Update on the AOA & the Osteopathic Profession

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I have no conflicts and nothing to disclose

Positioning for the Future
Expanding Our Presence
Over 30 years, the number of DOs practicing in the US has more than tripled

- **114,425** DOs in the US
- **145,343** DOs & osteopathic medical students
- **54%** Increase since 2010

Educating Tomorrow’s DOs

1 in 4 medical students attends an osteopathic college

- 35 COMs in
- 55 teaching locations in
- 32 states
- **30,918** Osteopathic medical students

Youth Movement

- **65%** Under age 45
- **74%** Under age 45
DOs by Specialty
Family Medicine remains the largest DO specialty in the US

- 56% of DOs practice in primary care
- 44% of active DOs practice in specialty care

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Reimagining AOA Certification

- Enhancements to Certification
  - Improve testing convenience
  - Enhance test content and relevance
  - Increase communication
  - Align osteopathic content for expanded, diverse market

AOA UPDATE
Pathways to Initial Certification

OCC – Proposed Approach

Offering two options to accommodate physician preferences

PERIODIC EXAM
- One exam to get recertified over 5-10 year period
- Currently offered today

ONGOING EXAMS
- Shorter certification cycle
- Short, frequent batched questions for recertification
What Candidate Diplomates Need to Know

- AOA board certification is here to stay.
- We’re making significant investments to improve quality of exams and modernizing the process to make it more convenient, physician-friendly and relevant to practice.
- AOA is committed to enhancing and promoting board certification.
- AOA board certification will continue to be a valued indicator of osteopathic clinical excellence for DOs and MDs who want to practice osteopathically and realize their potential as physicians.

AOA: What We DO for YOU

- Continuing Medical Education
- Advocacy
- Career & Practice Success
- Research
- Public Awareness
- Lifestyle

International Impact

17-member Caribbean Association of Medical Councils
Gulf states
India
Affiliate Alignment

5 focus areas:
- Membership
- Governance
- Education
- Affiliate Alignment
- Future of the Profession

Single Accreditation System Transition

85% of positions in original AOA programs are now ACGME-accredited. 209 have received or applied for Osteopathic Recognition.

Intentionally designed to preserve osteopathic identity and principles in GME.
AOA is committed to protect residents during the transition.
Under revised Common Program Requirements effective July 1:
  - Program directors must give residents info on AOA certification options
  - AOA certification is recognized as credential for program directors & faculty
Research on Osteopathic Impact

AOA Annual Research Grants
• Pre-FY16 – $250,000 average
• FY 2016 – $1.1M
• FY 2017 – $1.3M
• FY 2018 – $1.1M
• FY 2019 – $1.4M

Brand Awareness

811,222 "Find Your DO" searches
1.09 BILLION ad impressions

Advocacy
• Medical education funding & student loan relief
• Supporting policies that improve access and affordability
• Osteopathic equivalency and recognition
• Defending licensure and scope of practice
• Payment reform, paperwork reduction, prescription drug pricing
• Public health issues
A Voice in Health Care

Your Osteopathic Family

There’s no better time to be a DO!

THANK YOU.