



Welcome to the **June 2019** issue of *OCMA Connect*, our monthly publication focusing on issues specific to Orange County physicians. We hope you enjoy our newsletter and we welcome your input. Please send your comments, ideas or questions to Holly Appelbaum at happelbaum@ocma.org.

President's Message

By: Paul B. Yost, M.D.

This is my last President's Message and I would like to thank the members of the OCMA for allowing me to serve as your 129th President. It has been an honor and privilege and I look forward to helping grow the voice of organized medicine in Orange County in the future. I truly believe that together we are stronger, and we must pool our resources and synchronize our voices to be effective in advocating for our patients and our profession.



I would like to welcome Dr. Diana Ramos as the 130th President of the OCMA. We have worked closely together over the last several years, and I know the OCMA will be well served by her professionalism, experience, and leadership!

The last year has been very eventful for the OCMA. We held 10 physician wellness seminars/workshops attended by more than 200 physicians. Physician burnout is one of the most important issues of our time. When I am working at the hospital, more physicians come up to me to talk about wellness and burnout than any other issue, including payment issues! OCMA is looking to expand the physician wellness program with direct outreach and more services later this year in partnership with the CMA's new program.

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Extragenital STD Testing



Provided By: Orange County 17th Street Testing, Treatment and Care

Orange County has seen a **rapid rise in sexually transmitted disease (STD) rates** which is in line with a national trend of sustained increases over the past five years. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) 2017 STD surveillance report demonstrated sharp increases in Gonorrhea (GC) (67%) and record high cases of Chlamydia (CT). Most cases of GC/CT are curable with antibiotics yet many cases are undiagnosed and untreated due to inadequate screening. **Medical providers should be aware of the need for extragenital STD testing which includes pharyngeal and rectal specimen collection in addition to urinalysis.**

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CalOptima Set to Launch Whole-Child Model Program July 1, 2019



On July 1, 2019, CalOptima, the Orange County Health Agency (OC HCA) and the California Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) will launch the third and final phase of the Whole-Child Model (WCM) program, targeting Orange County. The WCM program is designed to help children up to 21 years of age, who are eligible for California Children's

Services (CCS), and their families, get better care coordination, access to care and improved health results. Prior to the July 1, 2019 launch date, children with CCS-eligible diagnoses were enrolled in and received care from both the county CCS program for CCS conditions and CalOptima for their non-CCS conditions.

What You Should Know

Claims for services provided on or after July 1, 2019, should be submitted to the member's health network, including CalOptima Direct (COD) or CalOptima Community Network (CCN).

Note: Carved-out benefits, such as Medical Therapy Program (MTP) related services, will continue to be authorized by the local CCS program administered by OC HCA.

COD and CCN Claim Submission

For questions regarding the submission of claims, contact **CalOptima's Claims department at 714-246-8885**.

CalOptima has a contract with a clearinghouse to receive electronic data interchange (EDI) claims. There is no cost to you for services provided by our clearinghouse. To register and submit electronically, contact **Office Ally at 866-575-4120** or visit www.officeally.com.

To view a list of frequently asked questions (**FAQ**) regarding the implementation of **WCM**, visit the CalOptima website at:

<https://www.caloptima.org/en/ForProviders/Resources/ProviderFAQs.aspx>.

New and Noteworthy: Books by OCMA Members

Many OCMA members are physicians who write more than prescriptions. OCMA has dedicated this space to promote new releases by OCMA members.



If you are a member of OCMA who recently has released a book that you would like to announce here, please forward your name, the title of your book and website for the book to Holly Appelbaum at happelbaum@ocma.org.

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