



American Academy of Osteopathy Position Paper on Credentialing in OMM

The American Osteopathic Association (AOA), which is certified by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, credentials unlimited licensed physicians who have successfully completed an osteopathic training program. This educational curriculum includes the following: in-depth knowledge of basic sciences and pharmacology; supervised clinical training in physical, palpatory and other diagnostic studies; and the ability to appropriately apply osteopathic principles and manipulative techniques as required to deliver total health care management of patients.

The American Academy of Osteopathy* (AAO), a practice affiliate of the AOA, is aware of the existence of individuals and groups who teach osteopathic manipulative principles and techniques to those who lack sufficient education and clinical supervision necessary to appropriately apply these techniques to a health care consumer. Furthermore, the AAO is concerned with individuals and groups who offer a professional credential to non-physicians in these educational programs.

The AAO, therefore, only endorses certification in any and all aspects of osteopathic diagnosis and treatment as awarded through duly constituted certifying boards of the American Osteopathic Association.

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