

**INSTRUCTIONS  
APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP**

Dear Doctor:

Thank you for your interest in joining the Oklahoma County Medical Society (OCMS). In the past, Oklahoma has been a unified state, requiring physicians to belong to the OCMS, the Oklahoma State Medical Association (OSMA), and the American Medical Association (AMA). In April 2007, a resolution co-sponsored by the OCMS at the OSMA House of Delegates passed, making AMA membership an option for the next three years to study the impact it will have on membership.

We are proud of the Society's commitment to this community. It has been, and continues to be, at the heart of important initiatives such as the formation of the Oklahoma Blood Institute, recognized as a national leader in blood-banking; AMCARE (now EMSA); Hospice of Oklahoma County, one of only two not-for-profit hospices in Oklahoma County; Open Arms Free Clinic, co-sponsored with Deaconess Hospital; Schools for Healthy Lifestyles, a successful hands-on health building program for Oklahoma elementary students, that also includes the Adopt-a-Doc physician component; Community-wide On-Call System; and the Health Alliance for the Uninsured formed for the purpose of developing a coordinated health care system for the uninsured in Oklahoma County.

The Society also has a long history of advocating for physicians and developing community initiatives that continue to enhance the lives of physicians, their families and our citizens. For example, a grassroots effort was mounted by the OCMS to pass SB930, which extends governmental tort immunity to charitable health care providers who provide care through free clinics in Oklahoma to the medically indigent. The Society has also worked closely with both the Physicians Alliance for Tort Reform and the OSMA in their efforts to pass meaningful tort reform legislation that was ultimately vetoed by the Governor. In order to be successful in the legislative area, every physician must become involved, and membership in organized medicine provides an opportunity to do so.

As a matter of convenience, an application is enclosed. Please complete both pages of the application, give the names of **TWO REGULAR MEMBERS of the OCMS** who agree to endorse you, and send the original application to this office. **A PHOTOGRAPH (GLOSSY) for publication in the OCMS Bulletin must accompany your completed application in order for it to be processed.** (You may send a photograph electronically if you choose to [ocms@o-c-m-s.org](mailto:ocms@o-c-m-s.org).) Once the application has been completed, please send it to: OCMS, 313 NE 50<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 2, Oklahoma City, OK 73105.

If you have any questions or need further assistance, please contact me by telephone, 702-0500, or e-mail, [amerritt@o-c-m-s.org](mailto:amerritt@o-c-m-s.org). Thank you!

Sincerely,

Ashley Merritt  
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