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RESIDENCY SPOTLIGHT: WELLMONT HEALTH SYSTEM—LONESOME PINE MEDICAL EDUCATION



- This month, we welcome our newest program of A-OPTIC, Wellmont Health System—Lonesome Pine Medical Education program. [Click here to find it on Google Maps.](#)
- Wellmont-Lonesome Pine will offer special curriculum for those residents interested in Family Practice/Hospitalist Medicine in addition to the traditional Family Practice curriculum.
- Wellmont-Lonesome Pine will be using their three rural hospitals in Southwest Virginia along with the larger hospitals in Bristol and Kingsport, Tennessee for some of the subspecialty training.
- Maurice Nida, DO, (pictured middle left) is the director of medical education for Wellmont Health System residency program. He has more than eighteen years of practice experience in Southwest Virginia and thirteen years of service as a medical education director. Dr. Nida is a board-certified internist.
- Thomas Roatsey, DO, (pictured bottom left) is the residency program director. Dr. Roatsey is board certified in Family Practice and has a certificate of added qualification in occupational medicine. In addition to his role as program director, Dr. Roatsey will also serve as the director of the continuity clinic.

Other Regional Sites and AOA website for Wellmont Health System—Lonesome Pine Medical Education

[AOA Statistical page for Wellmont Health System-Lonesome Pine Medical Education Program](#)

[Wellmont Health-Lonesome Pine Medical Education Program Web site](#)

[Big Stone Gap website](#)

[Virginia Tourism website](#)



Southwest Virginia Information



- [The Trail of the Lonesome Pine](#) outdoor drama is a tender love story of a beautiful Virginia mountain girl and a handsome young mining engineer from the East. The drama depicts the story of the great boom in Southwest Virginia when the discovery of coal and iron ore forced the proud mountain people into making numerous drastic changes in their way of life.



Options for things to do in Southwest Virginia

- The [Carter Family Memorial Music Center](#) honors the memory of the first family of country music, the legendary Carter family (A.P. Carter, Sara Carter, and Maybelle Carter). There are weekly performances at the Carter Family Fold in Hiltons, VA.
- Big Stone Gap is surrounded by the [Jefferson National Forest](#) and all of its beauty.

School News

[PC SOM Announces Major Expansion Project](#)

[LMU DCOM to Hold Free Workshops](#)

[PC SOM's Dr. Betz on how to minimize chances of becoming ill through contact with germs](#)



Dr. Nida with LMU-DCOM students, Rod Sclater and Andrea "Andi" Wenner.

Other Options for You



- The [Harry W. Meador, Jr. Coal Museum](#) showcases coal. Much as corn is to Nebraska, oil is to Texas, automobiles to Detroit, so is coal to Appalachia. The museum offers a rich educational experience concerning coal and its direct influence on local lifestyle.
- [Gathering in the Gap](#) is an annual music festival that celebrates the rich tradition of old-time and bluegrass music found in Southwest Virginia.
- The [Breaks Interstate Park](#) is one of two interstate parks and has great white-water action.



National News

[AHRQ Publishes Guide for Patients Who Have Gestational Diabetes](#)

[Picking a Doctor the Right Way--DelawareOnline looks at differences between a D.O. and a M.D.](#)

[From Chewing Gum to Chocolate: 76 Innovations to Improve Global Health Backed by Gates Foundation](#)

[Vaccine Against Virus in Girls May be Given to Boys](#)

[Despite H1N1 Fears, Many Worry About Vaccination](#)



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Upcoming Events

- Nov. First quarter evaluations due**
- Nov. 3 Faculty Development subcommittee meeting 12:00 p.m. EDT via Connect Pro.**
- Nov. 11 Osteoquad begins at LMU-DCOM**
- Nov. 12 Osteoquad at PCSOM**
- Nov.13 Osteoquad at VCOM**
- Nov. 14 Osteoquad at WVSOM**
- Nov. 17 OGME meeting 12:00 p.m. EDT via Connect Pro**

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State Societies News



[From TOMA: TOMA's Fall 2009 Newsletter](#)

[From LOMA: Osteopathic Medicine Achieves Parity in Louisiana](#)

[From IOA: Alert and Reporting Form From ISDH regarding A/H1N1 \(Swine Flu\)](#)

[From AKOMA: AKPMA Winter CME](#)

[From SCOMS: FTC Announces Expanded Business Education Campaign on 'Red Flags' Rule](#)

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