



Welcome to the **May 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.

Message from OCMA Executive Director Jim Peterson

Membership and ROI

As CMA and OCMA continue to reach out to physician members who have not renewed in 2019, we sometimes get asked about the "ROI" or "Return on Investment" of membership.



Now, we are doing relatively well - about 91% of members in 2018 have already renewed and reaching out to non-members continues to be a major focus for our organization daily. So, when we are asked about "ROI," the answer on many fronts depends on who is asking.

For a solo or small group physician, the examples are plentiful. Much of the services of CMA and OCMA are directed at this type of provider. Economic services, legal assistance, intervention with payers and the numerous workshops, training sessions and webinars provide a tremendous amount of help for the physician and their staff. Getting them involved with OCMA and CMA councils and committees helps to ensure their voice and perspective is heard when policy positions are being forged.

[Learn more](#)

2019 General Membership/Officers Installation Dinner

Join us for our General Membership/Installation of Officers Dinner and enjoy an evening in celebration of our incoming officers, Board members, Physician of the Year and YOU, OCMA's membership!

The Program Includes:

Presidential Inauguration



Diana E. Ramos, M.D.,
MPH

The 2019 Physician of the Year Award: Nancy Gin, M.D.



2019 OCMA Board of Directors

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When

SATURDAY, JUNE 15, 2019
6:00 p.m. - Reception
Followed by Dinner and Program

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**Now Accepting Nominations:
2019 OCMA Physicians of Excellence
DEADLINE: May 31, 2019**

Orange Coast magazine, in conjunction with the **Orange County Medical Association (OCMA)**, will publish its annual list of Orange County **Physicians of Excellence** in January 2020, and is currently **seeking nominations**. The Physicians of Excellence program is designed to honor outstanding physicians practicing in Orange County. The selection criteria that will be used to determine physician excellence were developed by a multi-specialty collaboration of the OCMA. **Anyone can nominate a physician** to be considered for the Physicians of Excellence program. Physicians need to be nominated only once to be eligible to apply for selection as a Physician of Excellence. **Multiple nominations for the same physician are discouraged. Self-nominations will not be accepted.**

Once nominated, an application packet will be sent to the nominee with the details of the application process. Membership in the OCMA is not a requirement for selection.

[Learn more](#)

TB Free California



By: Mike Carson, MSPM, Division Manager Disease Control, Orange County Health Care Agency

Tuberculosis (TB) is the world's deadliest infectious disease. **In 2018, the Orange County TB disease incidence rate was 5.7 cases per 100,000 persons which is higher than the California rate of 5.3 and more than double the national rate of 2.8.**

In addition to the 2,000 Californians diagnosed with TB disease each year there are 2.4 million Californians living with latent TB infection (LTBI), many of whom are unaware that they are infected. **The California Department of Public Health (CDPH) Tuberculosis Control Branch (TBCB) estimates that 1.6% of U.S.-born and 17.3% of non-U.S.-born Orange County residents are living with LTBI.** About 80% of TB disease in California results from reactivation of LTBI.

[Learn more](#)

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.

Welcome New OCMA Members

Michael Bain, M.D.

Plastic Surgery
Newport Beach

Abdul Khan, M.D.

Internal Medicine
Costa Mesa

Megan Boysen Osborn, M.D.

Emergency Medicine
Orange

Alejandra Suzuki, M.D.

Psychiatry
Irvine

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