

SUBJECT: Osteopathic Manipulative Medicine Training

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RESOLUTION NO. 6

- 1 WHEREAS, on February 26, 2014, the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical
2 Education(ACGME), American Osteopathic Association (AOA) and American
3 Association of Colleges of Osteopathic Medicine (AACOM) announced an agreement to
4 pursue a single graduate medical education accreditation system,⁽¹⁾ and
- 5 WHEREAS, maintaining osteopathic distinctiveness during this transition is a priority of the
6 American Osteopathic Association,⁽²⁾ and
- 7 WHEREAS, osteopathic residents are less likely to utilize osteopathic manipulative treatment
8 (OMT) when they are trained in allopathic institutions without DO mentors.⁽³⁾ and
- 9 WHEREAS, over 93% of osteopathic medical students express interest in OMT, however most
10 practicing DOs report using OMT less than 5% of the time, and at least 25% of practicing
11 DOs report no use of OMT at all;⁽⁴⁾ and
- 12 WHEREAS, recent studies reveal that the more recent the date of College of Osteopathic
13 Medicine (COM) graduation, the lower the reported use of OMT;⁽⁴⁾ and
- 14 WHEREAS, allopathic physicians develop more favorable attitudes towards OMT and the
15 osteopathic profession in a mixed-staff setting.^(4,5) and
- 16 WHEREAS, an osteopathic curricular component in future residency programs can provide
17 osteopathic mentors for students and residents, which is desirable to osteopathic students
18 training in an allopathic setting;^(5,6,7) and
- 19 WHEREAS, competency in Osteopathic Manipulative Medicine (OMM) represents skill in
20 hands on evaluation of the musculoskeletal system for somatic dysfunction, skill in a
21 spectrum of techniques employed to reverse somatic dysfunction (OMT), and an
22 understanding of the theoretical and evidential science underlying the safe and
23 efficacious application of those skills; now therefore be it
- 24 RESOLVED, that the American College of Osteopathic Family Physicians (ACOFP) partners
25 with the American Osteopathic Association (AOA) to encourage colleges of osteopathic
26 medicine (COMs) to assure that osteopathic manipulative medicine (OMM) clinic and
27 training is available to all residents and students rotating in core family medicine teaching
28 hospitals; and further be it

29 RESOLVED that The ACOFP partners with the AOA to develop easily implemented curricula
30 for teaching advanced OMM skills to residents in any residency program who desire to
31 further improve their OMM skills, and be it further

32 RESOLVED, that ACOFP develop a self-study OMM video curricula emphasizing high- yield
33 and evidence-based advanced and basic techniques, and be it further

34 RESOLVED, that ACOFP partners with OPTIs to develop inexpensive workshops to train
35 residents interested in improving OMM skills; and be it further

36 RESOLVED, that ACOFP partners with the AOA to encourage all training hospitals to employ a
37 minimum of one physician skilled in OMM to provide inpatient OMM consultations
38 and/or supervise an outpatient OMM clinic for a minimum of ½ day per week.

39 ACTION _____

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