

Response to Letter to the Editor*To the Editor:*

We would like to thank Dr. Findlay for his input and welcome his expertise. We agree that the WHO has not adopted the definitions of “osteopathic physicians” versus an “osteopath.” The *WHO Guidelines on Basic Training and Safety in Osteopathy* is a document that has been drafted but not approved to date.

Given Dr. Findlay’s role within the Canadian Osteopathic Association, his expertise in licensing within Canada is unquestioned. However, we feel his interpretations of parts of our article were his interpretation and that we did not state that those osteopathy programs were fully licensed.

Although Dr. Qureshi and I used many different sources cited in our article and contacted many organizations, there is constant change in practice rights, and not all is well known. We encourage those who have written us to better

inform the AOA of these findings so this information is better disseminated.

In addition, we received many emails and letters regarding this commentary that included the report of one DO who is fully licensed in Brazil as reported to use by Dr. Burnett in Colorado. Another report came from Dr. Alain Guierre, DO, in France, a registered osteopath in the United Kingdom from osteoweb.com, who informed us that osteopathy has been legalized and all nonmedical registered osteopaths can lawfully practice osteopathy.

We would like to thank the many other personal letters and emails we received, including the letter to the editor.

Yasmin Qureshi, DPT
Andrew Kusinski, DO
*College of Osteopathic Medicine
Nova Southeastern University
Fort Lauderdale, Florida*