



AMERICAN OSTEOPATHIC ASSOCIATION

Glossary of Osteopathic Acronyms

AACOM – American Association of Colleges of Osteopathic Medicine

AAMC – Association of American Medical Colleges

AAO – American Academy of Osteopathy

AAOA – Advocates for the American Osteopathic Association

ABMS – American Board of Medical Specialties

ACA – Affordable Care Act

ACCME – Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education

ACGME – Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education

ACO – accountable care organization

ACOEP – American College of Osteopathic Emergency Physicians

ACOFPP – American College of Osteopathic Family Physicians

ACOI – American College of Osteopathic Internists

ACOM – Alabama College of Osteopathic Medicine

ACONP – American College of Osteopathic Neurologists and Psychiatrists

ACOOG – American College of Osteopathic Obstetricians and Gynecologists

ACOP – American College of Osteopathic Pediatricians

ACOS – American College of Osteopathic Surgeons

ACP – American College of Physicians

ADME – Administrative Director of Medical Education

AERA – American Educational Research Association

AFDMA – American Fascial Distortion Model Association

AHA – American Hospital Association

AHP – Advocacy for Healthy Partnerships

AHRQ – Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality

AIM – Administrators in Medicine

AKOMA – Alaska Osteopathic Medical Association

ALOMA – Alabama Osteopathic Medical Association

AMA – American Medical Association

AMOPS – Association of Military Osteopathic Physicians and Surgeons

AOA – American Osteopathic Association

AOAAM – American Osteopathic Academy of Addiction Medicine

AOAO – American Osteopathic Academy of Orthopedics

AOAPRM – American Osteopathic Association of Prolotherapy Regenerative Medicine

AOASM – American Osteopathic Academy of Sports Medicine

AOBA – American Osteopathic Board of Anesthesiology

AOBD – American Osteopathic Board of Dermatology

AOBEM – American Osteopathic Board of Emergency Medicine

AOBFP – American Osteopathic Board of Family Physicians

AOBIM – American Osteopathic Board of Internal Medicine

AOBNM – American Osteopathic Board of Nuclear Medicine

AOBNMM – American Osteopathic Board of Neuromusculoskeletal Medicine

AOBNP – American Osteopathic Board of Neurology and Psychiatry

AOBOG – American Osteopathic Board of Obstetrics and Gynecology

AOBOO-HNS – American Osteopathic Board of Ophthalmology and Otolaryngology-
Head and Neck Surgery

AOBOS – American Osteopathic Board of Orthopedic Surgery

AOBP – American Osteopathic Board of Pediatrics

AOBP_a – American Osteopathic Board of Pathology

AOBPM – American Osteopathic Board of Preventive Medicine

AOBPMR – American Osteopathic Board of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation

AOBPR – American Osteopathic Board of Proctology

AOBR – American Osteopathic Board of Radiology

AOBS – American Osteopathic Board of Surgery

AOCA – American Osteopathic College of Anesthesiologists

AOCAI – American Osteopathic College of Allergy and Immunology

AOCD – American Osteopathic College of Dermatology

AOCOO-HNS – American Osteopathic Colleges of Ophthalmology and Otolaryngology-
Head and Neck Surgery

AOCOPM – American Osteopathic College of Occupational and Preventive Medicine

AOCP – American Osteopathic College of Pathologists

AOCPMR – American Osteopathic College of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation

AOCPr – American Osteopathic College of Proctology

AOCR – American Osteopathic College of Radiology

AOF – American Osteopathic Foundation

AOiA – American Osteopathic Information Association

AOGME – Assembly of Osteopathic Graduate Medical Educators

AOMA – Arizona Osteopathic Medical Association, Arkansas Osteopathic Medical Association

AOSED – Association of Osteopathic State Executive Directors

AOSRD – American Osteopathic Society of Rheumatic Diseases

APA – American Psychological Association

ARCOM – Arkansas College of Osteopathic Medicine

ASOMR – American Society of Osteopathic Medical Regulators

ASPE – Association of Standardized Patient Educators

ATP – Association of Test Publishers

ATSU-KCOM – A.T. Still University Kirksville College of Osteopathic Medicine

ATSU-SOMA – A.T. Still University School of Osteopathic Medicine in Arizona

BAA – business associate agreement

BAR – Bureau of Affiliate Relations

B/C/C – bureaus, councils and committees

BCOM – Burrell College of Osteopathic Medicine

BCOM-Florida – Burrell College of Osteopathic Medicine-Florida

BEL – Bureau of Emerging Leaders

BIOM – Bureau of International Osteopathic Medicine

BOE – Bureau of Osteopathic Education

BFHP – Bureau on Federal Health Programs

BOM – Bureau of Membership

BORPH – Bureau of Osteopathic Research and Public Health

BOS – Bureau of Osteopathic Specialists

BOT – Board of Trustees

BUCOM – Baptist Health Sciences University College of Osteopathic Medicine

CAGOS – Committee on AOA Governance and Organizational Structure

CAH – critical access hospital

CAP – Clinical Assessment Program

CAQ – Certification of Added Qualifications

CASTF – College Accreditation Standards Task Force

CBS – Certifying Board Services

CBT – computer-based testing

CCCP – Core Competency Compliance Program

CDC – Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

CERA – Council on Economic and Regulatory Affairs

CHSU-COM – California Health Sciences University College of Osteopathic Medicine

CME – continuing medical education

CMMI – Center for Medicare and Medicaid Innovation

CMS – Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Council of Medical Specialty Societies

CMSS – Council of Medical Specialty Societies

COA – Canadian Osteopathic Association

COCA – Commission on Osteopathic College Accreditation

CODE – Center for Osteopathic Data on Education

COGMED – Council on Osteopathic Graduate Medical Education Development

COMAT – Comprehensive Osteopathic Medical Achievement Test

COMATAC – Comprehensive Osteopathic Medical Achievement Test Advisory Committee

COMSAE – Comprehensive Osteopathic Medical Self-Assessment Examination

COMVEX – Comprehensive Osteopathic Medical Variable-Purpose Examination

CoPs – Medicare Conditions of Participation

COM – college of osteopathic medicine

COMLEX-USA – Comprehensive Osteopathic Medical Licensing Examination

COMS – Connecticut Osteopathic Medical Society

COSGP – Council of Osteopathic Student Government Presidents

CPCI – Council on Palliative Care Issues

CPE – Coalition for Physician Enhancement

CPEP – Center for Personalized Education for Physicians

CPT – Current Procedural Terminology

CSEC – Clinical Skills Evaluation Collaboration

CSHA – Council on State Health Affairs

CSOM – Colorado Society of Osteopathic Medicine

CSQ – Certification of Special Requirements

CST – Clinical Skills Testing

CSTAC – Clinical Skills Testing Advisory Committee

CUSOM – Campbell University-Jerry M. Wallace School of Osteopathic Medicine

CWHI – Council on Women’s Health Issues

DDEF – Dale Dodson Education Fund

DGME – direct graduate medical education

DGR – Department of Government Relations

DME – director of medical education

DMU-COM – Des Moines University College of Osteopathic Medicine

DO – doctor of osteopathic medicine

DSOMS – Delaware State Osteopathic Medical Society

DUQ-NCOM – Duquesne University Nasuti College of Osteopathic Medicine

DYU-COM – D’Youville University College of Osteopathic Medicine

ECFMG – Educational Commission for Foreign Medical Graduates

ECOP – AACOM Educational Council on Osteopathic Principles

EHR – electronic health records

EMR – electronic medical records

EPPRC – Education Policy and Procedure Review Committee

ERAS – Electronic Residency Application Service

ERBAC – Ethics Review and Board Appeals Committee

FDA – Food and Drug Administration

FOMA – Florida Osteopathic Medical Association

FQHC – federally qualified health center

FSMB – Federation of State Medical Boards

FTE – full time equivalent

GME – graduate medical education

GOAL – Grassroots Osteopathic Action Link

GOMA – Georgia Osteopathic Medical Association

HAOPS – Hawaii Association of Osteopathic Physicians and Surgeons

HFAP – Healthcare Facilities Accreditation Program

HHS – Department of Health and Human Services

HIPAA – Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act

HIT – health information technology

HOD – AOA House of Delegates

HPSA – health professional shortage area

HRSA – Health Resources and Services Administration

HVLA – high-velocity, low-amplitude

IAMRA – International Association of Medical Regulatory Authorities

ICD-10 – 10th revision of the International Statistical Classification of Diseases and Related Health Problems

ICD-11 – 11th revision of the International Statistical Classification of Diseases and Related Health Problems

ICOM – Idaho College of Osteopathic Medicine

IEC – Internship Evaluating Committee

IHS – Indian Health Service

IllinoisCOM – Illinois College of Osteopathic Medicine

IME – indirect medical education

IMG – international medical graduate

IOA – Indiana Osteopathic Association

IOM – Institute of Medicine

IOMS – Illinois Osteopathic Medical Society

IOPA – Idaho Osteopathic Physicians Association

IPAB – Independent Payment Advisory Board

IPPS – Federal Inpatient Prospective Payment System

IRIS – Intern and Resident Information System

IRRP – Intern and Resident Registration Program

ITAB – Information Technical Advisory Board

JAOA – The Journal of the American Osteopathic Association

JBHBRC – Joint Board/House Budget Review Committee

JCQP – AOA Joint Committee on Quality and Payment

JOOL – Joint Osteopathic Organization Leadership group

KansasCOM – Kansas Health Sciences University Kansas College of Osteopathic Medicine

KAOM – Kansas Association of Osteopathic Medicine

KCU-COM – Kansas City University College of Osteopathic Medicine

KCU-COM Joplin – Kansas City University College Osteopathic Medicine-Joplin

KOMA – Kentucky Osteopathic Medical Association

LCME – Liaison Committee on Medical Education

LECOM – Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine

LECOM-Bradenton – Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine-Bradenton

LECOM-Elmira – Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine at Elmira

LECOM-Jacksonville – Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine at Jacksonville

LECOM-Seton Hill – Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine at Seton Hill

LMU-DCOM – Lincoln Memorial University-DeBusk College of Osteopathic Medicine

LMU-DCOM-Knoxville Lincoln Memorial University-DeBusk College of Osteopathic Medicine – Knoxville

LMU-DCOM-Orange Park – Lincoln Memorial University-DeBusk College of Osteopathic Medicine – Orange Park

LUCOM – Liberty University College of Osteopathic Medicine

LOMA – Louisiana Osteopathic Medical Association

LRP – loan repayment program

MAOP – Maryland Association of Osteopathic Physicians

MAOPS – Missouri Association of Osteopathic Physicians and Surgeons

MC – Medical Corps

MD – medical doctor

MEC – Medical Education Committee

MedPAC – Medicare Payment Advisory Commission

MOA – Maine Osteopathic Association, Michigan Osteopathic Association

MOC – Maintenance of Certification

MOL – Maintenance of Licensure

MOMA – Mississippi Osteopathic Medical Association, Montana Osteopathic Medical Association

MOMS – Minnesota Osteopathic Medical Society

MOS – Massachusetts Osteopathic Society

MOU – memorandum of understanding

MSN – Media Spokespersons Network

MSOM – Meritus School of Osteopathic Medicine

MSUCOM – Michigan State University College of Osteopathic Medicine

MSUCOM at Detroit Medical Center – Michigan State University College of Osteopathic Medicine at Detroit Medical Center

MSUCOM at Macomb University Center – Michigan State University College of Osteopathic Medicine at Macomb University Center

MU-WCOM – Marian University Tom and Julie Wood College of Osteopathic Medicine

MWU/AZCOM – Midwestern University/Arizona College of Osteopathic Medicine

MWU/CCOM – Midwestern University/Chicago College of Osteopathic Medicine

NAOF – National Association of Osteopathic Foundations

NBME – National Board of Medical Examiners

NBOME – National Board of Osteopathic Medical Examiners

NCOMA – North Carolina Osteopathic Medical Association

NHOA – New Hampshire Osteopathic Association

NHSC – National Health Service Corps

NIH – National Institutes of Health

NJAOPS – New Jersey Association of Osteopathic Physicians and Surgeons

NMM – neuromusculoskeletal medicine

NMOMA – New Mexico Osteopathic Medical Association

NMS – National Matching Services

NOAC – National Osteopathic Advocacy Center

NOM – National Osteopathic Medicine

NOMA – National Osteopathic Medical Association, Nebraska Osteopathic Medical Association, Nevada Osteopathic Medical Association

NOMF – Northwest Osteopathic Medical Foundation

NoordaCOM – Noorda College of Osteopathic Medicine

NPDB – National Practitioner Data Bank

NPI – National Provider Identifier

NQF – National Quality Forum

NRMP – National Resident Matching Program

NSU-KPCOM – Nova Southeastern University Kiran C. Patel College of Osteopathic Medicine

NSU-KPCOM Clearwater – Nova Southeastern University Kiran C Patel College of Osteopathic Medicine - Clearwater

NYITCOM – New York Institute of Technology College of Osteopathic Medicine

NYITCOM at Arkansas State – New York Institute of Technology College of Osteopathic Medicine at Arkansas State

NYSOMS – New York State Osteopathic Medical Society

OCC – Osteopathic Continuous Certification

OCOM – Orlando College of Osteopathic Medicine

ORDF – Osteopathic Research and Development Fund

OFRF – Osteopathic Family Relief Fund

OGME – osteopathic graduate medical education

OHF – Osteopathic Heritage Foundation

OIA – Osteopathic International Alliance

OME – osteopathic medical education

OMED – Osteopathic Medical Conference and Exposition

OMERI – Osteopathic Medical Education Research Institute

OMM – osteopathic manual medicine, osteopathic manipulative medicine

OMP – Osteopathic Medical Profession (Report)

OMS – osteopathic medical student

OMT – osteopathic manipulative treatment

OOA – Ohio Osteopathic Association, Oklahoma Osteopathic Association

OPAC – Osteopathic Political Action Committee

OPAIM – Osteopathic Performance Assessment and Improvement Module

OPAN – Osteopathic Public Awareness Network

OPTI – Osteopathic Postdoctoral Training Institutions

OPDA – Organization of Program Director Associations

OPP – osteopathic principles and practice

OPSC – Osteopathic Physicians and Surgeons of California

OPSO – Osteopathic Physicians and Surgeons of Oregon

ORHP – Office of Rural Health Policy

OSU-COM – Oklahoma State University Center for Health Sciences College of Osteopathic Medicine

OSU-COM-Cherokee Nation – Oklahoma State University College of Osteopathic Medicine - Cherokee Nation

OU-HCOM – Ohio University-Heritage College of Osteopathic Medicine

OU-HCOM - Cleveland – Ohio University-Heritage College of Osteopathic Medicine – Cleveland

OU-HCOM - Dublin – Ohio University-Heritage College of Osteopathic Medicine - Dublin

PAC – President’s Advisory Council

PCMH – patient-centered medical home

PCOM – Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine

PCOM-GA – Georgia Campus-Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine

PCOM-Moultrie – Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine-Moultrie

PCORI – Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute

PCPCC – Patient-Centered Primary Care Collaborative

PD – program director

PECOS – Provider Enrollment, Chain and Ownership System

PGY – postgraduate year

PHI – protected health information

PNWU-COM – Pacific Northwest University of Health Sciences, College of Osteopathic Medicine

POMA – Pennsylvania Osteopathic Medical Association

PQRS – Physician Quality Reporting System

PTRC – Program Trainee Review Council

RAC – Research Advisory Council

RISOPS – Rhode Island Society of Osteopathic Physicians and Surgeons

ROME – Regional Osteopathic Medical Education

RowanSOM – Rowan-Virtua School of Osteopathic Medicine

Rowan-VirtuaSOM-Sewell – Rowan-Virtua School of Osteopathic Medicine

RRC – Residency Review Committee

RTT – rural training track

RUC – AMA/Specialty Society Relative Value Scale Update Committee

RVU – relative value unit

RVUCOM – Rocky Vista University College of Osteopathic Medicine

RVU-MCOM – Rocky Vista University - Montana College of Osteopathic Medicine

RVUCOM-South Utah – Rocky Vista University College of Osteopathic Medicine - Southern Utah

RVS – relative value scale

SAS – single accreditation system

SCH – sole community hospital

SCOMS – South Carolina Osteopathic Medical Society

SGA – State Government Affairs

SGR – sustainable growth rate

SHSU-COM – Sam Houston State University College of Osteopathic Medicine

SOMA – Student Osteopathic Medical Association

SOME – Society of Osteopathic Medical Educators

SOPP – Scope of Practice Partnership

SOSE – Society of Osteopathic Specialty Executives

SPC – Strategic Planning Committee

SPEC – Specialty College Evaluating Committee

SRC – Standards Review Committee

THCGME – Teaching Health Center Graduate Medical Education

TIVRA – Trainee Information, Verification and Registration Audit

TOMA – Tennessee Osteopathic Medical Association, Texas Osteopathic Medical Association

TouroCOM – Touro College of Osteopathic Medicine

TouroCOM-Middletown – Touro College of Osteopathic Medicine – Middletown

TouroCOM-Great Falls – Touro College of Osteopathic Medicine - Great Falls

TUCOM – Touro University College of Osteopathic Medicine-CA

TUNCOM – Touro University Nevada College of Osteopathic Medicine

TVCOM – The Valley COM

UGME – undergraduate medical education

UIWSOM – University of the Incarnate Word School of Osteopathic Medicine

UNECOM – University of New England College of Osteopathic Medicine

UNC-COM – University of Northern Colorado College of Osteopathic Medicine

UNTHSC/TCOM – University of North Texas Health Science Center/Texas College of Osteopathic Medicine

UOMA – Utah Osteopathic Medical Association

UP-KYCOM – University of Pikeville-Kentucky College of Osteopathic Medicine

USMLE – U.S. Medical Licensing Examination

USPHS – U.S. Public Health Service

USPSTF – U.S. Preventive Services Task Force

VA – U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs

VCOM – Edward Via College of Osteopathic Medicine

VCOM-Auburn – Edward Via College of Osteopathic Medicine-Auburn

VCOM-Carolinas – Edward Via College of Osteopathic Medicine-Carolinas

VCOM-Louisiana – Edward Via College of Osteopathic Medicine-Louisiana

VSAOPS – Vermont State Association of Osteopathic Physicians and Surgeons

VOMA – Virginia Osteopathic Medical Association

WAOPS – Wisconsin Association of Osteopathic Physicians and Surgeons

WCUCOM – William Carey University College of Osteopathic Medicine

WesternU/COMP – Western University of Health Sciences/College of Osteopathic Medicine of the Pacific

WesternU/COMP-Northwest – Western University of Health Sciences/College of Osteopathic Medicine of the Pacific-Northwest

WHA – World Health Assembly

WHO – World Health Organization\

WOMA – Washington Osteopathic Medical Association

WVOMA – West Virginia Osteopathic Medical Association

WVSOM – West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine