



Welcome to the **May 2020** 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



On behalf of the board of directors and staff with OCMA, **I hope all of you are staying healthy and well during these difficult times.** I also want to **thank you** for the tremendous and courageous work physicians and other health care providers are doing within our community.

The **"new norm"** has brought a lot of changes to all of us both professionally and personally. Social distancing, the constant use of PPEs, transitioning to Zoom meetings and just the day to day uncertainty Covid-19 has introduced into our lives. **Better days and times to come**, but as we all suspect, it might be a little while.

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Meet Clayton Chau, M.D., New Director of the Orange County Health Care Agency



We are pleased to announce the selection of OCMA/CMA member **Clayton Chau, MD, PhD, as the new Director of the Orange County Health Care Agency (HCA)**, effective May 4, 2020. It should be noted that **Dr. Chau is the first physician to hold this position.**

Dr. Chau previously served at the HCA, having been a member of the Behavioral Health Services team from 1999 - 2012 and most recently, Chief Clinical and Strategy Officer for Mind OC, the not-for-profit created to support the advancement of Be Well OC. He is a celebrated member of our community who was **honored by the Orange County Board of Supervisors with a Community Services Recognition Award in 2018** for his innovative work as a thought leader and consensus builder in the creation this initiative, which is the first-of-its-kind in the state to leverage the best-in-class capabilities of public, private, academic, and faith-based entities to create a coordinated system of care. **Dr. Chau will bring the wealth of experience he has gained in the behavioral health system to the Health Care Agency.**

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Provider Alert:

Orange County COVID-19 Testing Recommendations, Testing Supplies, PPE Resources and Testing Locations as of April 28, 2020



COVID-19 Testing Recommendations

Testing for SARS CoV-2 is becoming more widely available in Orange County. Dr. Nichole Quick, the Orange County Health Care Agency's Health Officer, released

updated recommendations for COVID-19 testing in Orange County on April 27, 2020. The full recommendations can be found [here](#).

Based on the increase in available personal protective equipment (PPE), testing supplies and lab capacity:

Recommendations for testing of symptomatic persons:

- All individuals should be considered for testing when they develop symptoms of COVID-19.
- The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) consider the following to be **symptoms of COVID-19:**
 - Cough
 - Shortness of breath
 - Or at least two of these symptoms:
 - Fever
 - Chills
 - Repeated shaking with chills
 - Muscle pain
 - Headache
 - Sore throat
 - New loss of taste or smell
- **Mildly symptomatic persons** should be referred to community testing sites, such as drive-through events, if possible, to prevent exposure in a clinical setting and to preserve PPE.
- Providers can contact the **Orange County Communicable Disease Control Division at 714-834-8180 for questions or concerns.**

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OCMA/CMA Member of 55 Years Passes Away

Stanley M. Kegel, M.D., F.A.C.C., F.A.A.P

Dr. Stanley M. Kegel, 89, died Saturday, May 9, 2020 at the Orange County Global Medical Center in Tustin following a brief illness.

He was the husband of the late Audrey Leter Kegel. He leaves his daughter Debra Kegel (and husband Ronald Klar), and sons Kenneth Kegel (and wife Carin), Jeffrey Kegel (and wife Lisa), Robin Kegel, and Ryan (Kegel) Austin. He also leaves his 9 grandchildren, Austin Klar, Caitlin Klar, Jacqueline Kegel, David Kegel, Michael Kegel, Stephen Kegel, Erica Kegel, Zachery Camper, and Brett Camper. He was the loving brother of Lawrence Kegel and the late Harlean Elkins. He is also survived by his nieces, nephews, cousins, brother-in-law, and many friends, medical colleagues and fellow punsters.



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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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Telemedicine Coding and Compliance During the COVID-19 Pandemic

During these challenging times, **the Cooperative of American Physicians, Inc. (CAP)** has developed a library of resources to help physicians safely and efficiently utilize **telemedicine** in their practices. These **resources include**:

- * Webinar on the Proper Coding for Telemedicine Patient Visits
- * Telemedicine Risk Management Strategies
- * Telemedicine Patient Information Sheet
- * Telemedicine Consent Forms

[Access Telemedicine Resources Here](#)

Are you currently using or plan to begin using telemedicine in your practice? If so, the standard medical malpractice coverage through CAP includes telemedicine within California, at no additional charge. This benefit is just one of the flexible options that CAP provides to its members.

Contact Tom Mortimer directly at **213-473-8790**, or via email at tmortimer@CAPphysicians.com for immediate assistance. To receive a no obligation quote by email, please [Request an Instant Quote](#).

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These services are always free to clients. In both residential and commercial real estate, the industry standard is for landlords and sellers to pay commissions to both their agent as well as the buyer's or tenant's agent. Commissions are being paid out regardless, so it is in the best interest of the doctor to put that money to good use and have their own representation.

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action. We will monitor your lease renewal date to help prevent you from being at a disadvantage in your next renewal negotiation. **As a benefit to OCMA members, Carr Healthcare Realty will review your current lease at no cost providing market evaluation, lease analysis, purchase vs lease evaluation, and negotiation strategies.** This vital information is key to managing the 2nd highest expense in any medical practice and making key decisions that have a direct impact on profitability.

Please see the [attached pdf](#) regarding information on your lease during COVID-19.

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