



About the Speakers

Note: Biographical information regarding CME presenters is listed in the order of their appearance in the program. If you would like additional information, please contact the KAOM office and it will be provided.

Karen F. Evans, DO, AOBFP (KAOM President)

Dr. Evans received her medical degree from the Kansas City University – College of Osteopathic Medicine. She completed her internship at Mesa General Hospital in Phoenix, AZ and residency in family medicine at John C. Lincoln Hospital in Phoenix, AZ. She completed a rural teaching fellowship at the University of Arizona School of Medicine. She is board certified in family practice. She is a family practice physician with Lawrence Memorial Hospital, Lawrence, KS. She has served on the Kansas Society of ACOFP as Secretary/Treasurer, the KAOM Board for six years, as a delegate to the AOA House of Delegates representing KAOM, and on the KCU-COM Alumni Association board of directors.

Vicki Whitaker, Executive Director (KAOM)

Vicki Whitaker has over 30 years of association management experience. She has a double major bachelor's degree from Washburn University with honors. She began work at KAOM as the CME Director in April 2015 and was named the Executive Director in September 2017. Her previous association experience includes several statewide healthcare associations in Kansas. She served as president of the Association of Osteopathic State Executive Directors (AOSED) from December 2019-July 2021.

Fadi Joudi, MD (Wichita)

Dr. Joudi received his medical degree from the American University of Beirut and completed his urology residency and urologic oncology fellowship at the University of Iowa after which he joined the department faculty as assistant professor. He moved to Wichita and joined Wichita Urology in 2010. He is fellow of the American College of Surgeons and the Royal College of Surgeons of Canada.

Dasa Gangadhar, MD (KHSC)

Dr. Dasa Gangadhar is a graduate of Albany Medical College and has a Master's in Healthcare Leadership from Brown University. He is a Harvard and Michigan trained ophthalmologist and corneal transplant surgeon. He's performed 35K+ surgeries, including 5K+ surgeries in rural Kansas clinics and hospitals. He is a founding Board Member and Trustee of Kansas Health Sciences Center. He is also the longest-serving Board Member of Grene Vision Group, Kansas leader for total eye care and he has served as an adjunct professor at University of Kansas School of Medicine for 20+ years.

Jan Hoffman, MD (Newton)

Dr. Hoffman obtained his MD from the University of Maryland School of Medicine. He did an internal medicine residency, followed by a fellowship in diabetes and endocrinology at the Los Angeles County-USC Medical Center. He has participated in numerous clinical research trials over the past 25 years for investigations of new treatments and monitoring methods for diabetes. In 1997 he joined the Wichita Clinic where he established the Center for Diabetes & Endocrinology and created an ADA nationally recognized patient self-management program. He served as editor-in-chief of the "Freedom with Diabetes" program of the Via Christi Health System. He has published in *Diabetes* and authored a chapter in Diabetes Mellitus for the House Officer. In 2013 he started Newton Diabetes & Endocrinology Specialists where he currently practices.

Kevin Brown, BBA, CFP (Wichita)

Kevin Brown, CFP received his BA in business administration from Wichita State University. He began his career with Smith Barney and then partnered with Bob Cunningham to form the Cunningham Group. He became a financial advisor in 2000 and obtained Certified Financial Planner designation in 2007. Kevin and his wife Melanie have been married more than 24 years and currently live and have raised their three children in Wichita.

Andrew Porter, DO (KAOM)

Andrew Porter is a graduate of Des Moines University College of Osteopathic Medicine. He completed his Family Medicine Residency and Sports Medicine Fellowship at Via Christi in Wichita Kansas. Dr. Porter then moved back to Iowa and practiced rural family medicine in Bloomfield Iowa. He also had the honor of serving in the United State Army as a field surgeon in Iraq during Operation Iraqi Freedom. Dr. Porter then accepted a position as Faculty for the KU School Medicine-Wichita Family Medicine Residency and Sports Medicine Fellowship at Via Christi. He is now the Director of Osteopathic Medical for core osteopathic medical students at Via Christi, a Clinical Associate Professor at KU- School of Medicine and is also the sports medicine fellowship program director.

Sarah Florence, DO (Resident)

Sarah Florence, DO completed her undergraduate studies at Rockhurst University in Kansas City, MO with a BS in Biochemistry and a minor in Spanish. She received her Doctorate from Kansas City University in Osteopathic Medicine. She is currently a resident at Via Christi Family Medicine and her experience has included both outpatient and inpatient adult, pediatric, and obstetrics care, with a special interest and additional experience in surgical obstetrics.

Caleb Holder, DO (Resident)

Caleb Holder, DO is originally from St. Louis, MO and is a 3rd year family medicine resident from KU-Via Christi in Wichita, KS. He graduated from Missouri State University with a BS in Cell and Molecular Biology and earned his Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine from the Alabama College of Osteopathic Medicine. He has developed an interest in sports medicine and emergency medicine. Professionally, he is hoping to join a practice in the rural Midwest that allows him to practice full-spectrum family medicine. Apart from spending time with friends and family, he enjoys traveling, playing hockey and golf, and boating.

Gayle Donaldson, MBA (Kansas Board of Pharmacy)

Gayle Donaldson, MBA graduated with a BA in Communication Studies from Fort Hays State University and an MBA from Baker University. She has more than 10 years' experience in journalism, public relations, marketing, public information, graphic design and project management. She is currently the Public Information Officer at the Kansas Board of Pharmacy. She manages the K-TRACS website and social media presence as well as creating public information for healthcare professionals and consumers regarding the state's prescription drug monitoring program.

LaTonyua Rice, BS, Pharm D, BCGP (Kansas Board of Pharmacy)

LaTonyua Rice, BS, Pharm D, BCGP graduated from Kansas Newman College with both a BS in Chemistry and a BA in Biology. She received her Pharm D from the University of Missouri and has been a pharmacist for more than 30 years. She is now with the Kansas Board of Pharmacy as a K-TRAC Clinical Pharmacist/Investigator. Rice researches and investigates potential cases of drug diversion as part of the Kansas Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (K-TRACS). She researches and identifies patients with the potential for substance use disorder, prescription misuse, or dangerous prescribing patterns and recommends, develops, and implements prescriber and pharmacy guidelines for clinical practice based upon investigations of controlled substance misuse and diversion in collaboration with K-TRACS.

Terri A. Nickel, DO, AOBFM (KS Society of ACOFP/KAOM)

Dr. Nickel received her medical degree from the Oklahoma State University College of Osteopathic Medicine. She served her residency at Riverside Health System in Wichita. She is board certified in Family Medicine and chose this specialty because she enjoys working with patients of all ages. Dr. Nickel serves as the medical director for Ascension Medical Group Via Christi. She has served as President of the Kansas Society of ACOFP since 2014 and on the KAOM Board.

Daniel Alvarez, DO (Ascension Via Christi/KAOM)

Dr. Alvarez graduated from A.T. Still University – Kirksville College of Osteopathic Medicine. He completed his residency at the Chicago College of Osteopathic Medicine. He specializes in cardiovascular disease and internal medicine. He is affiliated with Ascension Via Christi at Cypress Heart in Wichita.

Dwight St. Clair, DO, ABPN (Ascension Via Christi/KAOM)

Dr. St. Clair received his medical degree from KCU-COM. He completed his internship at Metropolitan Hospital, Philadelphia, PA, and his residency at the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey in psychiatry where he was the chief resident. He practices psychiatry with Ascension Via Christi. He is AOA board certified in psychiatry. He is associated with Ascension Via Christi St. Joseph at Affiliated Psychiatric Services. Dr. St. Clair has been in practice in

Wichita since 1992. He is a member of the AOA, KAOM and the Sedgwick County Osteopathic Society. He is also a certified physician investigator (CPI).

Imad I Nassif, MD, ABIM (Wichita)

Dr. Nassif, earned his medical degree from St. Joseph University, Beirut, Lebanon, he completed residencies in Internal Medicine, State University of New York, Brooklyn and Gastroenterology at the University of Texas Medical Branch, Galveston. His is a research fellow, American Association for the Study of Liver Diseases (AASLD), a fellow of the American Gastroenterological Association and is certified in gastroenterology by the American Board of Internal Medicine. He serves as the Director of Wichita Endoscopy Center and as a professor of Internal Medicine and Gastroenterology on the faculty of the University of Kansas School of Medicine and the proposed Kansas College of Osteopathic Medicine.

Courtney Cyzman, JD (Kansas State Board of Healing Arts)

Courtney Cyzman, BSW, JD, earned her Bachelor's in Social Welfare from the University of Kansas in 2012 and her juris doctorate from Washburn University School of Law in December 2017. She is the general counsel for the Kansas State Board of Healing Arts. She began her work at the board as a legal intern in 2016, her first job at the board was as an associate litigation counsel in March of 2018, and then general counsel the end of 2019. Prior to that she worked for the Kansas Department for Children and Families as a social work specialist from 2013 to 2015, and from July 2012 to July 2013 at the Douglas County AIDS Project as a client care coordinator. She serves as attorney for the Board and Board members in their official capacity, defends agency orders on appeal, prosecutes unlicensed practice/corporate practice of medicine cases in district court, and provides presentations to licensees, stakeholders and medical facilities.

Samuel Ashby, DO (Wichita)

Samuel Ashby, DO earned his BS in Biology from Brigham Young University and his Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine from Midwestern University in Phoenix, AZ. He is an Orthopedic Surgeon – Adult Joint Reconstruction specializing in Primary and Revision Joint Replacement, Surgery of the Hip and Knee, Robotic and minimally invasive surgery and knee arthroscopy. He is a member of the AAOS, FOS, AOA, and AOA.

Bruce Williams, DO, FACFP (ACFP)

Dr. Williams is the President-Elect on the ACOFP Board of Governors. He currently practices at Family Care of Eastern Jackson County in Blue Springs and is Facility Physician Director for Eastern Jackson County and Lafayette Regional Markets. Dr. Williams graduated from Wilkes University with a BS Science in Biology in 1982 and from the Kansas City University of Medicine and in 1987. His post graduate training included a general osteopathic rotating internship at the KCUMB University Hospital until 1988.

Hillary Hopkins, MD (Overland Park)

Hillary Hopkins completed her medical degree at the University of Missouri- Kansas City in 2005, graduating with a combined BA/MD. After graduation she did residency in family medicine at the Research Family Medicine Residency at Research Medical Center in Kansas City. She practiced primary care medicine in Summit County Colorado for three years prior to returning to Kansas City where she joined Leawood Family Care and ultimately became a partner in the practice. After practicing primary care for 12 years, she had the opportunity to transition into the field of wound care, and trained under Dr. Han Hulen in Dallas, Texas. In conjunction with the Dallas based company, Wound Integrity, Wound Evolution opened in November 2020. Dr. Hopkins practices full scope wound care, with hyperbaric oxygen therapy available soon.

Kevin Brough, MD, ABD, ABIM (Wichita)

Kevin Brough, MD is a graduate of the University of North Texas with a BA in Biology and Texas A & M University School of Medicine. Dr. Brough trained at The Mayo Clinic for seven years Boarding in Internal Medicine, Dermatology, and Mohs surgery. He works at Heartland Dermatology as their Mohs Surgeon and has been in Kansas for a little over one year.