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From the *director*

Dear Colleagues,

Wow, the time has flown and the activity level has been high since we last spoke! We are excited to announce that our first publication originating from DO-Touch.NET data, published in the March 2014 Journal of the American Osteopathic Association (JAOA), received the George W. Northup, DO, Medical Writing Award (see page 2). Jane C. Johnson, Associate Director of DO-Touch.NET, was honored to accept the award on our behalf. The article, “Preliminary Findings on the Use of Osteopathic Manipulative Treatment: Outcomes During the Formation of the Practice-Based Research Network, DO-Touch.NET”, was authored by Brian F. Degenhardt, Jane C. Johnson, Shanin R. Gross, Celia Hagan, Gregg Lund, and William J. Curry.

We were also invited by the German Osteopathic Association (VOD) to forge ties extending our capacity to conduct international research. With the help of DO-Touch.NET member Marina Fuhrmann, D.O., Chair of the VOD, we have now established a Regional Coordinating Center in Germany (see page 2).

We are eager to report that the “Patient-Reported Adverse Events From Osteopathic Manipulative Treatment” study, which began participant recruitment last March, is moving at full steam. We currently have 20 DO-Touch.NET members actively engaged in participant recruitment and an additional 20 are preparing to launch the study at their clinics soon. This means we still need at least an additional 10 clinicians to participate and we want you! This study involves minimal staff time and is easy to administer. If you have never been involved in clinical research before, this is a great starting point! Please contact our Network Manager at lnorman@atsu.edu to see how easy it is to get involved.



Last but not least, I would like to announce information about our next DO-Touch.NET Annual Meeting. This meeting will precede the AAO Convocation in Orlando, FL, on March 16, 2016. Watch your email for further details about this 8-hour CME credit pre-conference workshop which will focus on adverse events in manual medicine. We look forward to seeing you there.

Brian F. Degenhardt, D.O.



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Collaboration with the VOD

On June 28th members of DO-Touch.NET traveled to Germany to work with the VOD to establish a Regional Coordinating Center that would function as the hub for DO-Touch.NET activities in Germany. Marina Fuhrmann, DO, Chair of the VOD has agreed to serve as the Regional Director for our German affiliate, while Kerstin Ceglie, who has been with the VOD since 2013, will act as Regional Network Manager.



Marina Fuhrmann, DO

Prior to our arrival, staff at the VOD painstakingly translated the DO-Touch.NET membership registration form and material for the OMT Adverse Events study into German. During the course of our stay, the Regional Center staff learned how to manage a practice-based research network, administer the OMT Adverse Events research study following study protocol and procedures, and maintain confidential research data and records.

Following training, a presentation was given to members of the VOD. Ten clinicians joined DO-Touch.NET and agreed to participate in the OMT Adverse Events study. We would like to thank the VOD for their efforts in making this international opportunity a reality and for leading the global expansion of DO-Touch.NET's research efforts.



Kerstin Ceglie

member spotlight



Eileen Conaway, DO

Dr. Conaway may be one of our newest site directors but her interest in clinical research began long ago. Prior to attending medical school, she worked as a clinical research coordinator for drug trials for indications including asthma, diabetes mellitus, vaccination, hereditary angioedema, and dialysis. She graduated from the Virginia College of Osteopathic Medicine in 2010 and currently serves as faculty for the FM, Integrated FM/NMM, and NMM+1 osteopathic residencies at Florida Hospital East Orlando. She says, "Now more than ever is a pivotal time to participate in osteopathic research for the preservation of our profession. Initiating clinic research is extremely difficult, especially in solo or private practice; participating in DO-Touch.NET makes contributing to research so simple."

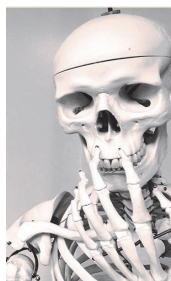
In her free time, Dr. Conaway attends weekly ballet classes and loves to cook and travel.



Save the Date

DO-Touch.NET Annual Meeting

March 16, 2016
Rosen Shingle Creek Resort
Orlando, Florida



What is the George W. Northup, DO, Medical Writing Award?

This award was created in 1990 to honor George W. Northup, DO, who served as American Osteopathic Association (AOA) editor in chief for 26 years. It is bestowed annually to an article or group of articles published in the JAOA the previous year that have the potential to change the way osteopathic physicians practice medicine, think, and conduct research.

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