Supporting Research for Osteopathic Recognition

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Empathy

- **Correlates and changes in empathy and attitudes toward interprofessional collaboration in osteopathic medical students**
  
  **Journal of the American Osteopathic Association (2013)**
  
  Authors: Calabrese, L.H.; Bianco, J.A.; Mann, D.; Massello, D.; Hojat, M.
  
  Summary: Empathy is fundamental to patient care and greatly improves a physician’s ability to positively influence patients’ health. According to researchers, the decline in empathy often reported among allopathic medical students was not observed among osteopathic medical students.

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**Osteopathic principles & practice**

- **Dermatology: A specialty the exemplifies the osteopathic medical profession**
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  Summary: Using OMT as an adjunctive therapy can provide benefits for patients with skin conditions. In addition, the tenets of osteopathic medicine can be incorporated into the practice of dermatology.
Osteopathic distinctiveness

- **Osteopathic recognition is key to GME program’s forward-thinking approach**
  
  **The DO (2016)**
  
  Author: Raymond, R.
  
  Summary: Obtaining osteopathic recognition will help ensure patients continue to receive the holistic, whole-person care they have come to expect, Dr. Braden says. “They greatly benefit from the osteopathic care our program provides,” she adds.

- **Survey Results: Appeal of ACGME-accredited programs with osteopathic recognition among third-year osteopathic medical students**
  
  **AACOM (2017)**
  
  Summary: Survey results indicate that 70% of third-year osteopathic medical students wish to complete training in an osteopathic residency program. Osteopathic recognition is perceived as a mechanism to continue training as DOs, allowing for further development of the skills learned in osteopathic medical school.

Physician-patient communication

- **Do osteopathic physicians differ in patient interaction from allopathic physicians?**
  
  
  Authors: Carey, Motyka, Garret & Keller
  
  Summary: Study indicated that osteopathic physicians are more likely than allopathic physicians to discuss social, family and emotional impact of illnesses with patients and were easily distinguishable from allopathic physicians by their verbal interactions with patients.

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Resident recruitment

- **Allopathic GME programs seek to attract DO candidates by obtaining osteopathic recognition**  
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