President’s Message
Learn about renewal, new website, promoting AAMA, possible membership changes

By Rey Ximenes, MD, FAAMA
President, AAMA
It’s time again to renew your membership in AAMA. I hope all of you have received letters with the renewal forms. It is now possible to easily accomplish this on the new, revamped website also, so feel free to do it that way. Click on the Membership Dues Renew button here.

I don’t want to go on too much about this, but the issue is very important to our continued success as an Academy. If there are physicians in your community who practice acupuncture but are not members, please encourage them to join AAMA and give us their name and address… we will contact them with information.

So please see a related article in this issue from Membership Committee Chair Thomas S. Burgoon, MD, DABMA, on the importance of growing the Academy membership.

Go Mile High
Drs. Yuan-Chi Lin and Richard F. Hobbs are working hard with the Symposium Committee to get us ready for the 2014 Symposium April 10-14, 2014 in Denver, CO. So far, it looks like they will be giving us another great Symposium, with some very special speakers. Look for announcements in upcoming newsletters.

Online Developments
You can also expect some new things to happen with the Academy website. We are looking into ways for you to get some CME via the site. There are plans to have some chat rooms and possibly a blog site. Please check it out and then let us know of improvements or enhancements you would like to see.

As always, keep on doing what you do. Physicians who practice acupuncture do it for one reason: Because they care. They care to do what is best for their patients. That is why we are the future of medicine -- integrated medicine.

Best wishes,

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Check out redesigned AAMA website, renew online
Instructions given to access member features with user name, password

Members are encouraged to check out the recently redesigned AAMA website, where you can now conveniently pay your 2013-’14 membership dues online.

The site includes a Member Only feature that requires that each member have a unique user name and password in order to access the full features of the website. For instance, when you sign on the site as a
member, you can access the current and all past issues of the Medical Acupuncture Journal. You need to be signed in as a member in order to access the Webinar recordings, as well.

Also, a complete directory of Academy members can be accessed only when you are signed in as a Member. As staff continues to build out the new website, other features, such as case discussions, a Q & A forum among others, will be added for access by members only.

**Getting Started**
Academy staff has set up online accounts for most members. Each member was assigned a discrete username and a temporary password. Once you log in as a member (the login link is in the upper right hand side of all pages), you can change your password, and update or change other information in your account, but your assigned username will be permanent. See the information below on your assigned user name and temporary password. Please save this information in a safe place for future use.

There are some members who created their own accounts, and we have left those in place. If you have set up an account within the last 30 days or so, you should be able to still use the information you used when setting up for those accounts.

Web address: www.medicalacupuncture.org
Username: (your 5 digit AAMA member ID #)
Temporary Password: acupuncture

**PATIENT REFERRAL PROGRAM SIGNUP FORM ON WEBSITE**
Those members who are Associate, Full or Fellow level members may participate in the Academy’s Patient Referral Program if they are available to accept new patients. Those who participate are included in the online listing of physician acupuncturists. The Academy website gets hundreds of queries each week from patients looking for a physician acupuncturist.

Interested members can sign up to be included in the program by signing on to the Academy website with your user name and password, and then going to the “For Physician” tab. Click on the pull-down menu to see the link to sign up for the Patient Referral Program.

Contact the Academy offices if you have any problems or need additional information.

**Register for Korean Hand Therapy by Aug. 30 to save money**
*Dr. Lowell Kobrin to lead introductory, intermediate course in Portland, OR*


As instructor of this course and workshop, Lowell E. Kobrin, MD, PhD, FAAMA, will show practitioners how to apply any acupuncture treatment using the KHT points with blunt rather than sharp needles, yet achieving the same expected results as deep needling the traditional body acupuncture points.

**Video Introduction**
Check out this video posted online to meet Dr. Kobrin. He explains how he learned of this treatment, his training and the applications and benefits of KHT.

The KHT system allows all patients – notably children and persons with needle phobia – to have the benefit of a complete acupuncture treatment without pain. This would also be excellent for battlefield acupuncture. No sterilization procedures are required if one uses KHT blunt “needle” pellets in lieu of needles.
Prerequisites
As a prerequisite for the introductory course (first day), the practitioner should have a comfortable knowledge of the body acupuncture meridians and points, the Eight Principles and Zang/Fu theory. As a prerequisite for the intermediate course (second day), one should have a solid understanding of Five Phase dynamics (Shen and Ke cycles) and a basic understanding of Extraordinary (Curious) meridians, and must have completed the introductory course in Korean Hand Therapy (first day).

Accreditation
The American Academy of Medical Acupuncture is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education to provide continuing medical education for physicians. The American Academy of Medical Acupuncture designates this live activity for a maximum of 14 AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™. Physicians should only claim credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.

Details on taking advantage of early bird registration and booking your hotel room at AAMA’s specially discounted rate by Aug. 30 are posted online.

Unite for Her: Treating women undergoing breast cancer therapy with medical acupuncture

Thomas Burgoon, MD, DABMA, is the advisor on acupuncture to Unite for Her, an organization that was created to educate, empower and restore women with breast cancer.

Founded in 2009 in Pennsylvania by Sue Weldon, a breast cancer survivor and patient of Dr. Burgoon, this organization educates women with breast cancer about the role of acupuncture, nutrition, massage and yoga in recovering their good health. Unite for Her teaches breast cancer patients and local physicians about the role of medical acupuncture in cancer care and provides grants and funds for breast cancer patients to receive acupuncture therapy.

During the past four years, Unite for Her has partnered with oncologists, surgeons and radiation therapists at eight area hospitals in southeast Pennsylvania. More than 500 women in different stages of breast cancer therapy have benefitted from this program so far.

Acupuncture is being used successfully for treating hormone therapy related vasomotor symptoms, aromatase inhibitor related pains, insomnia, depression and anxiety, chemotherapy related nausea and vomiting and fatigue. All the acupuncture providers in the program are physicians who are dual trained in modern medicine and acupuncture.

Physicians earn Board Certification in Medical Acupuncture

The following physicians recently met the stringent requirements of the American Board of Medical Acupuncture (ABMA) and have achieved Board Certification in medical acupuncture. They have earned the designation DABMA (Diplomate, American Board of Medical Acupuncture):

Mei-Ying Liang, MD, of Mequon, WI, and Stephen P. Kroth, DO, of Erie, PA

The Academy has posted a list online of physicians who are Board Certified. Diplomates (DABMA) are listed alphabetically by last name, along with their location, and dates of expiration.

Click here for more on the Board Certification process.
Physicians complete process for 10-year ABMA recertification

The following physicians have completed the process set by the American Board of Medical Acupuncture Board of Trustees to be recertified as a Diplomate for another 10 years:

Bradley T. Lawrence, MD, of Phoenix, AZ; Aaron J. Michelfender, MD, of Maywood, IL, and Fred P. Swing, MD, of Port Charlotte, FL;

After 10 years, each candidate for recertification was required to submit the following:

· Application for recertification.
· Copy of current active medical license.
· Documentation of 150 hours of continuing education credits in medical acupuncture since certification. CME credit is preferred. Topics must be primarily acupuncture. Independently awarded CEU credits may be acceptable, at the discretion of the Board.
· Submission of two written Case Reports on actual cases treated to demonstrate continued knowledge and proficiency in the discipline. Specific Case Report Guidelines will be provided.
· Payment of a recertification fee of $250.

There is no written examination required for recertification.

Applications for recertification should be submitted at least 60 days prior to the expiration of the original certification to assure sufficient time for Board review and approval. Each submission is submitted to the Board for review to confirm the adequacy of the Case Reports and to confirm that the continuing education requirements were met.

For those designees who are unable to complete the process by the expiration date, an automatic extension of up to three years is available upon request.

Academy Membership Drive: Each One Recruit One!

By Thomas Burgoon, MD, DABMA
Chair, Academy Membership Committee

The American Academy of Medical Acupuncture is having a membership drive: “Each One Recruit One.”

We all have physician colleagues in our communities and regions who have trained in and are using acupuncture in their practices but who are not Academy members. These people deserve to be members, and we will all benefit from their participation in our organization.

I am asking you to recruit one of these colleagues from your area during the next four weeks. Call them up on the telephone. Perhaps email them first.

Tell them about the advantages and benefits of being an AAMA member. You can tell them about the patient referral program, the online webinars for improving clinical acupuncture skills and building a practice, free subscription to the journal Medical Acupuncture, and the discounted cost for annual Symposium and CME events, and the other benefits.

Please give them your personal invitation and encouragement to join our organization. Direct them to our newly redesigned website, www.medicalacupuncture.org. Joining with the online application form there is easy. I also have an invitation letter you can use for recruiting that lists membership benefits.
Make a personal connection. Follow up with them to make sure the process goes smoothly for them. I know we are all busy physicians, but please do this for the Academy and for all of us who are part of it.

As with many professional associations, AAMA is seeing 2% fewer members each year (from 1,485 in 2008 to 1,242 in 2013). So thank you for your membership and for your efforts to make our Academy stronger, larger and more effective.

If you have suggestions on how to build membership and would like to participate in the Membership Committee, please e-mail me at tburgoonmd@gmail.com or call 610/431-0850.

**AAMA looking for members to presenter webinars**

The Academy continues to offer educational webinars as a value-add to membership in the organization and as such, needs your involvement.

If you have an interest in offering a webinar for the membership, please provide the title and a short summary for consideration by the Education Committee. Webinars are typically 45 minutes to an hour in length and can either be personal case presentations or literature reviews.

The Academy has hosted and archived free webinars for members – among them: “Cash-Based Acupuncture: Creating a Successful Practice,” by Laura Bowman, MD; “Acupuncture & Fertility” by Claudia E. Harsh, MD; “Acupuncture Trauma Protocol” by Mitchell Elkiss, DO, FAAMA; and “Advanced Auricular Therapy: Enhanced Clinical Results” and “Acupuncture Related Techniques for Sports and Pain Medicine,” by Bryan L. Frank, MD, FAAMA.

Details on future webinars will be posted on the Academy’s website, in this newsletter and sent via email.

Come be a part of the 21st Century education. Send suggestions to AAMA staff or Dr. Claudia Harsh (claudia.harsh@gmail.com).

**Medical Acupuncture Research News**

The following is a review of reported research results and related news recently announced or released through Internet outlets:

- The abstract, “Electroacupuncture at Quchi and Zusanli treats cerebral ischemia-reperfusion injury through activation of ERK signaling,” was published in, Experimental and Therapeutic Medicine (June 5, 2013). Acupuncture has long been used in China to clinically treat stroke, but the precise mechanism of its neuroprotective activities remains unknown. This study of a focal cerebral I/R-injured rat model evaluated the efficacy of electroacupuncture (EA). Researchers found that for the first time, EA exerted a neuroprotective effect in ischemic stroke via activation of the ERK1/2 pathway. These results suggest that EA may be effective in treating cerebral ischemia.

- A recent study suggests that nearly three quarters of adults over 50 use some kind of alternative medicine such as acupuncture and herbal remedies, which are increasing in popularity. Researchers at Ohio State University conducted a survey that now puts that figure as high as 70% among those over 50. Among the general population, the figure is about 62%, reports TeleManagement.

- The abstract, “Randomized controlled clinical trials for treatment of external sty with ear-apex blood-letting,” was published in MedLine (2013). A total 102 sty patients were randomized into an ear-apex blood-letting group and a routine treatment (medication) group to observe the clinical therapeutic effect of ear-apex blood-letting for external sty. Researchers concluded that ear-apex blood-letting therapy for external sty is effective in relieving pain, reducing the size and shortening the duration of disease.
A veterinarian at Orchid Springs Animal Hospital in Winter Haven, FL is treating animals with acupuncture that have been paralyzed for more than six or eight months, after which they walk again. ABC Action News reports that the needles stimulate the nerves to reconnect and to change, basically different pathways. The owners like the efficacy of acupuncture, as well as its alternative to $5,000 surgical procedures, which aren’t guaranteed to cure the paralysis. Also, Sky News reports about a Brazilian albino alligator suffering from Lordosis being treated weekly with acupuncture to relieve his symptoms.

The abstract, “Comparison of Acupuncture Effect on Blood Perfusion between Needling Nonacupoint on Meridian and Needling Nonacupoint off Meridian,” was published in Evidence-Based Complementary and Alternative Medicine (Vol. 2013). This study sought to verify the ancient theory of “rather missing the acupoint than missing the meridian,” acupuncture at nonacupoint on meridian and acupuncture at nonacupoint off meridian were performed, respectively. Researchers concluded that nerve terminals, blood vessels and mast cells can be regarded as the substance of acupoints through which stronger acupuncture signals are produced for the best effect. The low hydraulic resistance channel of interstitial fluid represents the entity of meridian channels that signal transmitting channel to get a better effect of acupuncture.

According to Fox News, 27,000 people have undergone the painful form of bee sting acupuncture in just one specialist’s clinic in Beijing, China. The practitioner said he trained for two years to learn how to hold and manipulate the bee to sting at the right places to cure disease. As all honeybees do when they sting, these bees die. According to an AFP video report, bee sting acupuncture has been used in China for thousands of years. However, it was only accepted as a part of traditional Chinese medicine five years ago.

The abstract, “Are All Placebo Effects Equal? Placebo Pills, Sham Acupuncture, Cue Conditioning and Their Association,” was published in PLoS ONE (2013). The study involved 71 healthy, acupuncture-naïve individuals, 21-37, in two experiments investigating acupuncture’s efficacy for chronic pain. Researchers found that compared with no treatment, healthy volunteers who received placebo pills or genuine acupuncture showed significantly increased pain thresholds in average, whereas sham acupuncture did not.

Please send information you find on research involving the efficacy of medical acupuncture to bart.ortberg@dowdenmanagement.com.

AAMA Member News

The Academy is looking for volunteers interested in working on AAMA committees. Among those seeking volunteers are the Symposium Program Committee and the AAMA Membership Committee. Click here for a list of committees and responsibilities of each. Contact Executive Administrator James Dowden (administrator@medicalacupuncture.org, 310/364-0193) if you have questions or are interested in becoming more directly involved in a committee.

If you are a Full Member or Fellow of the AAMA with DABMA certification, you should be printing the Medical Acupuncture certification mark on your stationary, business cards or other listings to promote your special accomplishments in medical acupuncture. The certification mark is available only to Full Members and Fellows of the AAMA who are currently Board Certified by the ABMA. The mark has been registered with the US Patent Office as a Certification Mark that is available for the exclusive use of those who meet the specified credentials. See Certification Mark Guidelines for standards on how the mark should be used in printed materials including acceptable type face, size, color, etc. For an electronic copy of a reproducible jpeg copy of the logo to provide your printer, Full Members and Fellows who are currently Board Certified through the ABMA may send a request to administrator@medicalacupuncture.org. Upon verification of your status, a jpg file will be sent to you.

Bryan L Frank, MD, FAAMA, past-president of AAMA, is leading missions to serve those with little or no access to healthcare around the world. He spent 15 days serving in Nepal in April. Join him on a mission with Global Mission Partners, Inc., a 501-c-3 not-for-profit charitable corporation, as the group serves Nepal, India, Kenya, Ecuador, Mexico and beyond. This may be the most fun you’ve had in medicine in
years. Travel with a purpose in 2013 and 2014. Trips are planned to Mexico in September or to India in October/November. Information at www.GlobalMissionPartners.org or bfrankmd@hotmail.com.

AAMA achieved a major new milestone this year: the Academy’s official Journal, Medical Acupuncture, increased from quarterly to bi-monthly – six times each year. Academy members receive the Journal free as part of their membership. Also, members have access to all back issues of the Journal published by the Mary Ann Liebert Co. when accessed through the Members feature of the Academy’s website.

Thomas Burgoon, MD, DABMA, AAMA Membership Committee chair and Board of Directors member, says if each member recruits at least one fellow physician acupuncturist into the Academy, membership can double in the next year. So please contact Dr. Burgoon and make that a special priority to help support and promote physician acupuncture in the US.

Acupuncture MRI imaging pioneer Dr. Joie Pierce Jones recently died at age 72. His work led to the first scientific evidence of the existence of acupuncture points and their effects on the brain. Dr. Jones had a distinguished career in the medical applications of ultrasound technology and developed several new ultrasonic imaging techniques for the medical field.

The 10th International Conference of the Society for Integrative Oncology, "Translational Science in Integrative Oncology: “From Bedside, to Bench, to Best Practices,” will be held in Vancouver, Canada, Oct. 20-22, 2013 at the Fairmont Hotel Vancouver. It will be presented by the Society for Integrative Oncology and co-sponsored by the University of British Columbia Division of Continuing Professional Development, Faculty of Medicine and the University of British Columbia School of Nursing.

Editor-in-Chief Dr. Richard Niemtzow of the journal, Medical Acupuncture, is seeking volunteer reviewers to review manuscripts. Reviewers will access manuscripts online. Reviews must be completed and returned within one business week. Reviewers successfully completing a series of timely, high-quality reviews may be invited to join the Editorial Board (at the discretion of the editor in chief). Please send brief qualifications and contact information to n5ev@aol.com.

The International Council of Medical Acupuncture and Related Techniques (ICMART) 2013 and 5th International Johannes Bischko Symposium for Acupuncture will be held Nov. 29-Dec. 1, 2013 in Vienna, Austria. For more information on 30 years of ICMART and 60 years of the Austrian Acupuncture Society, click here or visit http://www.icmart.org/.  

Dr. Jay Sandweiss will be teaching in Paris and Nice, France, Sept. 20-21 and Sept. 27-28, respectively, as well as Oct. 12-13 and Nov 16-17 in Michigan. Details are posted here.

The 6th European Congress for Integrative Medicine (in conjunction with the German Congress for Integrative Medicine) will be held on Oct. 4-5, 2013 in Berlin, Germany. General Secretary Walburg Marie-Oehler, MD, reports that as a result of AAMA membership in ICMART, Academy members are eligible for 25% reduction on Congress fees. Academy members are urged to make plans to attend.

The Academy has syllabi available from the 2013 Symposium (print or CD format) and four Pre-Symposium workshops. There are also books available by Drs. Charles Moss and Steven and Sandi Amoils at discounted prices for Practice members, other books and audio tapes from sessions in Baltimore. Details are posted online.

German Auricular Acupuncture will be taught Nov. 21-24, 2013 in Toronto, Ontario, Canada by instructors Dave Maybee, RMT and Lisa Weleschuk, TCMD, RAc. The NCCAOM is granting 27 CEU's. For details, call 204/254-3729 or visit www.vitalprinciple.ca.

On Nov. 9, 2013, Alternative Medicine Seminars will hold a one-day workshop for learning and practicing the SAAT (Soliman's Auricular Allergy Treatment). This technique will enable the practitioner to treat any allergy using just one Auricular treatment, utilizing just one Auricular needle. Elimination of the allergy will be accomplished within three weeks with permanent results. Attendance is limited for better clinical
experience. Log onto www.alternativemedicineseminars.com for the 2013 fall schedule. The schedule includes weekend seminars in Auricular therapy, Auricular medicine, three-phase hand acupuncture, and Vascular Autonomic Signal workshop, in addition to the SAAT.

Attention all DABMA designees: The ABMA is into the second year of certification renewals. More recent Diplomates have been completing the renewal process quicker, as they are aware of the requirements and are prepared to meet them. As a reminder, you must document completion of 150 hours of continuing education credits in medical acupuncture-related courses at the time of re-certification. Those who are short are asked to complete those credits before your certification comes up for renewal.

Joseph M. Helms, MD, FAAMA, reminds members that details on upcoming Helms Medical Institute courses can be found at http://www.hmiacupuncture.com.

The 26th Annual AAMA Symposium will be held at the Grand Hyatt Denver, 1750 Welton St., Denver, CO 80202. The Review Course will be on April 8-9, 2014; Pre-Symposium on April 10, 2014, the Symposium April 11-13, and the Board Certification Exam on April 13, 2014. Yuan-Chi Lin, MD, FAAMA, will be chair and Richard Hobbs, MD, vice chair.

Details and a registration form for the 2014 ABMA Review Course are now posted at www.dabma.org. Also, the Review Course has been recorded and is available on DVDs. Those can be purchased here.


Bryan L. Frank, MD, FAAMA, will present a seminar on Auricular Therapy to the VA Medical Center in Murfreesboro, TN Sept. 13-14. He will then lead a seminar on Auricular Medicine to the VA Medical Center in Murfreesboro, TN Sept. 14-15. Details at www.AuricularTherapy.com.

As part of AAMA membership, members are being offered access to more than 400 journal articles categorized by disease/health application that promote the efficacy of acupuncture. Contact The Helms Medical Institute at mafp@hmieducation.com to obtain your unique password to access this information anytime. Then go to http://hmieducation.com/home and click on "Published Articles." Scroll down to "View Articles Not in the Public Domain."

Please send news items and photos to bart.ortberg@dowdenmanagement.com.

AAMA Chapter News

Arizona
Arizona Chapter meetings are held at 9 am the second Saturday of the month at Dr. Martha Grout’s office, Arizona Center for Advanced Medicine, 9328 E. Raintree Drive, Scottsdale, AZ 85260. For details, call 480/240-2600 or e-mail drmartha@arizonaadvancedmedicine.com. There are monthly speakers on topics related to medical acupuncture, as well as Chinese and Functional/Integrative medicine. Email Dr. Grout to get on the email list for meeting announcements.

Georgia
The Georgia Association of Medical Acupuncturists invites everyone to visit their website to learn more about their organization’s philosophy, mission, events and much more. Their site includes a “Member” page, which includes contact information for each GAMA member. For information regarding membership and seminars, contact GAMA President Carlos Parrado, MD, at parrado.pena@att.net.

Illinois
The goal of President Lorene Wu, MD, DiplAc, and Secretary/Treasurer Anthony DeLorenzo, DO is to provide education and support to members. They plan to interface more with the wider acupuncture community by serving on the Illinois Acupuncture Board and by attending meetings of the local acupuncture society.

The chapter is planning an event with Jeffrey Yuen in April 2014. He is director of classical studies at the College of Chinese Medical Arts. Watch for more details in future issues.

Meetings are held every other month at Memorial Hospital in LaGrange, IL.

Maryland
The Maryland Society of Medical Acupuncture is pleased to announce that Raphael Nogier, MD, has agreed to come back to Maryland in 2013 for another seminar. If you are interested, contact either President Joan Ordman, MD, FAAMA, or John Howard at the Maryland Acupuncture Clinic, www.mdacuclinic.com, (301) 515-7272.

The MSMA is planning the following upcoming speakers

1. Richard C. Niemtzow, MD, PhD, MPH, on his recent visit to China to discuss acupuncture with the Chinese Military. TBA

2. Dr. Nasir Bashirelahi, Professor, University of Maryland School of Dentistry on Nutrition for Antiaging.

3. Joan Ordman, MD, FAAMA, Inpatient Acupuncture treatments on the newly injured Wounded Warriors returning from the battlefield.

The Chapter offers educational programs and wants to increase participation. Treat yourself to a nice evening. It is free, and members whose dues are paid receive a nice free meal. The lecture is on the Chapter. Contact Dr. Ordman at jordman@aol.com to join MSMA.

Ohio
The Ohio Chapter intends to hold more acupuncture seminars in 2013. Members would love to see more active participation of the current membership, as well as new members. Please join them and invite medical acupuncture colleagues. For more information or questions, contact President Dr. Steve Amoils at Steve.Amoils@myhealingpartner.com.

New Jersey & Pennsylvania
John Kohler, MD, FAAMA, is the president of the Pennsylvania Chapter. Visit www.pamedicalacupuncture.com/ for details on this chapter.

Click here for an up-to-date listing of AAMA Regional Chapter officers, their contact information, Websites and members. Think about joining a Chapter to learn more about medical acupuncture specific to your area. And if there’s not a Chapter in your region, please consider forming one by contacting Jim Dowden, AAMA executive administrator, at administrator@medicalacupuncture.org. Chapters provide fellowship, professional camaraderie, education and curbside consults.

Chapter representatives, please send your news and photos for the AAMA Newsletter via e-mail to bart.ortberg@dowdenmanagement.com.
Employment Opportunities

• Wanted: MD/acupuncturist to join holistic medical practice/offices in Roseville and Auburn, CA, 20 and 30 minutes from Sacramento, CA, respectively. Practice is very lucrative, and both offices are roomy, sunny, with lots of windows. Busy five days/week doing Five Element Acupuncture since 1974, with Jeffrey D. Kauffman, MD, having studied and apprenticed with the Master, Dr. J R Worsley from that date till he passed on in 2003. Dr. Kauffman is happy to teach Five Element Acupuncture. Sacramento has two big rivers in its center, and is 1.5 hrs from San Francisco, and 2 hours from Lake Tahoe, a great area to settle down, raise a family, and have fun. Call 916/202-8158 and/or check out [http://www.drkauffman.com](http://www.drkauffman.com).

• Rare practice opportunity for a qualified physician acupuncturist. Lowell E. Kobrin, MD, PhD, is planning to retire within the next 18 months. Assume a 25-year thriving general medical acupuncture practice at North Bend Medical Center on the southern Oregon coast. Built-in referrals from more than 30 physicians, plus a large patient base encompassing three counties. Visit Dr. Kobrin for a VIP tour, meet other physicians and spend a day or two checking out his practice. 541/290-1888, [lekobrin@earthlink.net](mailto:lekobrin@earthlink.net)