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Danish Society of Muskuloskeletal Medicine  
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# DSMM

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# National Society Leadership

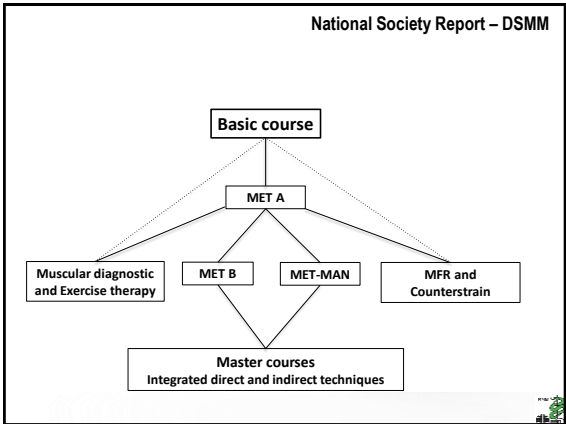
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# National Society Content

- Membership:** 540
  - Specialty/300+ hr: 67
  - Facility/100+ hour: ? (not countable)
- Status MM Recognition:** Sub-specialty
  - Accrediting Body(ies): DSMM, educational board
  - Nat'l Society Certificate / 300 hrs: Diploma
- Education**
  - 6-8 Programs/Yr: 1-2 basic courses, 3-6 courses in specific treatments, 1 advanced course, 1 annual meeting
  - 1 Educational Site: DSMM's educational center

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# National Society Insights

- Strengths**
  - Teacher ratio 1:6
  - Intensive practical courses
  - All with a diploma are physicians with a main specialty-status (GP, Rheumatology, Orthopedics, Anesthesiology, Neuromedicine or Occupational medicine)
- Weaknesses**
  - No opportunities for organized bedside teaching
  - We don't count self-study hours
- Opportunities**
  - Recertification
  - Examinations
- Threats**
  - Declining membership

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Thank you for your attention



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Bulgaria



BSMM

Bulgarian Society Of Manual Medicine

Българско Дружество по Мануална Медицина



Bulgarian Society Of Manual Medicine/ BSMM/  
General Assembly Copenhagen 04 Sept 2015  
official FIMM member



Българско Дружество по Мануална Медицина/ БДММ/  
Генерална Асамблея Копенхаген 2015  
официален член на ФИММ

Bulgarian Society of Manual Medicine

- **President:** Ass. Prof. Todor Todoroff
- **Treasurer:** Dr. Zlatko Baklev
- **Secretary:** Ass. Prof. Ilia Todorov
- **Members in 2014:** 37
- **Education:** in transformation of the format of the courses caused by the demands of the attendants and the FIMM new policy

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BSMM has announced the new format of the national educational course, which now will comprise of 7 cycles of 3 days each (210 hours of education).

The additional 90 hours will be provided to the attendants in the form of practical workshops that are planned to be held in Varna, in Saint Marina University Hospital. We still are discussing the duration of these practical events.

Those who have covered the previous courses in the last 10 years have actually 168 hours of education. We are to allow them to upgrade them to 300 by the practical workshops in Varna. This of course will take them several years.

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BSMM will host the next FIMM GA 2016

We have had the GA once in 2008 in Varna and we believe that the 2016 GA will be a great one also.

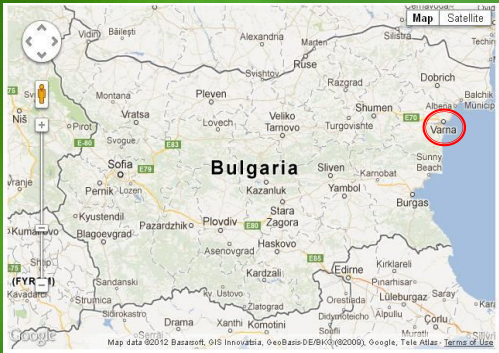


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...and this time we have chosen a location right in the center of the city, 300 meters from the Black Sea.



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...expecting you in Varna in 2016



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Canada



CAOM  
Canadian Association of Orthopaedic Medicine  
Association Canadienne de Médecine Orthopédique

FIMM General Assembly 2015  
Copenhagen



 Canadian Association of Orthopaedic Medicine  
Association Canadienne de Médecine Orthopédique 

**Manual Medicine and the principles it is based on are not taught in Canadian medical schools.**

**Our founders had to be introduced to Manual Medicine by Dr. James Cyriax back in the 1970's.**

**Young medical school graduates are too distracted with the demands of setting up practice.**

Friday October 30 Pre-Conference Workshop Regenerative Injection Therapy for the 21st Century	Saturday October 31 Prosthetic Workshop The Use of Technology in Orthodontic Medicine
10:00 - 11:00 Registration and Breakfast	An introduction for dental physicians, orthodontists and general practitioners on the treatment of upper extremity pain with Arthroscopic physiotherapy
10:00 - 10:30 Insurance and Billing Dr. Allen Kurylow-McNeil Quebec/US	7:00 - 1:00 Registration and Breakfast
10:00 - 10:30 Nutrition Break and Exhibit	9:00 - 9:30 History of podiatry Dr. Robert Gagne
10:30 - 12:00 Update on Bone in Chronic Inguinal and neck hernia and chronic neck pain Dr. Gordon Lee	9:30 - 10:00 Podiatry: strategy and action Dr. Erik Gauthier
11:00 - 1:00 Lunch and Exhibit	9:30 - 10:00 Dental Podiatry Dr. Eric Gauthier
11:00 - 12:00 The New Canadian Health Care Rights for the Patient Dr. Robert Kavan	10:00 - 10:30 Nutrition Break and Exhibit
11:00 - 1:00 A new look at regenerative PRP and what can be expected Dr. Peter Hager	10:30 - 12:00 The use of Technology in Orthodontic Medicine Dr. Robert Gagne
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1:00 - 1:30 Personal Information System Dr. Robert Gagne	11:00 - 1:00 Lunch and Exhibit
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Republic**



**CSMM**  
**Czech Society for Myoskeletal Medicine**  
**of the Czech Medical Association**

**Report about Czech  
Association of Myoskeletal  
Medicine**

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**Prof. MUDr. Karel Lewit DrSc.**









## Function and Dysfunction

- Basic Aspects of Diagnosis and Treatment in Manual/Musculoskeletal Medicine
- The puzzle of pain in dysfunction: "non specific pain" = 80% of all pain!

## The methods

- 1. The methods of Manual (Musculoskeletal) Medicine treat dysfunction, not on structural pathology
- 2. Motor function = program = correlation and interplay of many structures, typically the whole motor system

## The postural program

- The postural program is formed automatically during infancy, motor skills are learned individually later
- If there is abnormality in any part of this program, the whole must be reprogrammed

## Chain reactions

- 3. This results in chain reactions
- Their mechanisms can be deduced from developmental kinesiology
- Our aim is to find the key link, treatment of which should normalize the entire chain. This shows what the object of after treatment (rehabilitation) should be reinvestigate.
- Therefore: no treatment before examination is completed and analyzed.

## Palpation

- 4. As manual therapists we diagnose pain by palpation = increased tension.
- Our evidence is palpation, i.e. our skill

### Functional therapy

- 5. The object of manipulative therapy is reversible join movement restriction (mobilization, manipulation)
- The most adequate techniques are therefore neuro-muscular, making self-treatment much easier
- At the moment we obtain release the painful structure stops hurting

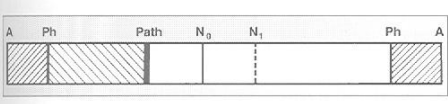
### Trigger-point

- 6. The trigger-point is a model of increased tension and pain
- The most studies proof reversible dysfunction
- It is closely related to joint movement restriction

### Soft tissues

- 7. The soft tissues surround the motor system and must move in harmony with it.
- Movement restriction there has to be diagnosed and treated to prevent recurrence.

#### Barrier phenomenon



### Central control

- 8. Dysfunction affects not only the periphery, but also control of motor stereotypes.
- Rehabilitation is concerned with self-treatment of local dysfunction and in particular with faulty motor program

### Conclusion

- 9. Our specialty requires all-round knowledge of the motor system
- in the first place of its function that is the "software" of the motor system
- Its basis is in biomechanics and neurophysiology
- The activation of deep stabilizing system is the most important

### Number of meetings since last GA

- Conference - 14th Janda's day in memoriam in Prague



### Planning events 2016

- Conference - 15th Janda's day in memoriam (April)
- National conference in autumn

### Number of members

- 305 medical doctors
- particularly rehabilitation specialists

### Number of courses since the last General Assembly

- Courses organized in Education institutes:
- Prague - Education Institute - Rehabilitation Department Kralovska nemocnice Vinohrady
- Brno - Education institute

### Courses in regions

- Hradec Kralove - Charles University Hospital – Rehabilitation Department
- number of attendance in the course is about 15 MD's in average to 2 teachers
- Refresh courses – rule for MD and teachers

### Connection to University

- Varies from institutions to institutions
- MM is taught:
- Post gradual courses for MD's
- MM is an optional subject for medical students of the Medical Faculty of Charles University in Hradec Kralove. Medical students obtain credit.

### Connection to Health Authorities

- MM is officially respected by Ministry of Health of the Czech Republic
- Insurance companies cover MM  
Two performance per patient  
one performance per 1 Euro
- Disadvantage is that MM is not subject with specialisation examination

### Connection to FIMM

- We stay to be member of the FIMM
- We hope that we will belong to FIMM in future

### Conclusion

- We would like to represent Czech MM school
- We hope to be still active in National level and also in International relationship

■ Thank you

■ Very big thanks to DS MM

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# Finland



FAMM / SMLY  
Finnish Association of Manual Medicine  
Suomen Manuaalisen Lääketieteen Yhdistys ry SMLY



GENERAL ASSEMBLY AT COPENHAGEN  
FIMM 2015 - FINLAND.



Olavi Airaksinen, MD PhD  
President of FAMM and Chairman of EB, IAMMM.  
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## Members

- Now about 230 MDs.
- GP's and Rehabilitation Medicine Specialists are the biggest speciality groups of our members.
- Board – 8 members, 4- 6 meetings/year.
- In this year Finnish Society of MM will celebrate the 50 years anniversary.

## Education

- Basic course programme 4-6 courses a year.
- Annual meeting on November at Tampere, 2 days course/lectures + workshops.
- One and half day hands on sessions/workshops for GP's on the manual examination of cervical pain patient and management of low back pain and injection techniques on January at Helsinki (Annual meeting of Finnish Medical Association).
- One day course in local Annual meeting in Kuopio from manual examination and therapy for GP's and Occupational Health Physicians.
- Several Hands on courses for GP's and Occupational Health Doctors with collaboration of Pharmaceutical Companies.
- 1 week course in Lapland and 1 day in Helsinki in April (international lecturers). 2015 30 years anniversary with Antonio Stecco from 07.-11. April 2015

## Education

- During middle of August "Summer School" – Organized by Karl August Lindgren at Helsinki – 2 days International Symposium/Plenary (Shoulder Problems 2014; Neuropathic Pain 2015). – proceedings books.
- Web based lectures and demonstrations of several topics: Manual examination of cervical/thoracic/lumbar spine or extremities, management of pain.

## International Collaboration

- FIMM
- International Round Table and speciality groups and Boards
- EU COST B 13 + EU Projects.
- IAMM Academy

## Awards and Grants 2015

Successful Collaboration between NDS and University of Eastern Finland Wins NDS Instructor, Marinko Rade, Two Prestigious Young Investigator of the Year Awards - 2013 and 2014.



I and the team at Neuroimaging Solutions take pleasure in announcing that, with the support and guidance of Professor Stuart Matthews at the University of Eastern Finland (UEF) and their colleagues, NDS researchers have recently collaborated in two prestigious research awards.

The International Society for the Study of the Lumbar Spine and Finnish Spine Society have given NDS teacher and researcher, Marinko Rade, the 2014 and 2013 Young Investigator of the Year respective awards for development and research into a new model of measurement of longitudinal movement of the spinal cord.

In these studies, Marinko, the UEF and I teamed up and used MRI to develop a method for measuring spinal cord movement with the SLR. The benefit is that spinal cord movement can now be measured non-invasively in conscious healthy subjects in a way that reproduces the clinical SLR. This was applied to both the unilateral and bilateral SLR and the results are very important for a new understanding of neurophysiology in the lumbar spine.

The unilateral SLR produced caudal movement (2.3 mm, P<0.001) of the spinal cord in the canal and a lateral SLR produced actually double this amount of movement (4.6 mm, P<0.001). This suggests the caudal root effect that had been pointing for a long time in which the nerve roots on each side of the spine affect each other during the SLR.

For quite some time now I have been stating my proposal that conventional neurophysiology testing has specific value in clinical neurophysiology and certain particular measurement conditions. This relates directly to the principle that neurophysiology testing on one side can at times reduce tension in the nerve roots on the other side. When we do a neurophysiology test, for instance the SLR, the spinal cord is drawn caudally and this is the operative mechanism, or possibly also vice versa, in the proposal.



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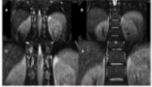
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I have completed PhD candidate, good friend and colleague, Marinko Rade, for demonstrating that this mechanism does in fact occur. For this line of research Marinko has now achieved the very highest of research honours: Young Investigator of the Year award for 2014. Furthermore, this is the second set of major international awards for research into neurophysiology, the first being won by Dr. Kerry Gilbert, PhD from, now Michael Blomster and colleagues at Texas Tech University. This shows that not only is contemporary neurophysiology being on the scientific scene but it also holds very good.

The research performed by Marinko, the scientists at UEF and NDS addressed a number of important and unanswered issues. First we needed to measure neurophysiology in healthy individuals, second, in a way that did not disrupt any tissue and third, enable neurophysiology testing as a routine in the clinic. Marinko and our research team have started a line of research that for the first time confirms these two points by employing a method of measurement of spinal cord longitudinal movement with the SLR using magnetic resonance imaging.

**So we now have a new model for measurement of neurophysiology with the SLR.**


**A. measurement of spinal cord longitudinal movement is now possible**  
**B. continuous flexibility benefits**  
**C. new research**  
**D. extensive clinical testing**  
**E. establish the effect of unilateral and bilateral testing on cord dynamics**

More study is under way but this is a big new step in applying neurophysiology tests in patients with LBP and sciatica. Marinko, this research is more than a



## Awards and Grants 2015-2018 -

whole project 3.4 M€ - for Kuopio over 1.2 M€

Proposal Evaluation Form	
 <p><b>EUROPEAN COMMISSION</b> Horizon 2020 - Research and Innovation Framework Programme</p>	<p><b>Evaluation Summary Report</b></p>

Call: H2020-PHC-2014-single-stage\_CNECT  
Funding scheme: Research and Innovation action  
Proposal number: 644335  
Proposal acronym: WOMEN-UP  
Duration (months): 42  
Proposal title: Cost effective self-management of urinary incontinence addressed to women across Europe  
Activity: PHC-20-2014

## University Contacts / Diplomas

- Close contact to Eastern University of Finland (Kuopio) and Helsinki (an orientation course for medical students).
- Pain education programme for GP:s and Occupational Health Doctors started September 2011. 2-3 courses/year.
- Own Society Diploma.



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France




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French Society of Orthopaedic & Osteopathic Manual Medicine  
Société française de médecine manuelle orthopédique et ostéopathique

**LA SOFMMOO**  
French Society of MM

Founder and Honour President :  
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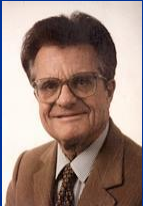


Hospital Hotel-Dieu of  
PARIS XIX Century



Hospital Hotel-Dieu  
in PARIS today

**Professor Robert MAIGNE**  
Passed away 2012  
Worked at University Hospital Hotel-Dieu  
University PARIS VI  
Hotel-Dieu was founded as  
the first Hospital in PARIS  
(651 p.c. by St Landry).



## SOFMMOO

- 500 Members
- Most of them in FRANCE

## Teaching and Courses

- 1 – Official University courses organized by 14 French Universities
- 2 - Many private week-end courses organized by local sections

## Meetings

- Many local and national meetings for practical training
- June 2015 « Journées de l' Hôtel-Dieu »
- 2016 next SOFMMOO Congress to be held in Paris

## Post-graduate education for MM in 14 Universities

PARIS VI, PARIS XIII, LYON,  
MARSEILLE, STRASBOURG , BORDEAUX, DIJON,  
TOULOUSE, LILLE, TOURS,  
REIMS, ROUEN, CAEN  
**RENNES+ANGERS+NANTES**

300 hours of teaching  
2 years

## To enrol in a training course in France

- You have to be French or EU doctor
- Or resident in a speciality
- Sometimes non EU doctor (if recognized equivalency)

## WEB SITES

- [www.sofmmoo.org](http://www.sofmmoo.org)  
the historical and well-know web site (half of the connections with foreign countries)
- [www.mediosteo.fr](http://www.mediosteo.fr)  
start-up private website for MM

Short news

- In March 2007: Non MD Osteopaths can practice legally their art but...
- Since this year (2015), the MM diploma is no longer qualifying for the title of registered osteopath

FUTURE of MM

Our sole responsibility  
... to be able to work together  
to have a professional association  
for common good

FIMM Guidelines in French

- The official French version was completed 08/2014
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THANK YOU!

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GERMANY



DGMM

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Deutsche Gesellschaft für Manuelle Medizin

Germany (DGMM) 2015

- Umbrella organization of 3 individual groups, exclusively physicians/surgeons on capacity level (DAS), to gather forces on national and international level
  - MWE (Physicians for Manual Treatment of Spine and Extremities) = 2868
  - DGMSM (German Society for Musculoskeletal Medicine) = 1361
  - AEMM (Physicians Society for Manual Medicine, Berlin) = 926
- Total: 5155

Germany (DGMM) 2015

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Germany (DGMM) 2015

German Chamber of Physicians decided in 2013:

„Training in basic Osteopathy can be fulfilled for medical specialists in manual medicine within 160 hours additional education and training“

- The Curriculum is defined and in action
- This leads to a certificate of the chamber of physicians based on a total of at least 480 hours education and training in manual/osteopathic medicine, finished by an official final test.

Formalising standards across Europe:  
a case study on osteopathy



Jonathan Bailey-Teylatche  
President  
European Federation of Osteopaths



Gert Jan Goede  
Chair  
Forum for Osteopathic Regulation in Europe

CEN process

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Status of osteopathic regulation in Europe

Countries with regulation and EU registration:  
Finland, Iceland, Lichtenstein, Switzerland and UK

Countries with regulation and non EU registration:  
France, Hungary, Latvia, Portugal

Countries with regulated treatment but not regulated profession:  
Belgium, Bulgaria, Italy, Romania, Slovenia

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Status of osteopathic regulation in Europe


Countries considering regulation:  
Germany, Ireland, Norway, Spain

Countries not recognised/ with no current plans:  
Austria, Cyprus, Denmark, Greece and Sweden

Countries which are unclear:  
Central and Eastern Europe


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## Comité Européen de Normalisation

- CEN = Comité Européen de Normalisation
- European standardisation organisation, made up of standards bodies from EU and EFTA (31)
- UK member = British Standards Institute (BSI)


- Recognised by EC as competent authority for development of standards

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## What is a CEN Standard?

- Well known in the product and process arena
- Key part of the Single European Market
- Moving into services, including healthcare, e.g.



  - ❖ Aesthetic surgeons
  - ❖ Hearing aid professionals
  - ❖ Chiropractors
- Developed according to a defined process
- **Doesn't override national legislation, but provides standard in those countries where none exists – 'soft law'**

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## The draft Standard

- **Not public document yet**
- **Standards used as reference:**
  - ❖ WHO benchmarks
  - ❖ FORE Framework documents
  - ❖ EFO Codex documents
- **Challenges:**
  - ❖ terminology
  - ❖ reflect osteopathic practice in Europe
  - ❖ reflect EU higher education policy
  - ❖ consensus on minimum standards



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## Next steps ...

Timeline	Activity
7 November 2013- 7 April 2014	Launch of public consultation (CEN Inquiry)
Summer 2014	Analysis of responses by TC414
Autumn 2014	Final version drafted
Autumn/Winter 2014	Vote in CEN (weighted vote)
Spring 2015	Publication of Standard
2014-15	Awareness campaign
2015	National implementation (where no regulation exists)

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## Activities of DGMM 2015

- Combined national Instructor Course 29-31<sup>st</sup> January in Erfurt, 128 participants
- Congress of Orthopedics in Baden-Baden 30<sup>th</sup> April – 2<sup>nd</sup> May: lectures and workshops
- Meeting with basic researchers “Muscle and Pain”, 30-31<sup>st</sup> May
- ISPRM congress 18-22<sup>th</sup> June, Berlin
- 23<sup>rd</sup> September: Foundation Manual Medicine
- 20-24<sup>th</sup> October: German Congress Orthopedic and Trauma-Surgery, Berlin, lectures and workshops, including a “Turkish session”

## Scientific Association: “MUSCLE AND PAIN”

**Program of annual convention 2015:**

- W. Ziegängsberger (Munich): Synopsis of pain inhibition in CNS
- W. Neuhuber (Erlangen): Anatomy of pain inhibiting systems
- T. Hucho (Cologne): Intracellular pain inhibiting signal cascades
- S. Mense (Mannheim): Effects of tonic descending inhibition to WDR neurons
- H.-G. Schaible (Jena): Inhibition in painful joint afferents
- H. Flor (Mannheim): Psychobiologic pain inhibition in fibromyalgia
- W. Jänig (Kiel): Inhibitory nociceptor reflexes in vasoconstrictor-neurons: specificity, structure and function
- M. Karst (Hannover): Pain inhibition by cannabis medication
- U. Böhni, H. Locher, W. v. Heymann: Manual Medicine: pain-inhibition? Muscle relaxation?




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# HONG KONG



**HKIMM**  
Hong Kong Institute of Musculoskeletal Medicine

## Hong Kong Institute of Musculoskeletal Medicine (President Andrew Ip)

The Hong Kong Institute of Musculoskeletal Medicine was first incorporated on 12th May 2005 with an interim council of five members. At our tenth anniversary, I would like to commemorate our past ten years by the following highlights.

- Before the year 2010, there was no structural musculoskeletal training in Hong Kong. Interested doctors might take distant learning or part-time courses in the related subject. The opportunity of hand skills teaching and small group supervision was not too many. We had the vision on the need of hands on training. Our Institute organized the first structural training program in musculoskeletal medicine, the **Certificate of Musculoskeletal Medicine (CPMM)** in year 2010. This program consists of **six modules over two years**. We emphasize hands on approach. The course provides attendees basic knowledge of musculoskeletal medicine, musculoskeletal ultrasound and a set of manual skills, which they can apply in daily practice. Up till now, we have two batches of graduates of more than thirty doctors.

## Hong Kong Institute of Musculoskeletal Medicine (President Andrew Ip)

- Another hallmark of our Institute is the **fellowship examination**. This is the first examination to benchmark the practice of musculoskeletal medicine in Hong Kong. Candidates have to undergo structural training in the discipline and practice musculoskeletal medicine for no less than four years. We have held two fellowship examinations in the past few years. There are total **14 doctors obtained the status of fellowship**.
- In year 2015, upon the recommendation from the external examiner, Dr. Dean Reeves, we start a one-year course of advance training, the **Advance Certificate of Musculoskeletal Medicine (ACMM)**. The Advance Certificate is complementary to the Certificate programme, so that the pre-fellowship training will be a three-year programme. Advance techniques will be taught separately in small groups at training workshops. They are required to take an active role in our bimonthly grand round meeting and to assist teaching during the Certificate programme. The **ACMM training is to prepare candidates to sit the fellowship examination**.

## Hong Kong Institute of Musculoskeletal Medicine (President Andrew Ip)

- Members of the Institute continue to take **active role in training locally and overseas**. We hold regular workshops in conjunction with Macau General Practitioner Association. Council members are invited by local and overseas organizations, including America Association of Orthopaedic Medicine, Musculoskeletal Ultrasound (MSKUS.com), Musculoskeletal Ultrasound Symposium on Pain Management as speakers and teaching faculty. This year, we are honored to co-organise the Primary Care Symposium 2015 titled Common Musculoskeletal Problem in Primary Care with Chinese University of Hong Kong, Division of Family Medicine.

### Hong Kong Institute of Musculoskeletal Medicine (President Andrew Ip)

- Research is the foundation of our discipline. It is the policy of the Institute to support and to facilitate research projected related to musculoskeletal medicine. On this aspect, it is my pleasure to report that the article written by Dr. Keith Chan entitled "Clinical, Radiological and Ultrasonographic Findings Related to Knee Pain in Osteoarthritis" was published in PLOS One. Furthermore, Dr. Chan is invited as an honorable speaker at the 3rd International Conference on Radiology and Imaging, hold in Toronto, Canada.
- Looking forward, the institute will continue to promulgate the discipline of musculoskeletal medicine. We will continue to provide world-class teaching, training and workshops. One further step is to set the professional standard of the discipline, not only locally but also to prepare to assist overseas sister organizations. We shall set example of structural training, standardized examination and on-going professional development.

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Ok, I'm sad not to take part on the GA providing extra extra nice programs

best  
Gabor O.

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## ISRAEL



ISMM  
Israeli Society of Musculoskeletal Medicine  
החברה הישראלית  
לרפואת שריר - שלד



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Touching the pain  
החברה הישראלית לרפואת שריר שלד  
The Israeli Society of Musculoskeletal Medicine



**The Israeli Society of Musculoskeletal Medicine**

**Update September 2015**

החברה הישראלית  
לרפואת שריר - שלד

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החברה הישראלית לרפואת שריר שולד

The Israeli Society of Musculoskeletal Medicine

Membership 2003-2015

Year	MD members	Non MD Members
2003	18	16
2004	36	22
2005	38	18
2006	41	25
2007	57	28
2008	48	23
2009	43	33
2010	47	51
2011	45	44
2012	81	56
2013	90	58
2014	54	27

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החברה הישראלית לרפואת שריר שולד

The Israeli Society of Musculoskeletal Medicine

Activity 2015

•Realizing the Vision and Mission

Education, Development and  
implementation of musculoskeletal  
medicine in Israel

“Touching the Pain”

Touching the pain לגעת בכאב

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החברה הישראלית לרפואת שריר שולד

The Israeli Society of Musculoskeletal Medicine

Activity 2014

•Teaching-MD’s (subsidized courses)

•Course in musculoskeletal medicine- Tel Aviv

•100 hours

•45 doctors- family practitioners

•Course in Pain Medicine- Tel Aviv-

•50 hours

•45 doctors

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החברה הישראלית לרפואת שריר שולד

The Israeli Society of Musculoskeletal Medicine

Activity 2014

•Teaching-MD’s

•Courses in Pain medicine- Haifa

•108 hours

•24 doctors- family practitioners and anesthetists

•144 hours

•15 family practitioners

•=252hours + 50 hours practicum

•Diploma in pain and musculoskeletal medicine  
according to FIMM educational guidelines

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החברה הישראלית לרפואת שריר שולד

The Israeli Society of Musculoskeletal Medicine

Activity 2015

•Teaching

•Modular courses in myofascial pain for medical  
professionals inc doctors, osteopaths, physiotherapists and  
chiropractors

• 20 best muscles 3 days (Haifa) January 2015

• 20 best muscles 3 days (Tel April) April 2015

• Advanced course (Haifa, Bob Gerwin) June 2015

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החברה הישראלית לרפואת שריר שולד

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Activity 2015

•Teaching

•Anatomy Trains- External provider

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The Israeli Society of Musculoskeletal Medicine

Activity 2015

Annual Conference of the Israel society for Musculoskeletal Medicine

- December 2015

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החברה הישראלית לרפואת שריר ושלד  
The Israeli Society of Musculoskeletal Medicine

Activity 2015

- Task Forces
  - Customer Relation Management Group
  - Research Group
  - Education to professionals

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החברה הישראלית לרפואת שריר ושלד  
The Israeli Society of Musculoskeletal Medicine

The Vision and Mission defined: 2008

Musculoskeletal education

for every doctor

in Israel

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החברה הישראלית לרפואת שריר ושלד  
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Thank you !

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KAZAKHSTAN



Kazakhstan Association of  
Manual Therapists and Osteopaths

Greeting  
from Kazakhstan




The Kazakhstan  
Association of  
Manual Therapists  
and Osteopaths  
consists of 50  
persons (2015 year)



**Problems of Manual Therapy and Osteopathic Medicine are discussed at Association sessions.**

**Doctors are trained in practical receptions manual and osteopathic medicine at seminars.**




There were 3 seminars for our doctors in this years. Teachers from St.-Petersburg have held seminars "Manual technices on joints".

Serge Paoletti, Doctor of Osteopathy from France, has held a seminar "Osteopathic Medicine for gravids and for children".

In 2014-2015 years members of Association participated in neurologic conferences (2 conferences). Their reports and publications have been devoted questions of diagnostics and treatment of pain syndromes.

In October (2015 year) our Association will take part again in the neurologic congress with the international participation on a problem of pain syndromes




Cambridge


St.-Petersburg

The report on efficiency and rationality of application of Manual Therapy and Osteopathic Medicine in Kazakhstan has been presented on the World Congress of Art, Sciences and Communication in Great Britain (September, 2014)

and on the International Congress "Osteopathy open" in St.-Petersburg (June, 2015).

In 2015 year there was a book – «Pain syndromes and alternative method of their stoppings» /Handbook for doctors. The book has been published by the International Publishing House in Germany.





Doctors receive training on Manual Therapy on the Department of Traditional Medicine of Medical University in Kazakhstan.

Doctors receive training on Osteopathic Medicine at Institute of Osteopathic Medicine in Kazakhstan



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# THE NETHERLANDS

  
**NVAMG**  
Dutch Association for Doctors in Musculoskeletal Medicine  
Nederlandse Vereniging voor Artsen Musculoskeletale Geneeskunde

## Nederlandse Vereniging voor Artsen Musculoskeletale Geneeskunde (NVAMG)

Dutch Association for Doctors in Musculoskeletal Medicine

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National Society Report – NVAMG / The Netherlands

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National Society Report – NVAMG / The Netherlands

## National Society Content


- Membership:**
  - Registry Members: 134
  - Extra-ordinary members: 39
- Status MM Recognition:** Not-recognised
  - Goal: recognition in 2017
  - Accrediting Body: Dutch Independent Register for OrthoManual Medicine / Register Ortho Manuele Geneeskunde ("ROMG")
  - Nat'l Society Certificate / hrs: 40 / yr



National Society Report – NVAMG / The Netherlands

## National Society Content

- Education
  - Programs/Yr: Official Education by NVAMG 2 years full time >300 hours
  - Continuing Medical Education (CME)
  - In practice
  - Education according to the Dutch Guideline for Medical Specialists



National Society Report – NVAMG / The Netherlands

## National Society Content

- Education 2:

Master of Science  
Manuele Geneeskunde  
(Manual Medicine)

University of Brussels  
2 years 97 ECTS  
Ending with a Scientific Master Thesis

National Society Report – NVAMG / The Netherlands

## National Society Insights

- Strengths
  - Patient satisfaction
  - Effectiveness of treatment ( scientifically measured )
- Weaknesses
  - Still not recognized / Alternative Medicine
  - Aging group of colleagues
- Opportunities
  - Aiming for recognition as a sub-speciality
  - Transition brings professionalization of organization
- Threats
  - Governmental policy on recognition, VAT
  - Insurance companies

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## National Society Insights



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**Manual Medicine (Therapy) in Russia**



Based on the scientific works of outstanding scientists Robert Maigne and Karel Levit in the early 80s began to develop Manual Therapy in Russia.  
Time passed and a lot of manual therapists and bonesetters appeared...

**before 1997...**

Anybody could claim himself a manual therapist: doctors of different specialties and even persons without medical education.



This led to a lot of complications and specialty discreditation.


**1997**



**after 1997**

After the Order only neurologists, orthopedists and pediatricians may have the right to obtain a certificate and practice Manual Therapy.





**after 1997**

Nowadays there are more than 36 thousand certified Manual therapist in Russia. Some of them are included in the medical associations: osteopaths, kinesziologists, verteboneurologists and manual medicine specialists.


In Russia there are two associations of manual medicine specialists:

- Russian Associations of Manual Therapists
- League of professionals in Manual Therapy

**League of professionals in Manual Therapy**

In 1998 the outstanding Russian neurologist and Manual Therapy specialist professor Anatoly Siteľ organized a society of Manual therapists. Under the title «League of professionals in Manual Therapy».





**League of professionals in Manual Therapy**

Number of members - 428.  
League publishes the journal «Manual Therapy».

**Achievements in 2014-2015**

1. Number of annual seminars - 3.
2. One joint conference with osteopaths.
3. One joint conference with kinesziologists.
4. One joint conference with Moscow association of Manual Therapists.

Took part in:

- All-Russian congress of neurologists;
- All-Russian congress of rehabilitologists;
- Turkish Rehabilitology congress.

**We do our best for the development and prosperity of Manual Medicine.**



**Thank you for attention!**



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SPAIN



SEMOOYM  
Spanish Society for Orthopedic, Osteopathic & Manual Medicine  
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SEMOOYM 2015

- 90 members
- All physicians
- Different Specialties:
  - Rehabilitation
  - Orthopaedics
  - General Medicine
  - Others



SEMOOYM 2015

- Difficult to know exact number of fully trained physicians in Spain due to different sources of training until now
- We estimate circa 200 fully trained physicians
- Sources:
  - French DIU
  - Master
  - SEMOOYM Courses
  - Other sources



SEMOOYM 2015

EDUCATION IN MMM


- Master at Universidad Complutense in Madrid:
  - Bianual
  - 32 ECTS
  - 3rd edition



SEMOOYM ACTIVITIES 2015

EDUCATION IN MMM


- Program to train trainers in MMM:
  - Already 6 editions
  - Goal: standarization of MMM teaching within the SEMOOYM and beyond



SEMOOYM ACTIVITIES 2015

EDUCATION IN MMM


- Advanced Course in Manual Medicine Techniques:
  - Third edition in 2015



SEMOOYM ACTIVITIES 2015

EDUCATION IN MMM

- Annual International Congress & Course:
  - Practical Workshops for beginners and advanced
  - Last Edition: XXXVI CURSO SEMOOYM, Málaga, November 2014
  - Next Edition: Seville, October 2015



XXXVII  
Curso Internacional  
SEMOOYM  
2015  
SEVILLA


22 - 23 OCTUBRE  
Hotel Ibis Plaza de Armas



SEMOOYM ACTIVITIES 2015

EDUCATION IN MMM

- As a part of the training for the specialization in Rehabilitation



SEMOOYM ACTIVITIES 2015

EDUCATION IN MMM


- SERMEF (Spanish Society for Rehab) Workshop in MMM:
  - Workshop about MMM subjects at the SERMEF annual meeting
  - Becoming very popular




SEMOOYM ACTIVITIES 2015

RECENTLY CONSOLIDATED

- Educational Committee
- Group of Trainers in Manual Medicine



www.semooym.org



SEMOOYM ACTIVITIES 2015

STANDARIZATION OF MMM IN SPAIN

- Always following FIMM guidelines
- Awaiting report from the Spanish National Board of Health for recognition of MMM as subspecialty/capacitation:
  - By the end of 2015
  - Big step towards regularization of MMM in Spain
  - Will allow Spain to have a full standarization in MMM



SEMOOYM ACTIVITIES 2015

Thank you!!!



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SAMM Switzerland

### National Society Content

- Membership: 1247
  - # Specialty/380\* hr: 1200
- Status MM Recognition: CAS + DAS
  - Accrediting Body(ies): SAMM+FMH (Swiss Medical Association)
  - Nat'l Society Certificate / 380 hrs:
- Education
  - # Programs/Yr: 8 modules over 2 years
  - # Educational Sites: Morat /bilingual

SAMM Switzerland

### National Society Insights

- Strengths
  - #1 Only one national association
  - #2 Education integrated in the Swiss medical Association program
  - #3 Highly visited yearly congress in Interlaken
- Weaknesses
  - #1 Field of Manual Medicine is not well known by the public
- Opportunities
  - #1 CAS and DAS with Bern University
  - #2 Mandatory continuous education, recertification every 5 years
- Threats
  - #1 Plethora of interesting education offers ( sport medicine, ultra-sound..)
  - # 2 Lack of primary care physicians

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TURKEY



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Turkish Society for Manual Medicine  
Manuel Tıp Derneği

Manuel Medicine in  
Turkey-2015 Report





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President of the Turkish Society for Manual Medicine (MTD)  
Formerly President of Turkish PM&R Society (>3000 members)  
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Formerly Chief of PM&R Dept. Istanbul Univ. Istanbul Med. Fac.  
Producer and Speaker of the TV Programm's «Canım Doktor», «2 dk da Sağlık»

Turkish Society for  
Manual Medicine



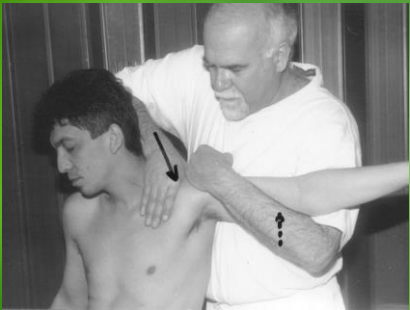
- Turkish MM Association (MTD)
  - 44 active members
  - 150 doctors - premembership
- Working together with/
  - BTR (Scientific Complementary and Regulation Association – Prof. Nazlıkul)
- With kindly «scientific and practical teaching» support of
  - FIMM (Wolfgang von Heyman)
- And under the knowledge and support of
  - Turkish Society for PM&R
  - Istanbul University PM&R department



Thanks to Wolfgang von Heymann & Hüseyin Nazlıkul  
(Vice-president and teacher)



Dr. Todoroff was/is our first teacher (Since 2002)  
Thanks to Prof. Todorov



Pioneers/ After Course VII-2014



After 2014 GA until now

- Turkish MM Association (MTD) , worked together with BTR (Scientific Complementary and Regulation Association-Prof. Nazlikul)
- 9 COURSES each with minimum 9-12 students /30 hours practical and theoretical -3 days (Heymann & Nazlikul)
- 2 HOSPITATIONS (one in Bremen, one in Istanbul) (Heymann & Nazlikul)
- 2 WORKSHOPS in National Congresses (Nazlikul, Aksoy, Heymann, Nikonof)
- 9 CONFERENCE to PM&R specialist 1- 4 hours each about MM (Aksoy)
- 4 TV programs on National Channels (Aksoy) and weekly TV programs in Lokal Channels about MM (Bursa)

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Thanks to FIMM

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Hospitation Course in Bremen

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After the Workshop /  
25th National PMR Congress

## After 2014 GA until now

- Turkish MM Association (MTD) , worked together with BTR (Scientific Complementary and Regulation Association-Prof. Nazlikul)
- 9 COURSES each with minimum 9-12 students /30 hours practical and theoretical -3 days (Heymann & Nazlikul)
- 2 HOSPITALATIONS (one in Bremen, one in Istanbul) (Heymann & Nazlikul)
- 2 WORKSHOPS in National Congresses (Nazlikul, Aksoy, Heymann, Nikonof)
- 9 CONFERENCE to PM&R specialist 1- 4 hours each about MM (Aksoy)
- 4 TV programs on National Channels (Aksoy) and weekly TV programs in Lokal Channels about MM (Bursa)

## TV Programs about MM



## My Team for «Canim Doktor»

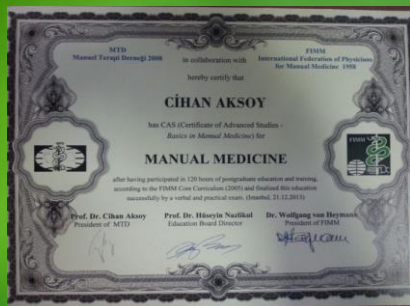


## Activity 2014



- Courses according to FIMM educational guidelines
- Attendance 108 medical doctors
  - Total 44 medical doctors completed basic course program (300 hours)
  - 9 medical doctors finalized this education and practical exam successfully and got CAS (Certificate of Advanced Studies - Basics in Manual Medicine)

## Certificate After the First Exam.



## 4 groups : want to know and practice MM

- **PM&R specialists:** <3000 (Education Only in 1 medical school)
- **Other MD's:** ? More than 100 Medical Faculties founded in last 10 years (Only in 1 Medical School they meet MM)
- **Physiotherapist:** < 10.000 (Learned MM in College 2 years, but invites Osteopathy School Teachers??? for specialisation after the school (5 years)
- **Chiropractors:** 3
- **Lay Osteopaths:** 2

- Some «Lay Osteopaths», Chiropractors, and sometimes MD.Manual Therapist are invited by a «Doktorus Campany» (Private Professional Organisation) to give some New and/or Refresher Courses in Ankara.


Of Course Political Changes in Turkey

- New Populistic Rules
- New Economical Barrieres
- Unhappy doctors
- Changing working conditions
- «Still like one year before»

Now


- We stopped new membership for a limited time
- We will have new member’s for our Societey / with minimum CAS certificate
- 49 of them paid for membership
- We work hard and will work harder


Thank You for Your Attention !!



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## National Society Content

- **Membership:** 1310 doctors & 5906 (+25%) students
  - # Specialty/300+ hr: 1,235 physicians
    - #Certified Specialty-Boarded/1-3 year full-time: about 700
  - # Facility/100+ hour: 26 physicians in AAO (may be higher level)
- **Status MM Recognition: Specialty Neuromusculoskeletal Medicine (NMM)**
  - Accrediting Body(ies): American Osteopathic Association (AOA) &/or Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME)
  - Nat'l Society "Certificate": Facility level curriculum for MDs being finalized for those pursuing entry/completion in osteopathically-focused residencies – possibly with FIMM "seal"

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## National Society Content

- **Education → FIMM Facility Level**
  - # Programs/Yr: Under development for 2016
  - # Educational Sites: To be determined (1<sup>st</sup> Michigan State Univ)
- **Education → FIMM Specialty Level (College/Univ)**
  - # Programs/Yr: 31 College / University (24,600 students)
  - # Educational Sites: 44 sites in 29 states (Note = 6000 new / year)
- **Education → Residency-Trained Boarded Specialty**
  - # Programs/Yr: 51 residency programs (NMM; FP-NMM; IM-NMM)
  - # Educational Sites: 36 cities
  - Note currently 244 residents in process; average 50-70 certified/yr
- **Education → Continuing Medical Education**
  - # Programs/Yr/Sites: 8/yr/variable sites

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## National Society Content

- **Annual Meeting at AAO (each with 3 pre-courses) – emphasis on members** (n=600 physicians & 600 students)
  - Mar 2014 (Colorado Springs CO): **Trauma: An Integrative Osteopathic Approach**
  - March 2015 (Louisville KY): **Life in Motion: Science-Philosophy-Art**
  - Mar 16-20, 2016 (Orlando FL): **Approach to Mental Health**
- **Annual at AOA – colleague emphasis** (hundreds)
  - Oct 26-28, 2014 (Seattle WA): **Get Your Osteopathic Hands ON!**
  - Oct 17-20, 2015 (Orlando FL): **OMM in Performing Arts Medicine**
- **Variable CME Programs** (n=20-100/program)
  - Most months: **Techniques** (eg: counterstrain); **Conditions** (eg: peripheral n or systemic dysfunctions or trigger pts); **Ancillary** (eg: Prolo or ultrasound guided injections); **Groups** (eg: pediatrics)

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## National Society Insights: SWOT


- **Strengths**
  - #1: AAO positioned for US leadership in advising, teaching & credentialing basic-to-advanced manual medicine; mandated membership in areas of research, education & health policy affecting both MDs and DOs (AAO has 2% of "FIMM Specialty-Level" doctors involved in >80% of MM clinical research & >90% of MM education)
  - #2: AAO positioned nationally & internationally to contribute to & influence relationship of USA to international MM
- **Weaknesses**
  - #1: Of possible 24,600 student body /year only approximately 1500 join the student AAO (National Society) → **6% eligible students**
  - #2: Of possible 375 student AAO members/year graduating with 300 hr specialty level in MM only approximately 70 join the AAO as a paid Yr-1 member → **18% previously interested student grad**

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## National Society Insights: SWOT

- Opportunities**
  - #1: **Unified Pathway for MDs** into osteopathically-focused residencies **requires MM training to FIMM's facility-level** (& increased members)
  - #2: **Unified Pathway for MDs** in osteopathically-focused residencies should lead to FIMM "specialty-level" including boarded specialty MDs in Neuromusculoskeletal Medicine; potential to **increase number of US training sites** for NMM if demand exists (& increased members)
  - #3: **Unified Pathway for MDs** in osteopathically-focused residencies certified by ACGME → increased **physician MM in Canada**
- Threats**
  - #1: **Unified Pathway for MDs and DOs** has potential to **decrease number of training sites** that integrate MM approaches if demand is not shown to exist
  - #2: **Research funding** is relatively weak & if evidence-base for MM is not high enough, increased visibility could impact MM **credibility**


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