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A BICENTENNIAL HISTORY ISSUE

EXECUTIVE Director Message

Dear AMCNO Member,

As we've now entered our 200th year and we begin to celebrate this historic milestone, it can be overwhelming to try and share our history with AMCNO members and the public. We have done our best in this 200th anniversary edition of the Northern Ohio Physician to bring you our organization's highlights and share with you why AMCNO is the steward of Northern Ohio's medical community of the past, present, and future.

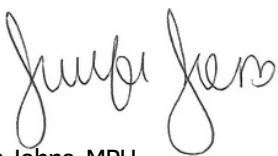
First known as the 19th Medical District, AMCNO is one of the oldest medical societies in the United States and the oldest professional association in Ohio, and it's a legacy to be proud of, and we cannot wait to share it with you and the Cleveland community.

In the following pages you will learn about our history, our present, and our future. You will read the stories of our most influential leaders and campaigns. And you will see how through two centuries we have honored our mission of supporting physicians in being strong advocates for all patients and promoting the practice of the highest quality of medicine.

You will also learn about the historic line-up of events we have planned to mark this milestone year, and we hope to have your participation in this once in a generation celebration. You will also learn about our efforts to raise funds for the Academy of Medicine Education Foundation (AMEF), our commitment to the future and physicians of tomorrow.

We hope you enjoy this anniversary edition, and we hope you will remain engaged in AMCNO as we look forward to another 200 years of advocacy and medicine in Cleveland.

Sincerely,



Jen Johns, MPH
Executive Director
Academy of Medicine of Cleveland & Northern Ohio



PRESIDENTS Corner



Marie Schaefer, MD

2024-2025 AMCNO President

Tell us about yourself and your practice

I am a proud Family Medicine and Sports Medicine physician from Cleveland. I left the area for my education at Ohio Wesleyan University and the Yale School of Medicine. I completed a Family Medicine residency at The Ohio State University and a Sports Medicine fellowship at Nationwide Children's Hospital. My wonderful husband had completed his PhD in Special Education at the same time and his professorship at Cleveland State University got us back to Cleveland. I joined the Cleveland Clinic with dual appointments in Family Medicine and Orthopedics. Since then, my career has transitioned, and I now work full time in Sports and Exercise Medicine through Orthopedics. I am also a member of our school based health practice and hope to continue to expand that aspect of my career.

Additionally, I am the head team physician and NCAA healthcare administrator at Cleveland State University as well as the head team physician for Lakewood High School (where I live) and the Ohio Contemporary Ballet. I am an assistant team physician for the Cleveland Cavaliers as well.

As a team physician, I use my family medicine and sports medicine training to take care of all facets of my athletes' health from injuries to illnesses to their mental health and preventative care. I love to see active individuals (especially adolescents) for injuries including concussions and I have an interest in caring for female athletes as well as screening and prevention of injury in youth sport. I want to encourage all my patients to live active and healthy lives!

How did you become interested in medicine?

My interest in medicine developed throughout my undergraduate studies and was not a straight path. When I was a politics and government major in my first semester of college, I was in a small group seminar class called "Politics in American Healthcare." From that class, I was hooked. I was fascinated by the winding story of the American healthcare system and it was around the time when the human genome project and genetics was front and center in politics. So, I became a genetics major as well. I really enjoyed the gray area between science and the healthcare system. Eventually, I interned on Capitol Hill in the U.S. House of Representatives with a junior Congressman, who had a very small staff and I was often ghostwriting for him on the topics of healthcare. That is when I realized that if I really wanted to make a difference in the healthcare system that I wanted to become a part of it.

What accomplishments are you most proud of?

In my professional career, I am most proud of the work that I have done for women in sports. I was the Chief Medical Officer for the Premier Hockey Federation (PHF) for the last three years. Until 6 months ago, the PHF was the only professional women's hockey league. I developed and implemented the health and safety standards of the league as well as navigated through the COVID pandemic. Through the success of the PHF, a new league has formed that will allow women to get paid a fairer salary to play hockey. Representation is so vitally important in sports, and I view my role as a leader in that community to continue to prioritize women's unique health needs.

What are your hobbies and interests?

Right now, my hobbies revolve around my kids. I have 3 children (ages 7, 5, and 1) and really enjoy participating in their hobbies. There are, not surprisingly, a lot of sports involved. I am active in coaching soccer and baseball for my kids. I think it is incredibly important for moms to be out there representing women being involved in sports. Especially as a physician in the community, we need to be out there being positive, encouraging, and providing a counterforce to the negative stereotypes of coaching.

What are your goals and priorities for the AMCNO this year?

The Academy is celebrating 200 years of existence this year! It truly is a monumental moment. Modern medicine itself was in its infancy in 1824 when this group was founded. As our predecessors recognized, the art and practice of medicine is so much more beyond understanding physiology and anatomy. Medicine is influenced by the society in which it exists. That includes the rules, regulations, biases, prejudices, politics, and economy. The Academy exists to help its practitioners navigate and unite in helping our patients the best that we can.

With the notoriety of this special year, it is my goal as President to continue to strengthen our advocacy efforts and visibility across the region. The Academy excels at advocating, and I would like to provide leadership to our membership on how to get more involved. This includes working with our Future Leaders Council to develop that skillset. On a more local level, I would like to focus the Academy to actively pursue projects or funding for projects that improve the health equity of our community. Though our AMCNO Board is diverse, we want to understand the needs of all our members as we continue to expand across the region. Let us know what is important to you!

What are your concerns about the future of health care?

As a primary care physician, I am concerned about the primary care workforce. I applaud the efforts of many organizations in our region that continue to make pipeline programs from medical school to residency to primary care positions that directly provide care to this region. I am increasingly alarmed by political overreach into the patient-physician relationship. This comes in many forms from encroachment on reproductive rights to dictating the healthcare decisions of the transgender youth community. Medical care is too complex and individualized for that line to be crossed.

How would you ask physicians to support the Academy?

Be aware of what the Academy can do. The Academy advocates on behalf of issues that actually affect physicians. Now more than ever, the current political climate has amplified disinformation and has subsequently decided on issues that should remain in the sanctity of the patient-physician relationship. If there is something that affects your practice of medicine in our community, this is where the Academy can help!



EVENTS

As part of our bicentennial celebration, we will celebrate with several events starting in April 2024 including an historical exhibition at the Western Reserve Historical Society (WRHS) to debut May 4th and remain open to the public through summer 2024; a community service event at MedWish International on April 11th; a Lower Lecture from Peter Angood, MD on May 3rd; and our culminating Bicentennial gala on May 4th at WRHS.

SERVICE EVENT

The first event open to members will be a service night held at Medwish International on Thursday April 11th from 6-8 PM. MedWish International is a nonprofit organization that saves lives and the environment by repurposing surplus medical supplies and equipment to provide humanitarian aid to people in need.



REGISTER NOW



GALA

The Bicentennial Gala at the Western Reserve Historical Society will be held from 6-9 PM on Saturday May 4th benefiting the Academy of Medicine Education Foundation (AMEF). Tickets for the gala will cost \$150 for individuals, \$250 for couples, \$75 for medical residents and fellows, and \$50 for medical students, with AMCNO members receiving a discounted rate of 24% off tickets. Table sponsorships may also be purchased at \$5,000 for corporations and \$2,000 for nonprofits. Monica Robins of WKYC will emcee the gala. Tickets can be purchased at www.amcno.org/bicentennial.

Scholarship award winners will be announced at the gala, and two AMCNO legacy awards will be presented to long-time Academy members Richard Fratianne, MD and Nancy Kurfess-Johnson, MD.

LOWER LECTURE

On May 3rd, President and CEO of American Association for Physician Leadership Dr. Peter Angood will keynote a historic Lower Lecture for the AMCNO and the Cleveland Clinic. The Lower Lecture is based on a tradition started in 1938 by former AMCNO president and Cleveland Clinic founder, William E. Lower, MD. Dr. Lower invited international and national medical experts to Cleveland to speak about groundbreaking medical topics like advances in the study of viruses and surgical shock.



Members of the public can stay up to date with the AMCNO's events by following them on social media at @AcademyMedCle and can find more information and purchase tickets at www.amcno.org/bicentennial.

Come Join Us For Our
Bicentennial Gala

In Honor Of
*The Academy of Medicine of
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**SATURDAY
May 4, 6-9 PM**

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Your ticket price includes entrance to the Gala and corresponding “200 Years of Medicine in Cleveland,” museum exhibit, a sit-down table-served meal, cocktail hour in the Hanna Garden, and valet parking. Dress: Cocktail Attire

Tickets can be purchased online
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- 7 Named Scholarships
- Logo in Your Morning Rounds Email sent biweekly to 6,700 physicians and medical students for all of 2024
- Logo on AMCNO Website all of 2024
- Social Media Post Monthly for 2024
- 1-2 Minute Remarks from the Stage at Gala
- Digital Ad Display
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- 16 Gala Tickets

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- 8 Gala Tickets

1824 Club \$1,824

- Name/Logo on AMCNO Website, Promotional Materials
- 2 Gala Tickets

PAST PRESIDENTS Club

The AMCNO Presidents' Club was founded in honor of the organization's 200th anniversary. Presidents' Club members have made a donation of at least \$3,000 towards our scholarship fund. Members in the club must be former presidents of the AMCNO, or of the Academy of Medicine Education Foundation (AMEF).

Presidents' Club Co-Chairs



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1824 Club

The Academy of Medicine of Cleveland & Northern Ohio (AMCNO)'s 1824 Club was founded in honor of the organization's upcoming 200th anniversary in 2024. 1824 Club members have made a donation towards our Academy of Medicine Education Fund (AMEF) Bicentennial scholarship fund.

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LEGACY Awards

In addition to this year's scholarship award winners, two lifetime achievement AMCNO Legacy awards will be presented to long-time Academy members Richard Fratianne, MD and Nancy Kurfess-Johnson, MD at the Bicentennial Gala.



Richard Fratianne, MD

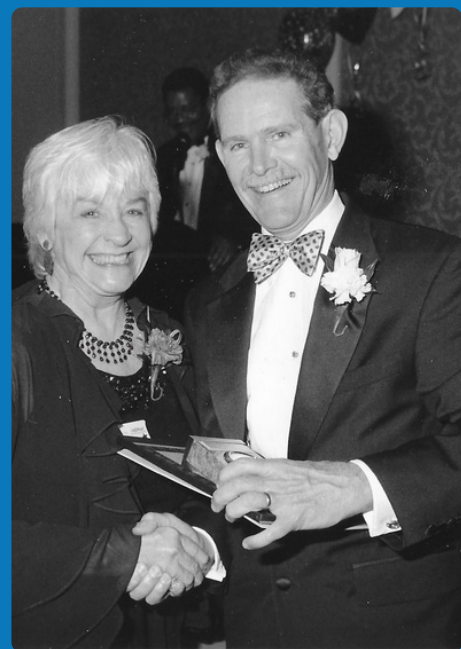
Dr. Fratianne served as president of the AMCNO from 1983-84. During his presidency, he was invited to the White House by President Ronald Reagan for recognition of the Academy's "Project 83" which provided free medical care who had lost their health insurance due to unemployment. Dr. Fratianne, 91, a general surgeon who served as AMCNO President from 1983 – 1984, was the founding Medical Director of the Comprehensive Burn Care Center at MetroHealth Medical Center in 1969—a position he held until his retirement in 2002. Despite being officially retired, he continues to teach medical school students and is actively involved in directing activities at the burn center because he says, "the healing of burn patients is different, and I believe in 'I will never abandon you.'"

Nancy Kurfess-Johnson, MD

Dr. Kurfess-Johnson, better known as "Dr. Nancy," was a pioneer as one of the area's early female physicians, and she delivered thousands of babies during her established career. Dr. Kurfess-Johnson graduated from Case Western Medical School in 1954.

As a senior medical student, she worked in the emergency room at Metro during the polio epidemic. That same year, she was also introduced to Obstetrics, and it left a lasting impression. In 1955, she completed her internship year at St. Luke's Hospital. Some of her patients there lived in Solon—a farming community without a physician. With no office buildings in the city, she looked at a house under construction on the main road. She and her husband worked on converting the garage into three-room office, while the family lived in the basement. In late-October 1955, her converted garage opened. In her book, *The Doctor Wears Pearls*, she says: "In 1955, no male physician would even consider adding a female to his group. A paid position was not an option anywhere...Solon welcomed me."

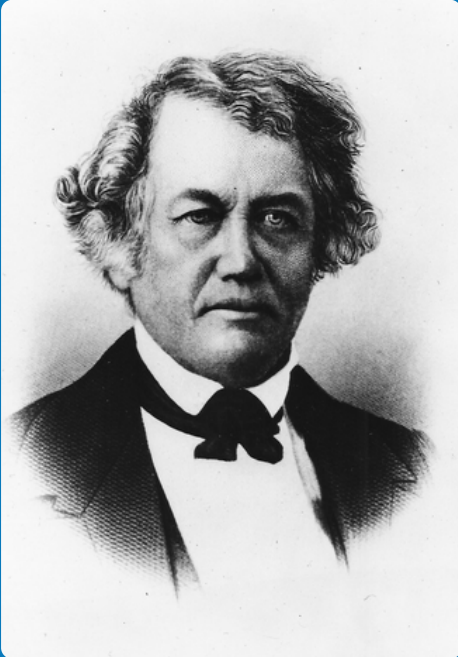
She was in family practice for 18 years, and after becoming board-certified, she spent the next 25 years in a career in Women's Health. After 50 years in the field, Dr. Nancy retired in August 2001.



Dr. Nancy Kurfess-Johnson receives award from Dr. William Seitz.

HISTORICAL Hall of Fame

Throughout AMCNO's history we have had incredible physician leaders. We present this Hall of Fame of our key historical figures.



David Long, MD

Cleveland's first physician, and first President and founder of the Academy of Medicine of Cleveland, then known as the 19th Medical District. He attended medical school in New York City, and received his medical degree in 1810. Soon after, he moved to Cleveland as the first permanently settled physician in the city and the only doctor until 1814. During the War of 1812, Dr. Long was a surgeon in the Western Army. Dr. Long was a noted abolitionist and served as President of the Cleveland Anti-Slavery Society. He was also involved in politics. When Cleveland was incorporated as a village in 1814, Dr. Long was elected a trustee, serving off and on until 1836, and in 1829 he elected was village president. Additionally, in 1832, Dr. Long was appointed to Cleveland's first board of health.



Myra King Merrick, MD

Born in 1825, Dr. Myra King Merrick was one of the earliest woman physicians in Cleveland. After her husband fell ill in 1848, she decided to become a doctor, but had nowhere she could be educated locally, which was a common barrier for women at the time. She graduated in 1851 from the Central Medical College of Rochester, a homeopathic institution that allowed women, and returned to Cleveland to practice. As a result of her own professional struggles, she could go on to help found the Cleveland Homeopathic College for Women. She served on its faculty and as its president until 1871. She was also a leader in the Women's Suffrage movement.

The Cleveland Clinic Founders:

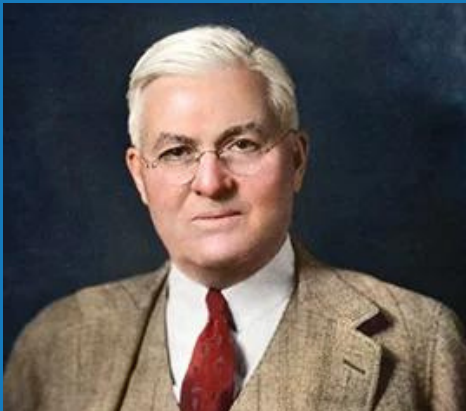
A shared history



Frank Bunts, MD

Academy President, 1902

Dr. Bunts attended the U.S. Naval Academy, then enrolled in medical school at Western Reserve University. After graduating as valedictorian in 1886, Dr. Bunts interned at St. Vincent Charity Hospital in Cleveland. Dr. Bunts served in the Ohio National Guard during the Spanish-American War. He later rejoined his partners Drs. Lower and Crile in their Cleveland practice until they shipped out with the Lakeside Unit to Rouen, France, during World War I.



George Crile, MD

Academy President, 1904

Dr. Crile performed the first successful blood transfusion in humans, performed between 2 brothers in 1906 at St. Alexis Hospital in Cleveland. He contributed to other procedures, such as neck dissection. Crile designed small hemostatic forceps which bear his name, the Crile mosquito clamp. He also described a technique for using opioids, regional anesthesia and general anesthesia. As a result of his work during World War I he was awarded the Distinguished Service Medal.



William Lower, MD

Academy President, 1909

During his time in the armed forces, Dr. Lower was a surgeon for the 9th U.S. Cavalry in the Philippines. During World War I, he served alongside Dr. Bunts and Dr. Crile in the Lakeside Unit in Rouen, France. There, the three physicians started discussing a hospital that would employ the practices of military medicine teamwork. He had a strong passion for medical education, which lives on in the Academy today through the AMCNO's Lower Fund which funds educational programming.



John Phillips, MD

Academy President, 1922

During World War I, Dr. Phillips was a captain in the U.S. Army Medical Corps. Like the other founders, he came to appreciate the military model of medical teamwork. He was an internal medicine physician known for many advancements in pediatrics. He died tragically in the Cleveland Clinic Fire in 1929.

The photos featured on this page are courtesy of the Cleveland Clinic Foundation

Middleton Lambright Jr., MD

First African American President of the AMCNO in 1964. Dr. Lambright received a citation from Wendell G. Scott, national president of the American Cancer Society for the AMCNO's PAP smear campaign to get all women 21+ to be screened for cancer (205,002 pap tests were done; greater total than any other metropolitan area in the US). Lambright was a surgeon, educator, and civic leader. Dr. Lambright was the second black doctor in the nation to head a local affiliate of the American Medical Association.

Charles Hudson, MD

Past president of the AMCNO, he was elected president of the American Medical Association (AMA) in 1966. Hudson became chief resident in medicine at University Hospitals in 1934. During his career Dr. Hudson worked in numerous Cleveland Hospitals and joined the faculty of Case Western Reserve University (CWRU). During World War II, he served as a combat surgeon for three years in North Africa, Italy and France. He was awarded four battle stars and a unit citation.

John Budd, MD

Dr. Budd specialized in family practice and gynecology from 1934-1978. He delivered hundreds of babies in Cleveland and could still tell you a story about many of them up until the time of his death. Dr. Budd was greatly admired within the Cleveland and United States medical communities, he was a compassionate physician who practiced in Cleveland for almost 50 years. Dr. Budd was a veteran of World War II, serving as a Capt. in the U.S. Army in the European Theatre. Dr. Budd was elected President of the American Medical Association in 1976 and was a past president of the AMCNO.

Ted Castele, MD

Past president of the AMCNO, "Our Own TV Doctor" Academy member and Past President Dr. Ted Castele joined the WEWS news team in 1975 to provide accurate health information to the public. He was affectionately known in the Cleveland community as "Dr. Ted." After a residency at University Hospitals, Dr. Ted practiced as a radiologist at Lutheran Hospital, where he served in many capacities including Director of Radiology and Chief of Staff. He served as a delegate to the American Medical Association. Additionally, he served as medical editor at WEWS-TV for 25 years and spent a dozen years as a team physician for the Cleveland Indians.

Wilma Bergfeld, MD

Dr. Bergfeld was elected the first female President of the AMCNO in 1987. Dr. Bergfeld is a former chair and current consultant to the FDA Dermatology and Ophthalmology Advisory Committee. She has served as President of the American Academy of Dermatology and on the Cleveland Clinic's Board of Governors and Board of Trustees, and was the President of the Cleveland Clinic Staff in 1990. She is a board-certified dermatologist and the longest practicing physician at Cleveland Clinic, where she still practices.



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SABIN ORAL SUNDAYS

The Academy's Hallmark Achievement

Cleveland residents lined up to receive their polio vaccinations.

As we look back over our 200 year history, there is no achievement more significant than the story of Sabin Oral Sundays. Below is the story of the AMCNO's hallmark accomplishment—our Sabin Oral Sundays campaign—recognized as the most successful polio vaccination campaign in the country.

“This was one of the finest hours of American medicine. It was the flowering of the finest in community responsibility,” said Don Dunham, Medical Editor of The Cleveland Press. His comment referred to the opening phase of the Academy of Medicine of Cleveland and Northern Ohio (AMCNO)'s three-part Sabin Oral Sunday (SOS) campaign against polio.

Over six Sundays in the summer of 1962, more than 1.5 million Clevelanders were vaccinated against polio, making the campaign the most successful in the country.

The Academy's decision to launch the SOS program came from a visit Dr. Albert Sabin made to Cleveland on April 3, 1962 where he delivered the Hanna Lecture at the Allen Memorial Library. The following day Academy officials decided to undertake the colossal SOS program, and on April 5, 1962, it was officially announced to the public. A few days later the Academy signed a contract with the Pfizer Company to supply the vaccine. Signing the contract itself was a courageous act. The Academy had only \$900 in the treasury while estimates of the SOS program's cost was \$500,000. The Cleveland Foundation advanced \$20,000, and the Beaumont Foundation loaned the Academy \$15,000, to get the program off the ground. This gave the Polio Vaccine Committee “working” money.

Two Academy members—Dr. Howard H. Hopwood and Dr. Charles L. Leedham—were named the co-chairmen to mastermind the program. Both were able, vigorous organizers, and superbly selfless. Both spark-plugged the program from beginning to end. An appendectomy in the middle of the program halted Dr. Hopwood only temporarily. He carried on business from his hospital bed.

Incredibly, 730 Academy physicians were lined up for service to cover 92 clinics for six Sabin Sundays. They and members of the Academy's Women's Auxiliary, worked to the point of exhaustion. Said one veteran Academy member when it was all over— “I have never been prouder of my profession”. As immediate assistants to physicians in charge, each clinic had either a dentist or an osteopath to help. Also, pharmacists were key aides at each site. Their job—to put three drops of vaccine on tens of thousands of sugar cubes. Other personnel for each clinic were registered nurses, Red Cross volunteers, Boy and Girl Scouts, service groups, bankers, and police. The traffic problem on Sabin days, incidentally, was immense. Police departments of each municipality performed beyond the call of duty to keep traffic in easy flow.

The problem of promoting the program within the community was a major task—one upon which hinged success or failure. Academy Executive Secretary Bob Lang scored impressively when he obtained the firm of McCann-Marschalk to organize and direct the advertising campaign for the program. Bill Sansing, Stuart Buchanan and their staff from McCann-Marschalk told their story to greater Cleveland through billboards, posters, brochures, radio and TV.

So skillfully did they speak that hardly anyone in the community could be unaware of the SOS program. Equally significant was the loan of Charles M. Nekvasil, public relations manager of the United Appeal to SOS for the duration of the program. Nekvasil and his staff of professional writers flooded the area with the written story of Sabin Sundays.

No words are too strong in expressing the value of daily newspapers, radio, TV, neighborhood weeklies and language newspapers for the limitless support they gave the Academy.

Here is how the system worked in preparing an SOS site. The Cleveland Wholesale Drug Company, on the East side of Cleveland was a supply center for the Eastern half of the county. McKesson-Robbins Wholesale Drug Company, on the West side served the west side of Cuyahoga County. The drug companies were of particular importance in relation to two aspects of vaccine supply: dilution and mixing of the concentrated vaccine, and distribution and control of vaccine supplies at the clinic sites on the day of each Sabin Oral Sunday.

The clinics for Sabin Oral Sunday were opened between the hours of 12 to 6 p.m. Heaviest clinic attendance occurred between 12 and 2:30 p.m. during which time approximately 40% of the population served by each clinic site was processed. The program undoubtedly was influenced by local clergy in the emphasis that the vaccination program was important.

Some of the suburban clinics handled as many as 25,000 people per Sunday. A total of 5,000,000 sugar cubes were used. Also, 5,000,000 tiny paper cups (each person was handed a paper cup with a cube of sugar for him to swallow). Seven thousand pencils were needed. 7,500,000 registration forms. 140 ice chests plus tally sheets, masking tape, clip boards, droppers, paper clips, rubber bands. Some 250,000 posters were placed throughout Cleveland. 500,000 brochures were sent out and 7,500,000 registration forms were distributed. The SOS telephone was CE 1-8000. This "polio" number had such traffic that seven sets were installed with 9 lines on each. The SOS staff and teams from the Women's Auxiliary at the Academy worked the telephones.



Cleveland Police provide escorts for Pfizer trucks that contained the polio vaccine.

Six hospitals—Lakewood, Parma, Fairview Park, Suburban Community, Huron Road, and Euclid Glenville were used as satellite stations to shorten delivery time of supplies.

Perhaps the general impression of the Cleveland SOS program by one observer from New Jersey might sum up the outside viewpoint. This observer said, "Unquestionably, the high regard with which the Academy of Medicine is held by the lay population as well as the professional community in Cleveland was most influential in initiating the program and in carrying it through successful completion".

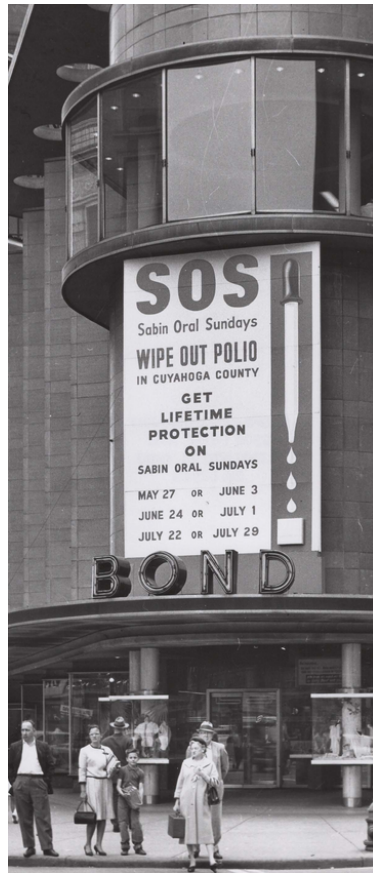


Mrs. Lester Farber receives her vaccine through the drive thru for handicapped patients.

In the words of Dr. Albert B. Sabin, developer of the Sabin Oral Vaccine, "There has been no record like that anywhere in the world. This is the most extraordinary response I have ever heard anywhere. You people in Cleveland must have done a remarkable job. This is a unique achievement in all the world. I hope that somebody does a real job of analyzing the reasons for your great success so that they can be passed on to other cities to help them."

This demonstrates, in part, the tremendous heart of Cleveland and its people. That Cleveland could turn out 1,500,000 people in orderly fashion to take the vaccine, with only a scant seven weeks in which to prepare the crash campaign, came as a shocking surprise to some people, both in and out of town, unacquainted with the city's day in, day out accomplishments and capabilities

As AMCNO leadership noted at the time, Greater Cleveland is the unsung great city of America until a given program stuns people into its worth. Louis B. Seltzer, editor of The Cleveland Press and News said of the program; "I think that SOS was the greatest outpouring of community consciousness in the history of America's Great cities. It could succeed only in Cleveland among major metropolitan areas. It proves that the heart and soul of Cleveland are just what we always have believed them to be. It was a terrific job of organization and probably the greatest piece of promotion and public relations we have ever seen."

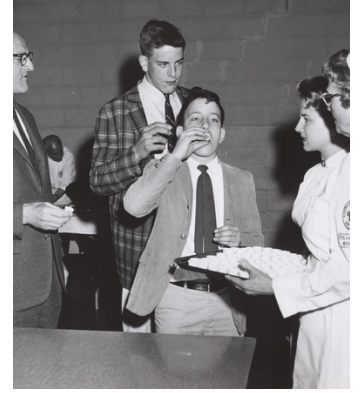


Mayor Anthony J. Celebrezze said, "The dramatic and unparalleled success of the initial Sabin Oral Sundays throughout Greater Cleveland is a tribute to the citizens who participate to the physicians and others who conducted the program. More than that, it sustains our great tradition as a community which always has placed the health and welfare of all its people foremost among its many civic programs."

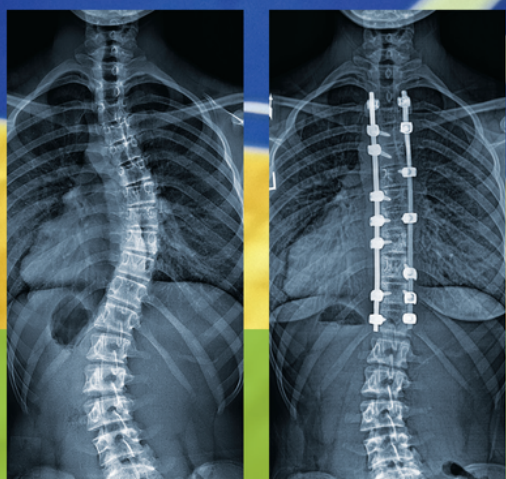
Vic Werts, Detroit Tigers first baseman, and former polio patient when he was a member of the Cleveland Indians; "Where else can anyone get a sugar cube insurance policy that will guarantee him protection from polio, and prevent him from spreading polio to his kids, grandkids and neighbor's kids?"

An unidentified policeman at one of the Eastside distribution centers; "This is the damndest, most fantastic traffic jam I've ever seen in 26 years on the force—but nobody is sore about it. And neither am I."

A leading surgeon at 7:45 P.M., May 27, the end of a hot day: "Today I was damned proud to be a doctor and a member of the Academy of Medicine."



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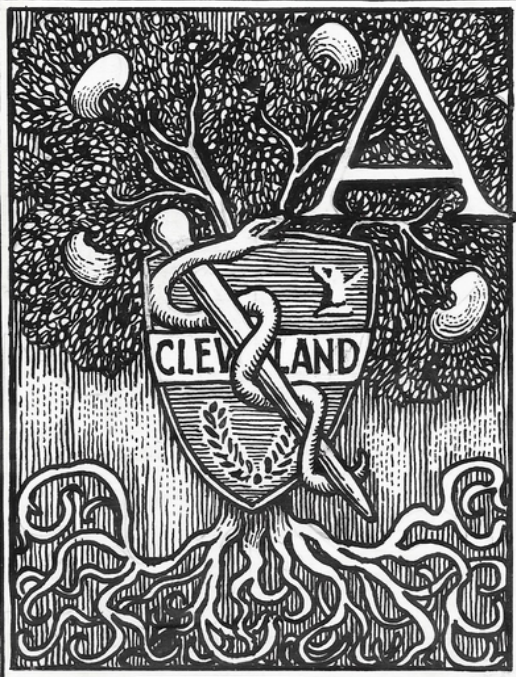
Spine Center



THEN vs NOW

Academy Logo:

1903 *This logo was used in the early 1900s.*



2021
The AMCNO debuts its new logo.

Young Leaders:

*Inaugural class of the AMCNO Future Leaders Council. **2022***



1990

Michael Neider, MD discusses the dangers of drugs and alcohol with fifth and sixth grade students at Memphis Elementary School.

Policy & Advocacy:

1987

Wilma Bergfeld, MD, former AMCNO President, testifies on conditions of licensure before the Ohio House of Representatives.



2021

Kristin Englund, MD, former AMCNO President, testifies on dangerous anti-vaccination legislation before the Ohio House of Representatives.



AMCNO Staff:

1959

Academy staff members answering telephones in 1959 and 1980.



1980



2021

Academy staff members working the registration table at our website launch party in 2021.



Public Health:

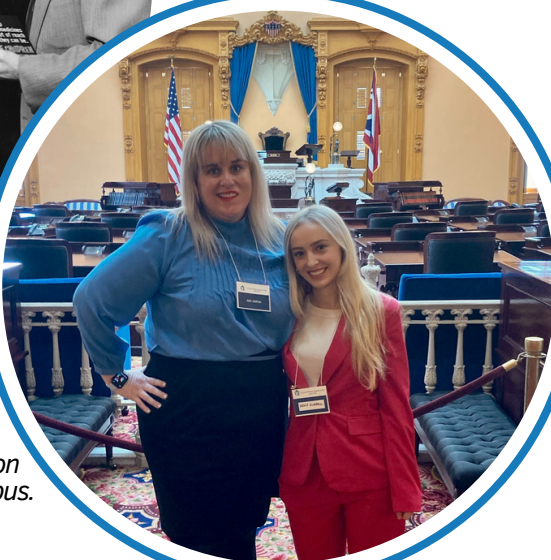
1957

AMCNO Public Health Committee Members educate the public about medication safety.



2023

AMCNO Future Leaders Council Member Kelly Kimball, MD and AMCNO staff take part in Ohio Lead Free Kids Coalition meeting Columbus.



Leadership:



1953

AMCNO President Charles Hudson, MD, passes the gavel to incoming president John Budd, MD.

2023

In 2023, AMCNO President Gerard Isenberg, MD passes the gavel to incoming president Jonathan Scharfstein, MD.



Service:

1984

AMCNO President Richard Frattianne, MD receives recognition from Cleveland Mayor George Voinovich for Project '83 which enlisted more than 1,400 volunteer physicians to care for the recently unemployed and their families.



2022

AMCNO Board Member Tanveer Singh, MD and Future Leaders Council Members Gowtham Yerneni and Adrian Lindsey, MD, sort medical supplies at MedWish International, to be sent to help aid in the War in Ukraine.

American Medical Association (AMA):

1941

The AMA held its annual meeting in Cleveland in 1941.



2023

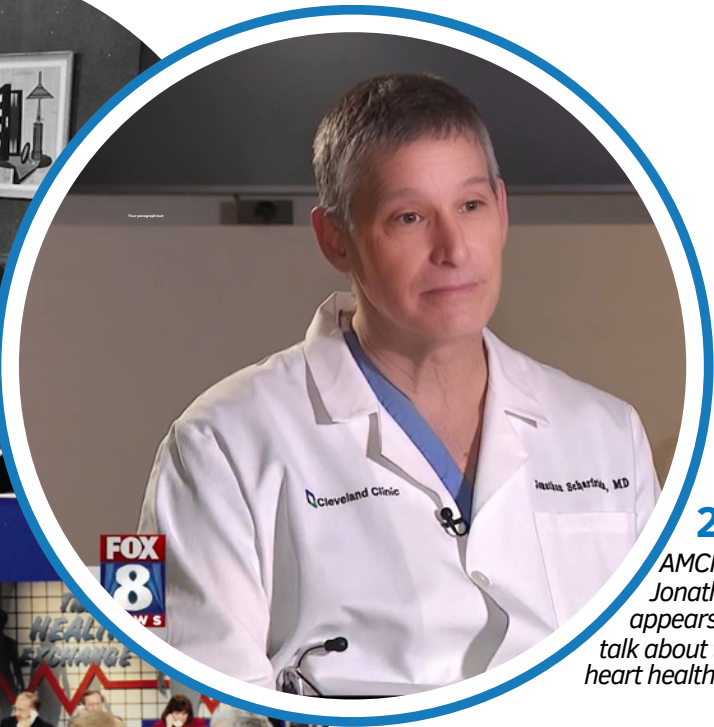
AMCNO delegation to the AMA National Advocacy Conference. From L to R: AMCNO Staff Anna Ruzicka, Jen Johns, Board Member Mary LaPlante, MD and Future Leaders Council Member Negin Khosravi Ceraolo, MD.



Television:

1952

Academy launches its television program, "Prescription for Living," featuring actors from Cleveland Playhouse.



2024

AMCNO President Jonathan Scharfstein, MD appears on local television to talk about the importance of heart health.

1987

Academy physicians appear on the Health Exchange television show, physicians answered 1,200 calls live on the air from the public.



Social Events:

1957

AMCNO members dance at a ball hosted by the Academy.



2023

AMCNO members, including board members Mary LaPlante, MD and Lilian White, MD attend Women in Medicine Wine Night

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Carl Hamann, MD
1906-07



J.B. McGee, MD
1907-08



H.W. Rogers, MD
1908-09



William Lower, MD
1909-10



Frank Bunts, MD
1902-03

C.B. Parker, MD
1910-11



H.G. Sherman, MD
1903-04

W.B. Laffer, MD
1911-12



George Crile, MD
1904-05

J.V. Gallagher, MD
1912-13



Charles Aldrich, MD
1905-06

H.L. Sanford, MD
1913-14



J.J. Thomas, MD
1914-15



C.F. Hoover, MD
1915-16



William Bruner, MD
1916-17



R.K. Updegraff, MD
1917-18



G.E. Follansbee, MD
1918-19



F.A. Oakley, MD
1919-20



R.H. Birge, MD
1920-21



William Chamberlin, MD
1921-22



John Phillips, MD
1922-23



C.L. Cummer, MD
1923-24



J.E. Tuckerman, MD
1924-25



A.J. Skeel, MD
1925-26



C.W. Stone, MD
1926-27



L.A. Pomeroy, MD
1927-28



C.L. McDonald, MD
1928-29



Richard Dexter, MD
1929-30



V.C. Rowland, MD
1930-31



S.C. Lind, MD
1931-32



Harry Sloan, MD
1932-33



Harry Paryzek, MD
1933-34



A.A. Jenkins, MD
1934-35



Lester Taylor, MD
1935-36



R.S. Dinsmore, MD
1936-37



John Dickinson, MD
1937-38



H.C. King, MD
1938-39



Russell Haden, MD
1939-40



C.T. Way, MD
1940-41



Roscoe Leas, MD
1941-42



J.E. Rauschkolb, MD
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M. Paul Motto, MD
1943-44



A.B. Bruner, MD
1944-45



F.T. Gallagher, MD
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R.B. Crawford, MD
1946-47



C.W. Wyckoff, MD
1947-48



D.A. Chambers, MD
1948-49



H.B. Wright, MD
1949-50



Charles Higley, MD
1950-51



Francis Bayless, MD
1951-52



Charles Hudson, MD
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John Budd, MD
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G.L. Sackett, Sr., MD
1954-55



W.J. Engel, MD
1955-56



A.M. Leigh, MD
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T.D. Kinney, MD
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C.R. Jablonoski, MD
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P.J. Robeck, MD
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John Osmond, Jr., MD
1960-61



Henry Crawford, MD
1961-62



William Forsythe, MD
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Middleton Lambright, MD
1964-65



William Boukalik, MD
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David Fishman, MD
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Elden Weckesser, MD
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John Grady, MD
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Leo Walzer, MD
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Vincent LaMaida, MD
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John Gaughan, MD
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Joseph Bilton, MD
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Julius Wolkin, MD
1972-73



James O'Malley, MD
1973-74



Theodore Castele, MD
1974-75



Frederick Suppes, MD
1975-76



George Leicht, MD
1976-77



Edward Kilroy, MD
1977-78



Robert White, MD, PhD
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Donavin Baumgartner, Jr., MD
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Richard Nowack, MD
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Robert Zollinger, MD
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Ray Gifford, Jr., MD
1982-83



Richard Frattianne, MD
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1984-85



Hermann Menges, Jr., MD
1985-86



Daniel Deutschman, MD
1986-87



Wilma Bergfeld, MD
1987-88



Daniel van Heeckeren, MD
1988-89



Ronald Price, MD
1989-90



O. David Solomon, MD
1990-91



Donald Junglas, MD
1991-92



Unni Kumar, MD
1992-93



Howard Levine, MD
1993-94



Beno Michel, MD
1994-95



Mine Kurtay, MD
1995-96



Russell Hardy, Jr., MD
1996-97



Dale Cowan, MD, JD
1997-98



John Bastulli, MD
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Victor Bello, MD
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Boris Komrovsky, MD
2000-01



Ronald Savrin, MD
2001-02



Kevin Geraci, MD
2002-03



James Lane, MD
2003-04



William Seitz, Jr., MD
2004-05



George Kikano, MD
2005-06



Paul Janicki, MD
2006-07



James S. Taylor, MD
2007-08



Raymond Scheetz, Jr., MD
2008-09



Anthony Bacevice, Jr., MD
2009-10



Laura David, MD
2010-11



Lawrence Kent, MD
2011-12



James Sechler, MD
2012-13



George Topalsky, MD
2013-14



James Coviello, MD
2014-15



Matthew Levy, MD
2015-16



Robert Hobbs, MD
2016-17



Fred Jorgensen, MD
2017-18



R. Bruce Cameron, MD
2018-19



Mehrun Elyaderani, MD
2019-20



Thomas Collins, MD
2020-21



Kristin Englund, MD
2021-22



Gerard Isenberg, MD
2022-23



Jonathan Scharfstein, MD
2023-24



Marie Schaefer, MD
2024-25

HISTORICAL Timeline

1824 - On May 24th the first meeting of the 19th District Medical Society, later the AMCNO, takes place. There are five physician members. Dr. David Long elected first President.



1827 - Academy manages its first epidemic—typhoid fever—over 2 months, 17 people died (out of population of 1,500).

1832 - Academy agrees to allow a boat of soldiers from the Black Hawk War infected with cholera who were being refused at the dock in Detroit to dock in Cleveland at Whiskey Island where we established a quarantined hospital.

1836 - First private sanatorium, known as the Spring Cottage, erected on a sulfur spring on Cleveland's east side.

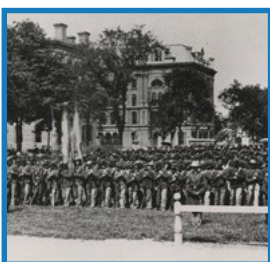
1837 - Cleveland City Council designated an infirmary at City Hospital and made provisions for the inhabitants' medical care. Its patients were the chronically ill, aged, mentally impaired and the poor.

1843 - First Medical College, Western Reserve University, established.

1852 - First permanent hospital, U.S. Marine Hospital, opened.

1859 - Name changed to Cuyahoga County Medical Society.

1861 - Academy physicians work as surgeons in the 50th Ohio Volunteer Infantry in the Civil War.



1888 - Academy sounds alarm on the sewage problem in the Cuyahoga River and begins study of its health impact on residents.

1892 - Academy physicians lobby members of Congress requesting the government manage quarantine for those with infectious diseases at the coast and border.

1894 - Cleveland Medical Library founded and established.

- Academy meets and agrees to study the "extent and seriousness of the evil growing out of the opium habit."

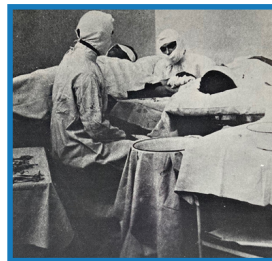
1895 - Academy meetings start being held at the Cleveland Arcade.

1902 - Name changed to Academy of Medicine of Cleveland. Cleveland Medical Journal begins, later called the Academy Bulletin (now the Northern Ohio Physician).

1904 - Academy begins analysis of the water supply in Cleveland and establishes the Milk Commission to study milk supply.

1905 - Academy discovers typhoid fever is connected to water supply; secures legislation against 4th of July explosives; and begins push for vaccination in public schools.

1906 - Dr. George Crile, Academy Past President, performs first successful blood transfusion in humans, performed between 2 brothers in 1906 at St. Alexis Hospital in Cleveland.



-Academy is asked to investigate unsanitary conditions at City Hospital, produces report for county and the public.

-Creation of the office of the County Medical Officer of Health.

-Physicians at Babies' Dispensary and Hospital of Cleveland form first infant mortality committee.

1911 - Academy physicians link typhoid fever epidemics in the city to sewage found in Lake Erie and recommend the filtration and disinfection of the water to serve the public health.



1917 - Academy pushes for City Ordinance on Pasteurization of Milk, after 3,000 children under 2 died, and offer free milk inspections by Cleveland Division of Health. Twenty years later, deaths related to milk declined to 100.

1918 - Cleveland Medical Journal is put on hold due to the majority of physician members being in military service in WWI.

1921 -Academy of Medicine of Cleveland promotes a "Uniform Standard of Medical Practice and Scientific Medicine."

- Academy declares beer is not medicinal and should not be prescribed to patients, as issue is debated in Columbus.

- Cleveland Clinic founded.

- Dr. Sarah Marcus, first female physician to open a practice in Cleveland, opens her office.

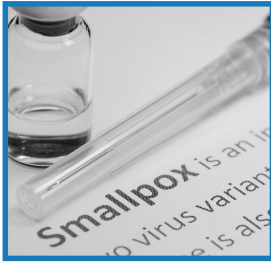
1922 - The new Contagion Pavilion opened at City Hospital adding 105 beds for scarlet fever, diphtheria, smallpox & other contagious diseases.

- First push for public health education- Medicine and the Lay Press by Academy member Dr. WB Chamberlain "there is no subject in which the average man or woman is more interested than in his or her health."

1923 - Academy and Library Council vote to prohibit smoking in the auditorium during meetings in the interest of sanitation, health, and comfort.

- Academy lobbies for maternity bill which used federal money to improve maternal and infant health. Ohio statistics showed an average of 1,000 maternal deaths and 11,000 infant deaths annually.

1924 - After a local outbreak of smallpox, the Academy administers 70,000 vaccinations. Beginning of a national reputation: Academy sees that "Medical Cleveland" is becoming attractive to physicians' organizations.



1925 - Academy along with Red Cross and the Division of Health of the City collaborate to broadcast weekly health talks on public radio.

- Lakeside Hospital formally merged with Maternity Hospital and Babies & Children's Hospital to create what is now University Hospitals of Cleveland.
- A public health milestone is reached as certified milk is made possible by the Academy.
- Academy Supports end of child labor, as the issue is being debated in Columbus.
- Academy members staff a "Save Your Sight Day": 1800 people received eye exams in collaboration with Cleveland Society for the Blind.



1928 - Academy committee on health education declares, "The profession must realize that in some way it must satisfy the demand for information, or the public will find other sources for information."

1929 - Academy mourns members lost in the historic Cleveland Clinic fire, including past president Dr. John Phillips.

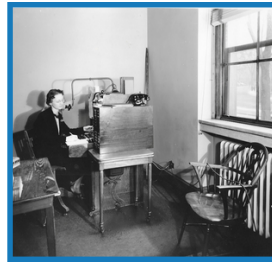
1930 - Academy distributes health examination cards to encourage people to have annual health exams and keep records of vaccination. Academy creates health column in the Cleveland Press to advise the public on health issues.

1931 - Beginning of Medical Legal Summit in coordination with the Cleveland Bar Association.

- Members of Academy are assigned delegates to White House conference on Child Health.
- Academy family physicians examine 12,000 school children for physicals and immunization against contagious diseases.

1931 cont. - Academy announces 24-hour telephone service for information, emergency, and dispatching doctors to people in need, with 172 participating doctors. 5,000 calls were received in first month.

- Cleveland Foundation agrees to co-operate with new Academy Health Education Foundation on health initiatives.



1932 - Emergency Call Service received 27,000 telephone calls in first six months.

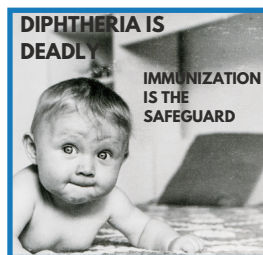
- Cleveland Press begins publishing, "Medical Milestones," written by Academy science editor Mr. David Dietz.
- Establishment of the Community Fund – physicians offer free medical services to the community in the effect of 2.5-3 million dollars.



1933 - Immunization Program: Committee on Health Education launches immunization program for Cuyahoga County, over 300 Academy physicians offer immunization (Scarlet Fever, Diphtheria and Smallpox) at low rates.

- Academy sponsors prenatal classes for expectant mothers.

1934 - Academy runs a year-round radio campaign for immunization of infants against diphtheria.



1935 - Specialism in Cleveland: 1696 physicians practicing in Cleveland, 576 are specialists, Surgery #1 specialty.

1936 - Cleveland Health Museum, organized by the Academy, opens. It is the first health museum in the country.

- United States Public Health Service Survey: the Works Progress Administration (WPA) project interviewing 750k families in 95 cities in 19 states, including Cleveland. Academy worked with Washington on plan, 280 WPA workers were hired to interview and vaccinate public.
- Academy shares "Camp Transparent Woman" at the Great Lakes Exposition, the first time many in the public can see what the inside anatomy of a human body looks like.



1938 - First Lower Lecture, a series of lectures featuring national and international medical experts sponsored by Academy Past President William E. Lower, MD.

- Cleveland voted first in health of cities over 500,000 in population by the U.S. Chamber of Commerce and American Public Health Association.
- Birthing classes sponsored by Academy held for expectant fathers.
- Academy member Dr. Clyde Clummer named to the New Public Health Council of State of Ohio to act as an advisor to the Governor.
- Blood Donors: Cleveland Hospital Association, Academy, and Red Cross to establish a volunteer blood donors bureau to secure blood donors for indigent patients.



1940 - Health Museum and Academy begin first annual Pollen Count, still offered to the public today.



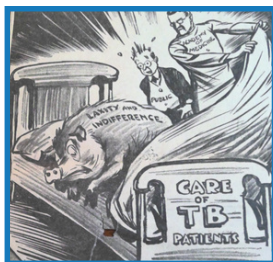
1941 - Academy physicians begin entering WWII.

- Academy Orchestra performs show at Severance Hall.
- Academy produces radio broadcast for 5,000 Cleveland public school students in science classrooms.
- Academy begins collecting medical supplies needed to aid Britain and Greece in WWII.
- Academy starts press conferences with local papers to provide the latest scientific news to allow for "more accurate reporting."
- Academy hosts the American Medical Association (AMA) national meeting.



1942 - Lakeside Unit Leaves for Service, 666 total personnel including 50 physicians; there are now over 350 Academy members serving in war.

- Academy asked by County Commissioners to study tuberculosis situation in Cleveland after Cleveland Press announces hundreds of deaths were a result of "ineptitude, incompetence and waste of tax payer funds," by the county.



1943 - Academy members in service in WWII now 550.

- Academy approves venereal disease program, gonorrhea patients receive treatment at city clinic and physicians ask for support from public in tracing sexual contacts to control spread.

1944 - Over 600 Academy physicians now in service, first death reported, Capt. Leo Apanesewicz, MD.

- Academy physicians respond to historic East Ohio Gas Explosion, which killed 131 people.



1946 - A total of 750 Academy members served in WWII – as they are returning to Cleveland and practice, many need Academy's support in returning to civilian life.

- Academy approves formation of cancer detection clinics in Cleveland area hospitals alongside the Cleveland branch of the American Cancer Society
- "Your Doctor" a series of 65 weekly articles written by members of the Academy started in Cleveland Press.



1948 - Report issued on Academy Call Service—average time to hear back from a doctor is 8.7 minutes, find the line is being used often by local fire and police.

- Academy reaches record membership number 2,100.
- Academy joins with other Cleveland groups and City Health Commissioner in a large-scale experiment with BCG tuberculous (TB) vaccine with assistance of US Public Health Service (USPHS). USPHS supplied 18 mobile x-ray units to be used over 6 months, with goal to x-ray every adult for the purpose of finding all unknown cases of TB.

1949 - Report on Completion of Greater Cleveland Chest X-Ray Survey—688,204 x-rays were taken, 95.9% were normal, 2.5% showed abnormality, 1% evidence of TB.

1950 - First community health fair, sponsored by Academy, held in Cleveland.

1951 - Academy signs Blood Bank agreement, joint prospect of the Academy, Cleveland Hospital Council and American Red Cross—opens in Oct. 1951.

- Academy Medical Care Plan announced, provided complete protection against professional expenses incurred in hospitals by many families, through a low-cost, prepaid insurance program.
- Academy offers recommendations for first aid kit supplies to be in home in case of atomic attack.

1952 - Academy launches its television program, "Prescription for Living," in conjunction with Health Museum and sponsored by Standard Oil. It is a half hour-long program on Sundays that aired on WXEL, Channel 9 featuring actors from Cleveland Playhouse.



1953 - Academy and Welfare Federation of Cleveland team up to examine the medical care provided to underprivileged.

1954 - Prescription for Living (WXEL Cleveland Channel 8) receives award as best local service program by the American Federation of Television and Radio Artists.

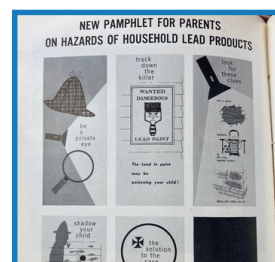
1955 - Academy approves the testing of 21,000 citizens for syphilis after outbreak.

1957 - Academy approves community-wide polio vaccination of all children up to age 19, with plan to vaccinate 150,000 children against polio.

- Poison Control Center opened by Academy, first of its kind in U.S.



1959 - In collaboration with the Cleveland Division of Health and the Cuyahoga County coroner's office an intensive epidemiological study of lead poisoning in children is launched by Academy, finds 6% or 1/17 children had a potentially dangerous amount of lead in their bodies



1961 - Academy begins hosting science fairs in Cleveland school.

- Academy's Women's Auxiliary receives award from Mayor Celebreze for work on traffic safety education.

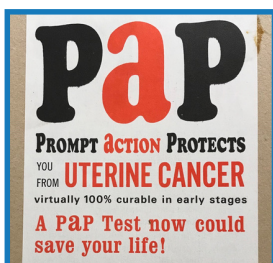


1962 - Academy runs Sabin Oral Sundays program in Cleveland, most successful polio vaccine campaign in United States, with over 90% immunized. Men, women, and children lined up on the streets of Cleveland outside of the 92 vaccination sites waiting to get their vaccine.

- Academy runs "Operation Know How" disaster drill. 207 "injured" medical students were transported to six area hospitals, including private trucking companies to supplement ambulance services and the Ohio National Guard.
- Cuyahoga County Medical Foundation was established to provide scholarships and educational opportunities. (Current day Academy of Medicine Education Foundation).



1963 - Academy runs PAP smear campaign with the American Cancer Society to get all women 21+ to be screened for cancer. 205,002 pap tests were done: greater total than any other metropolitan area in the US.



1964 - Dr. Middleton H. Lambright, elected as first African American President of the Academy.

- Academy establishes a policy to monitor advertising of prescription drugs to lay public.



1965 - Academy released study on Lake Erie pollution encouraging a continued study of the coliform organisms, reduction of litter, elimination of sewage overflows, control of refuse disposal by commercial watercraft.

- The Academy creates active perinatal mortality committees launched in hospitals; education for doctors in the areas of cause of fetal death and proper filing of death certificates; the establishment of hospital nurseries for premature babies; and public education campaign launched.

1966 - Academy encourages vaccination for measles, "Measles can be the next infectious disease to be eliminated from the United States, if the presently available vaccines are widely used."

- Academy launches Suicide Prevention Center in coordination with the Cleveland Mental Health Association, to coordinate emergency care for psychiatric patients.

1968 - City of Cleveland experiences a rat infestation problem, City asks Academy physicians to start tracking rat bites.

1969 - Academy begins first public education campaign on fitness, encourages physicians to take up jogging for the health benefits.

- Academy launches organ donation program, answering calls from hospitals on availability of a donor to a salvage unit which would travel to recover the organ and deliver it to the recipient.

1971 - U.S. Senate hearings on healthcare took place in Cleveland. Academy Vice President Dr. Joseph Bilton and Past President Dr. Middleton Lambright testified on costs of health care and quality.

1972 - Academy calls out problems facing Black physicians with regards to office space, being relegated to only treating Black patients, and trouble obtaining hospital credentials. Board recommends changes, declaring there is no place for discrimination in medical care.

- Academy recommends new "911" emergency line should be implemented in Cuyahoga County.

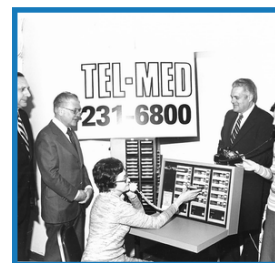
1975 - "Our Own TV Doctor" Academy member and past president Dr. Ted Castele joins WEWS news team to provide accurate health information to the public.



1976 - Academy coordinates Swine Flu vaccination program - 66,000 persons in Cuyahoga County were vaccinated.



1978 - Academy launches Tel-Med service, 260 pre-recorded health tapes by physicians, offering medical advice for free. Over 100,000 calls were received in first year.



1979 - Academy Arthritis series on NBC-TV debuts.

1980 - Tel-Med received its 300,000th call.

- Academy hosts marijuana conference, advising on adverse health effects.
- Academy advocates for traffic safety "Speak Up For Child Seat Restraint" legislation, which is defeated in Columbus.

1983 - Academy launches Project '83: enlisting more than 1,400 volunteer physicians to care for the recently unemployed and their families, providing no-cost care to 2,574 people for services ranging from acute illness treatment to open-heart surgery.

- Academy and American Cancer Society sponsor mass screening for colorectal cancer for individuals over 40.

1984 - Project '83 expanded for 6 months to become Project '84, the program is recognized by U.S. President Ronald Reagan and Cleveland Mayor George Voinovich.

1986 - Academy lobbies in support of the No-Smoking Ordinance in Cleveland.

- Cleveland launches AIDS Task Force, Dr. Leonard Calabrese is representative from Academy.

- Academy calls for certification by state for trauma centers.

1987 - Academy launches AIDS Project: prevention education for local physicians on AIDS/HIV.

1987 continued - Academy physicians testify at state legislative hearing on Medicare acceptance as condition of licensing.

- Academy physicians appear on the Health Exchange television show, physicians answered 1,200 calls live on the air from public.
- Wilma F. Bergfeld, M.D. elected first female President of the Academy.



1989 - Academy appears at Cleveland City Council hearing and Dick Feagler television show, in support of alcohol warnings for pregnant women.

- Academy develops mini-internship program to help political and business leaders experience firsthand the practice of medicine.



1990 - Academy's Young Physicians Committee adopts Memphis Elementary School, teaching students about health and medicine.

1992 - Unni P.K. Kumar, M.D. elected first Asian American President of the Academy.

1993 - Academy works with Cleveland Medical Association to recruit volunteer physicians to give free physical examinations to children ages 8-14 who played in Cleveland Recreation Department's football league.



1996 - Academy announces physicians can now receive continuing medical education (CME) credits on the internet and announces first Academy website, hosted by Cleveland Clinic.

- Academy forms Medical Legal Committee with the Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association (CMBA).

1997 - Dr. Bastulli, Academy President, takes part in NPR radio debate on medical liability.

- Academy member Dr. Nancy Kurfess Johnson gives talks about teen pregnancy to juvenile court staff in Cuyahoga County.

2000 - Academy begins, "Vote and Vaccinate," program where eligible persons can receive vaccines at their polling place on Election Day



2002 - Academy Past President Dr. John Bastulli participates in a conversation at the City Club of Cleveland on medical liability reform.

2003 - Academy makes judicial reform and the passage of meaningful tort reform its number one initiative.

2009 - Academy physicians participate in Medworks' volunteer event, offering free health care appointments and screenings to over 940 people in Cleveland.

2013 - Academy is a founding member of the U.S. Attorney's Office Heroin (now Opioid) Task Force, a coalition of stakeholders from the justice system, law enforcement, health care and education communities to tackle the Heroin Epidemic.

- Academy officially offers its support for Medicaid Expansion in Ohio.

2015 - Academy joins First Year Cleveland initiative to help each baby in Cleveland survive to its first birthday. AMCNO Member Dr. Mary Frances Haerr is representative.

2020 - Academy volunteers vaccinate first responders at drive-through clinics in the early stages of the COVID-19 pandemic.

- Academy works with American Heart Association on passage of Healthy Kids Meals legislation in City of Cleveland.



2021 - Academy President Dr. Kristin Englund testifies before Ohio House of Representatives against dangerous anti-vaccine legislation.

- Academy supports successful Interstate Licensure Compact legislation for physicians.
- Academy launches a new brand and website.
- Academy joins statewide Ohio Vaccination Coalition to combat anti-vaccination legislation and rampant medical misinformation.



2022 - Academy launches Future Leaders Council (FLC) leadership program comprised of area medical students and residents.

- Academy joins Ohio Lead Free Kids Coalition to combat lead poisoning in Ohio.
- Academy's Education Foundation (AMEF) celebrates 60 years of medical scholarships.



2023 - Academy testifies to Cleveland City Council in support of flavored tobacco and e-cigarette sale ban.

- Academy testifies in Columbus in support of access to biomarker testing for cancer patients.
- Academy supports Issue 1, constitutional amendment on reproductive rights.
- Academy launches gun safety coalition to address the number one killer of children in the U.S.



2024 - Academy celebrates its bicentennial year, with gala and museum exhibit on 200 years of medicine in Cleveland at the Western Reserve Historical Society.

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BICENTENNIAL Museum Exhibit

AMCNO to Debut “200 Years of Medicine in Cleveland” Exhibit at Bicentennial Gala

As part of our bicentennial celebration, the Western Reserve Historical Society will debut an AMCNO exhibit on 200 years of Cleveland medical history. The exhibit will feature historical artifacts, photographs and film. Important stories from the AMCNO's history will be on display including that of Juno the Transparent Woman, a later version of the “Camp Transparent Woman” debuted by the Academy at the 1936 Great Lakes Expedition.

Designed in Germany by the German Hygiene Museum in Dresden, the transparent woman was brought over by bandage businessman Samuel Higby Camp, who wished to bring the artifact to the United States as an educational instrument.

The “Camp Transparent Woman,” as she was then known, was the example many members of the public had seen of the inside of a human body. The large public interest in the statue at the Exposition led the Academy to work on establishing the Cleveland Health Museum, the first of its kind in the country, to educate the public on health and medicine. The Cleveland Health Museum opened in 1936, and remained open to the public until 2007, when it was sold to the Cleveland Museum of Natural History. The incorporators of the Health Museum were Dr. Lester Taylor, Dr. Hubert C. King, Dr. James A. Doull, Howard W. Green, and H. Van Y. Caldwell.



The “200 Years of Medicine in Cleveland,” historical exhibition will debut at the May 4, 2024, AMCNO Bicentennial Gala, and entrance to the exhibit is included in ticket price for all attendees. The exhibit will remain open to members of the public throughout the summer.