

SUBJECT: Early Entry Initial Certification Exam for Family Medicine Residents

SUBMITTED BY: ACOFP Resident Council

REFERRED TO: 2022 American College of Osteopathic Family Physicians (ACOFP)  
Congress of Delegates

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RESOLUTION NO. 20

1 WHEREAS, the American College of Osteopathic Family Physicians (ACOFP) represents  
2 osteopathic family physicians; and  
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4 WHEREAS, the American Osteopathic Board of Family Physicians (AOBFP) offers board  
5 certifications in osteopathic family medicine; and  
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7 WHEREAS, board certification is a common prerequisite for hospital staff privileges; and  
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9 WHEREAS, the AOBFP offers a traditional certification pathway and the Early Entry Initial  
10 Certification (EEIC) pathway; and  
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12 WHEREAS, the benefits of the EEIC are a shorter length (200 vs. 400 items), lower cost (\$400  
13 vs. \$500), and earlier certification compared to the traditional certification; and  
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15 WHEREAS, eligibility for the EEIC requires two osteopathic in-service exams necessitating  
16 at least two post-graduate years prior to eligibility; now, therefore be it  
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18 RESOLVED, the American College of Osteopathic Family Physicians (ACOFP) advocate for all  
19 family medicine programs to encourage their resident physicians that meet the specified  
20 criteria to become certified via the Early Entry Initial Certification Exam (EEIC) pathway due  
21 to the shorter length, lower cost, earlier certification, and representation of osteopathic family  
22 medicine.

FINAL ACTION: APPROVED as of March 16, 2022