related to this mission and include support of white coat ceremonies throughout the nation. The Arnold P. Gold Foundation donated the “Humanism in Medicine” pins for the Class of 2015.
THE WHITE COAT CEREMONY

Today’s ceremony marks what has become a valued tradition at Western University of Health Sciences, College of Osteopathic Medicine of the Pacific. This important rite of passage is part of the initiation of new osteopathic medical students, and is the time when they are “cloaked” with their first white medical coat.

This event, held in the presence of faculty, administration, family members, and friends instills in students an awareness of their responsibilities as healers from the very first day of their training.

Today, the students accept the obligations inherent in the profession they are entering: excellence in scientific knowledge, compassionate patient care, and professional and ethical behavior in all circumstances.

Dean Adams frequently reminds the students that COMP’s academic program will train them to become caring, compassionate, lifelong learners with a distinctive osteopathic philosophy. This ceremony epitomizes these ideals.

T. ANTHONY HOANG-XUAN, DO, FAAD
Assistant Clinical Professor of Dermatology
College of Osteopathic Medicine of the Pacific

Dr. Hoang is a board-certified dermatologist with vast experience in medical, surgical, and laser procedures. He is a Fellow of the American Academy of Dermatology, American Society for Dermatologic Surgery, and American Society of Cosmetic Dermatology & Aesthetic Surgery, as well as a member of the American Society for Laser Medicine and Surgery.

Dr. Hoang completed his Bachelor of Science degree at the University of California, Irvine medical training at WesternU’s College of Osteopathic Medicine of the Pacific. Following a one-year internship in Internal Medicine at the Brooke Army Medical Center in San Antonio, Texas, Dr. Hoang was selected and trained as a United States Army Flight Surgeon. He served in this role at various overseas assignments before being selected to be the very first recipient of a prestigious Joint Service assignment as a U.S. Army officer at the Naval Medical Center, San Diego for his Dermatology Residency.

Dr. Hoang has been certified by the American Board of Dermatology since 1998 and recently successfully recertified. At his residency graduation, Dr. Hoang was awarded the Alfred W. Hollander Award for being the best teaching resident. During his 10 years of active duty service with the United States Army, Major Hoang was awarded the Most Outstanding Staff Teacher by the Madigan Army Medical Center in 2001 and the Department of Defense Meritorious Service Medal. In 2004 and 2006, Dr. Hoang was further bestowed with the Third-Year Subspecialty Teacher of The Year Awards by the Kaiser Permanente, Fontana Medical Center’s Family Medicine Residency Program. He has authored and published manuscripts for prestigious dermatology journals and is actively training young physicians in the specialty of Dermatology.

Dr. Hoang lives an active lifestyle and enjoys running, tennis and photography. He resides in Orange County with his wife, Quynh, and their young children.
Dr. Pecchia is certified by the American Osteopathic Board of Family Physicians with a Certificate of Added Qualification in Geriatric Medicine. Dr. Pecchia began his career in private medical practice as co-founder of Family Practice Physicians, Inc. in Orange, California, but currently serves as a clinician on the medical staff of Eisenhower Medical Center in Rancho Mirage, California, and as the consulting Medical Director for Ambulatory Informatics at Eisenhower. Additionally he has held teaching positions at Western University of Health Sciences, Chapman University, and Downey Regional Medical Center. Dr. Pecchia recently completed two-year terms as both the Chair of the Department of Family Practice and also as the Chair of the Information Technology Advisory Council at St. Joseph Hospital in Orange, California.

**Pledge of Commitment**

As I embark upon my studies at Western University of Health Sciences, I will:

Enter into a relationship of mutual respect with my professors and my colleagues to enhance the learning environment and to gain the knowledge, skills, and attitudes of a competent and compassionate health care professional;

Accept responsibility only for those matters for which I am competent, maintain the trust expected of a health care professional, and never take advantage of the relationship I have with patients;

Show compassion and respect for all others;

Set worthy examples in the application of humanistic principles in my relationships with patients and others within the health care community;

Work toward improving my sensitivity and skills in human interaction, understanding, and respecting the differences among my patients and colleagues;

Value the knowledge and wisdom of the health care professionals who have preceded me in the profession, and endeavor to contribute to the humanistic tradition and philosophy;

Recognize my weaknesses and strengths and strive to develop those qualities that will earn the respect of my patients, my colleagues, my family, and myself;

Continue learning throughout all the days of my life.