

**Final resolution after Congress Session II on March 13, 2014 - APPROVED**

**Resolution 6 - Osteopathic Medical Education**

WHEREAS, the American Osteopathic Association (AOA) created a Blue Ribbon Commission whose charge was for the advancement of Osteopathic Medical Education in the training of primary care physicians; and

WHEREAS, much work and effort by the Commission was done to evaluate and comment on medical education and to recommend changes to the current educational model; and

WHEREAS, the Blue Ribbon Commission authored an article published in Health Affairs (November 2013) entitled, “A New Pathway for Medical Education”; and

WHEREAS, the report calls for major changes in the way in which the profession educates and trains board-eligible, practice-ready osteopathic primary care physicians, and

WHEREAS, a Family Physician is required to possess a broad knowledge base of health maintenance and disease processes that is inclusive of all body systems and how they interact; and

WHEREAS, the length of training proposed for board-eligible, practice-ready osteopathic primary care physicians abbreviates both their didactic and clinical experiences, thus diminishing the expertise and professional uniqueness of these physicians; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the American College of Osteopathic Family Physicians (ACOFP) opposes all efforts to diminish the quality and depth of training of primary care physicians, including but not limited to shortening the length of training; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the ACOFP opposes many of the concepts and principles of the Blue Ribbon Commission Report and the creation of a new type of “primary care specialty” or practitioner, and be it further

RESOLVED, the ACOFP submits a resolution to the AOA House of Delegates directing the AOA to cease all efforts to further promote or implement any recommendations of the Blue Ribbon Commission.

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