



# FIMM National Society Report

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# American Academy of Osteopathy Membership Categories

## Membership Categories:

### Full Members:

- 1200
- Must be graduates of COCA accredited osteopathic medical school in the U.S.
- Other Categories of membership available:
  - U.S.-trained D.O., 2nd year or 1<sup>st</sup> year in practice
  - U.S.-trained D.O. in residency programs

### Associate Members:

- allopathic physicians, dentists and podiatrists who are graduates from accredited schools in the USA; PhDs and Ed.Ds and other non-doctoral persons who hold teaching, research and administrative positions in accredited colleges of osteopathic medicine in the USA.

### International Affiliate Members:

- graduates of international schools of osteopathy who hold a limited license to practice

### Supporter Members:

- Any D.O. or M.D. not trained in the US and is not a member of the categories above.



# AAO Mission and Vision Statement

- MISSION

The mission of the AAO is to teach, advocate and research the science, art and philosophy of osteopathic medicine, emphasizing the integration of osteopathic principles, practices and manipulative treatment in patient care.

- VISION:

All patients are aware of and have access to osteopathic medical care and osteopathic manipulative medicine for optimal health.



# About the AAO and U.S. –trained Osteopathic Physicians

- The AAO is a non-profit membership association established in 1937 as the Osteopathic Manipulative Therapeutic and Clinical Research Association changing its name in 1992
- Is an affiliate organization of the American Osteopathic Association (AOA)
- The Home Office is located in Indianapolis, IN, employs 8 full time office personnel who provide support to twenty committees, board of governors and a twelve (12) member board of trustees



# AAO's Office and Educational Courses

Course offerings for 2017 and early 2018

## AOA's OMED program

USING OSTEOPATHIC PRINCIPLES AND PHILOSOPHY IN SPECIALTY MEDICINE, Oct. 7-10, 2017, Pennsylvania Convention Center in Philadelphia, Leslie M. Ching, DO, program chair

## AAO's Convocation – annually held in March

**"OSTEOPATHIC LEGENDS: THEIR LEGACIES LIVES ON", March 21-25, 2018 Convocation, Hilton Anatole - Dallas, TX, David R. Boesler, DO, Program Chair**

Nov. 10-12, 2017, Basic Visceral Course, Richard G. Schuster, DO, Stratford, New Jersey

Dec. 8-10, 2017, Evidence-Based Visceral Manipulation: Finding Best Practices for Evaluation and Management, Kenneth J. Lossing, DO, Fort Worth, Texas

Jan. 25-28, 2018, Introduction to Osteopathic Manipulative Medicine, Lisa Ann DeStefano, DO, HSC Fort Worth, Texas

April 20-22, 2018, Muscle Energy for the Total Body, Walter C. Ehrenfeuchter, DO, FAAO, Indianapolis, IN



# National Society Insights

- Strengths
  - #1 – Dedication and devotion of volunteer physicians and paid staff
  - #2 – Benefits of osteopathic treatment
- Weaknesses
  - #1 – Other demands on the volunteer physician and resources
  - #2 – Within a limited budget, supporting all of the needs nationally to promote strong Osteopathically focused educational programs and research
- Opportunities
  - #1 - Single Accreditation System in Graduate Medical Education
  - #2 - Distribution of information about osteopathic medicine, nationally
- Threats
  - #1 – Single Accreditation System in Graduate Medical Education
  - # 2 –Reliance on volunteerism
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