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New Jersey Family Physician Named President-Elect of American Osteopathic Association

MONMOUTH JUNCTION, NJ — Martin S. Levine, DO, a New Jersey family physician, has been named president-elect of the American Osteopathic Association (AOA) during its annual business meeting in Chicago.

A resident of Short Hills who has a family practice with offices in Bayonne and Jersey City, Dr. Levine was nominated to the post by the New Jersey Association of Osteopathic Physicians and Surgeons (NJAOPS), the sixth largest state affiliate of the AOA.

“It is truly an honor to be selected for this opportunity to help lead the osteopathic medical profession as our nation begins to implement the policies set forth in the historic health care reform legislation passed earlier this year,” said Dr. Levine. As one of 20 osteopathic physicians (DOs) in his family, Dr. Levine’s term as president-elect puts him in line to follow in the footsteps of his father, Howard M. Levine, DO, who served as president of the AOA from 1997 to 1998.

A fellow of the American College of Osteopathic Family Physicians, Dr. Levine serves as associate dean for educational development at the Touro College of Osteopathic Medicine in New York. Dr. Levine also serves as discipline chief of family medicine and clinical associate professor at Seton Hall University School of Health and Medical Sciences Clinical Training Center at St. Michael’s Hospital in Newark.

Dr. Levine has served on the AOA’s Board of Trustees since 2000. In addition to his role on the board, he has served the AOA in a number of capacities, including chair of the Department of Affiliate Relations and the Department of Professional Affairs as well as chair of the Bureau of Clinical Education and Research.

Aside from his AOA responsibilities, Dr. Levine is a past president of NJAOPS and was awarded Physician of the Year by the association in 2000. He also served on numerous committees for the American College of Osteopathic Family Physicians and the American Academy of Osteopathy.

Dr. Levine has been the recipient of many honors and awards, including being included in the Best Doctor listing by New York magazine every year since 1999, and being honored as a Best Doctor in New Jersey Monthly magazine's listing three times.

After earning his osteopathic medical degree from what is now the Kirksville (Mo.) College of Osteopathic Medicine-A.T. Still University, Dr. Levine completed his internship and residency training at Kennedy Memorial Hospital in Stratford, N.J., where he served as chief resident.

Dr. Levine and his wife, Andrea, have two sons, Jacob and Aaron, and a daughter and son-in-law, Alena and Ed Bloom.

The New Jersey Association of Osteopathic Physicians and Surgeons (NJAOPS) is the professional medical association for osteopathic physicians in New Jersey. NJAOPS represents the interests of more than 3,600 active osteopathic physicians, residents, interns and medical students. Founded in 1901, NJAOPS is one of the largest and most active medical associations in New Jersey with 12 county societies. Visit us online at www.njosteo.com.

About the AOA. The American Osteopathic Association (AOA) proudly represents its professional family of more than 70,000 osteopathic physicians (DOs); promotes public health; encourages scientific research; serves as the primary certifying body for DOs; is the accrediting agency for osteopathic medical colleges; and has federal authority to accredit hospitals and other health care facilities.

What is a DO? A DO (Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine) is a fully qualified physician licensed to treat patients, prescribe medication and perform surgery. In addition to complete medical school and post-graduate training, DOs receive further training in the musculoskeletal system, the interconnected system of nerves, muscles and bones that make up the body. Renowned for their emphasis on patient-centered care, DOs recognize the importance of taking the whole person into consideration—one's overall physical health, lifestyle, nutritional habits, exercise routine, genetic disposition, etc.—when preventing, diagnosing and treating illness, disease and injury.

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