

Osteopathic Science

From Theory to Practice to Best Practice

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**We've Got
This!***

* = summary point

Now stay tuned.....



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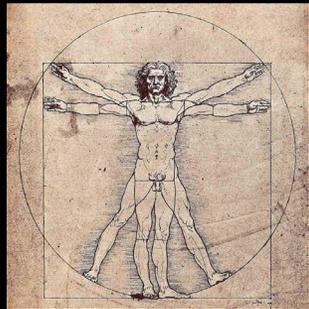


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1st vaccine



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Osteopathy

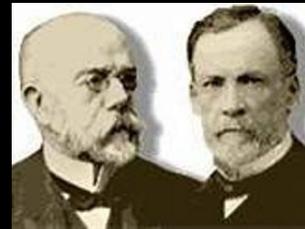
**Evidence
Based
Medicine**



da Vinci
Dissects
corpses



Descartes



Koch & Pasteur
Germ theory

Mixter & Barr
HNP
radiculopathy
series



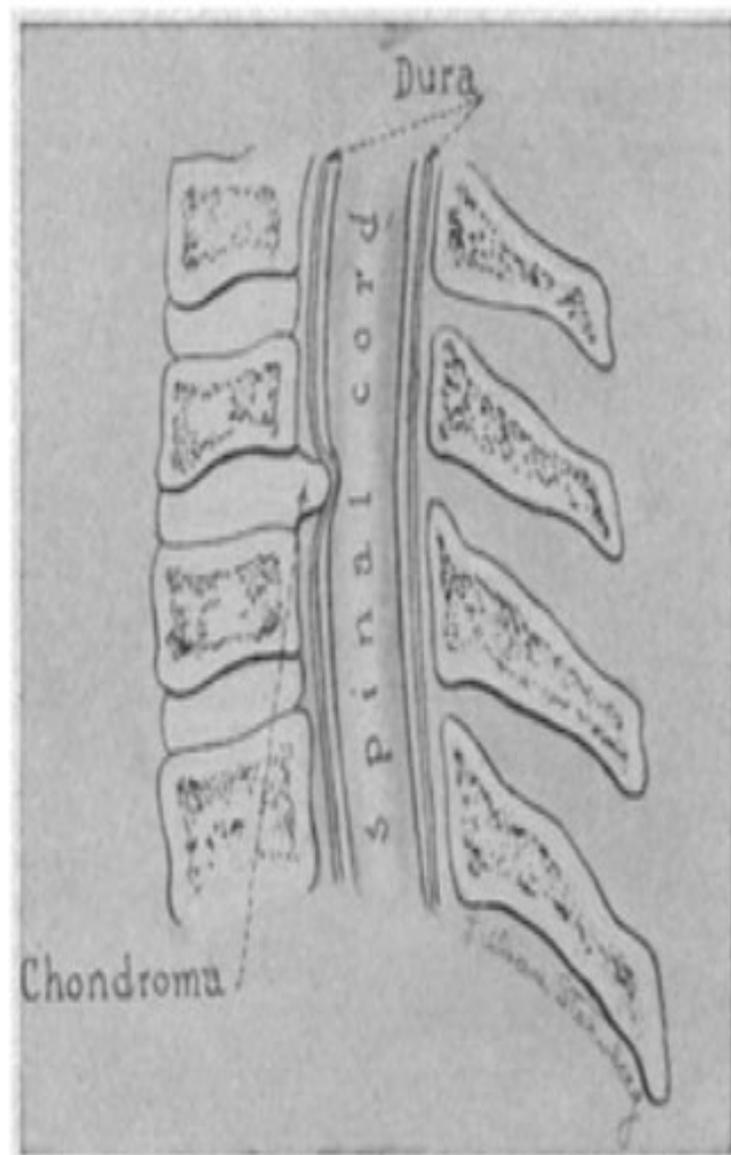
NEW ENGLAND SURGICAL SOCIETY

RUPTURE OF THE INTERVERTEBRAL DISC WITH
INVOLVEMENT OF THE SPINAL CANAL*

BY WILLIAM JASON MIXTER, M.D.,† AND JOSEPH S. BARR, M.D.†

DURING the last few years there has been a good deal written and a large amount of clinical work done stimulated by Schmorl's¹ investigation of the condition of the intervertebral disc as found at autopsy. His work will stand

In 1911 Goldthwait² reported a case of sciatica and paraplegia which he attributed to a posterior displacement of the intervertebral disc at the lumbosacral junction and suggested that such displacements might be the cause of many



(FIG. 17. Showing the usual location of a ventral vertebral disc chondroma. [Legend in *Surgery, Gynecology and Obstetrics*].)

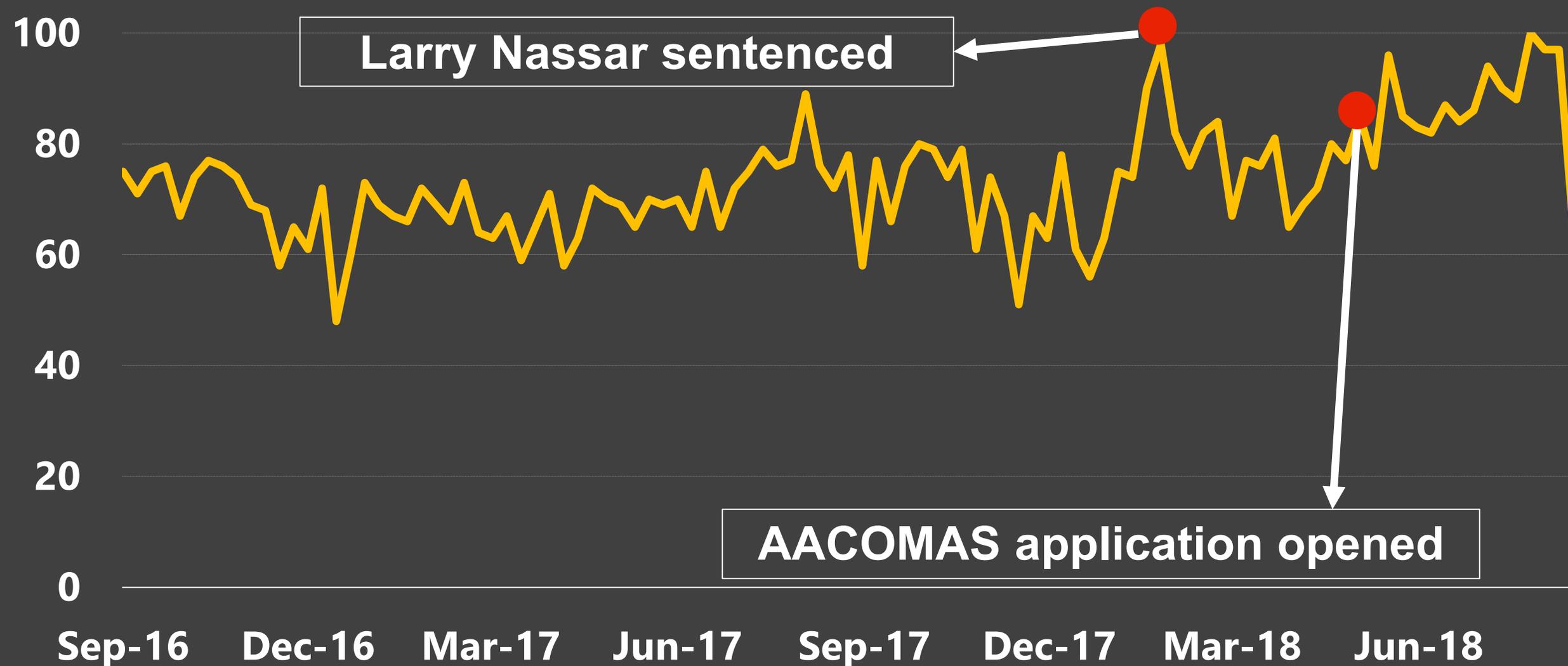
FIG. 2. Illustration taken from article by Elsberg, showing "chondroma" arising from intervertebral disc. (*Elsberg: S. O.*; 46: 10; 1928.)

Evidence-Based Medicine

25 years young

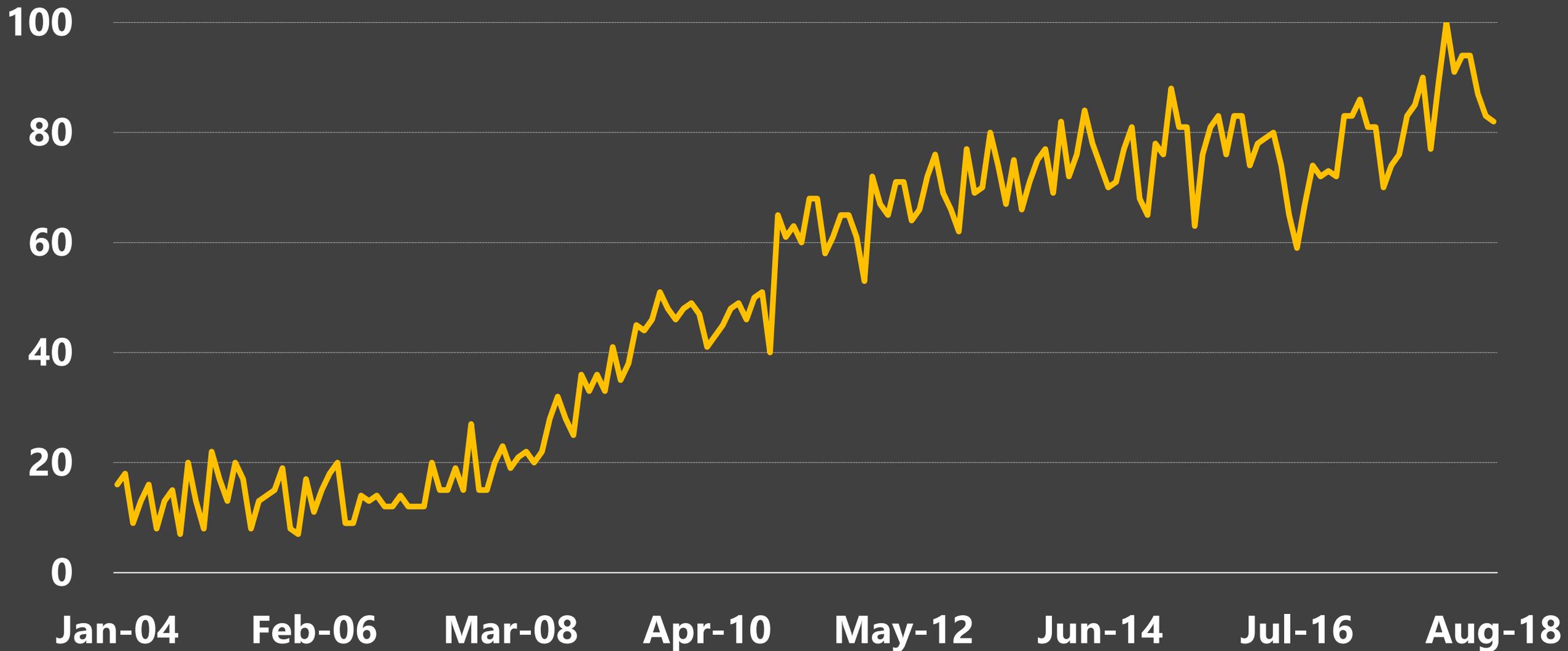
“Osteopathic Medicine” Search Interest

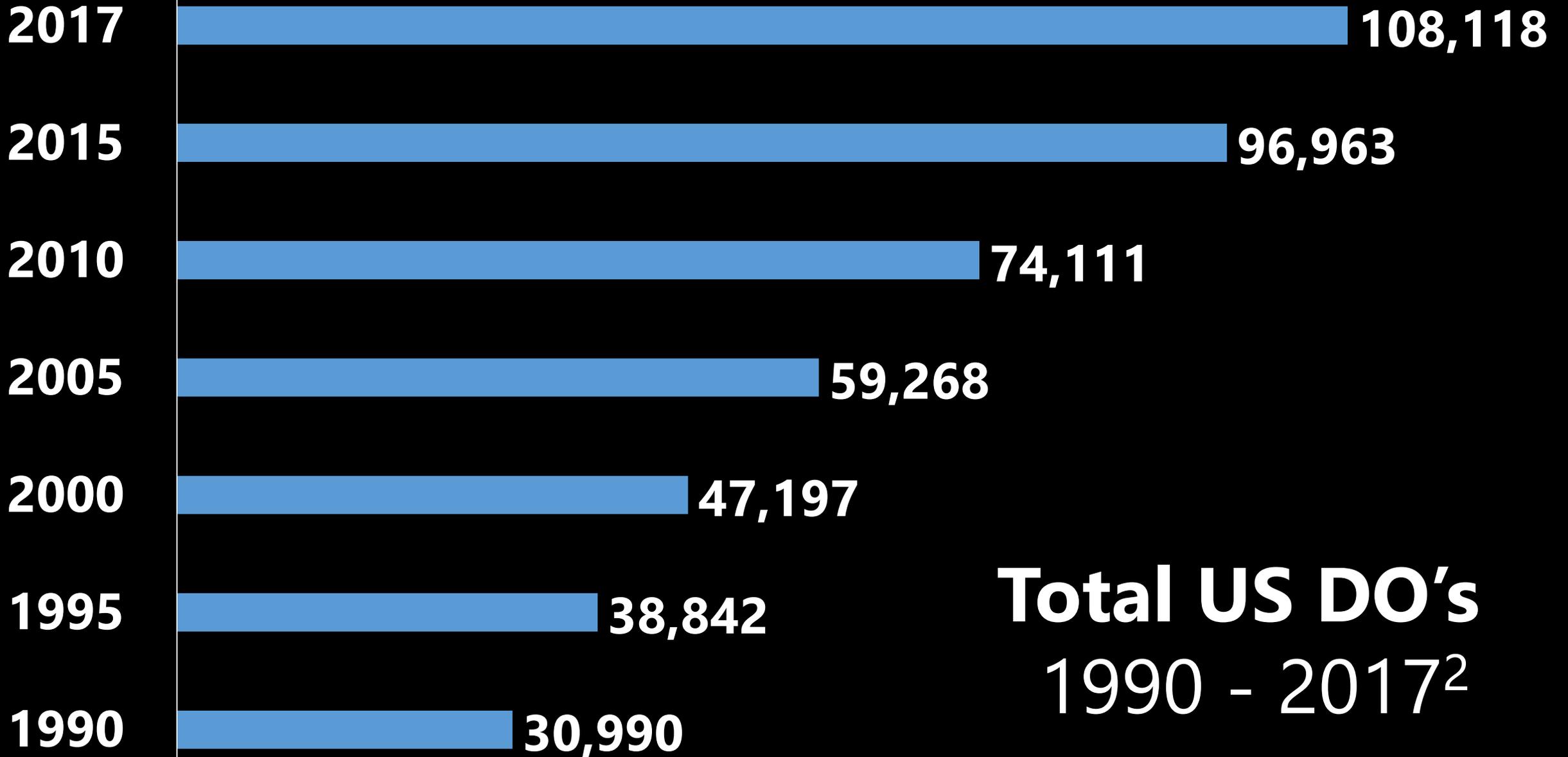
2016 - Present



“Is a DO a doctor?” Search Interest

2004 - Present





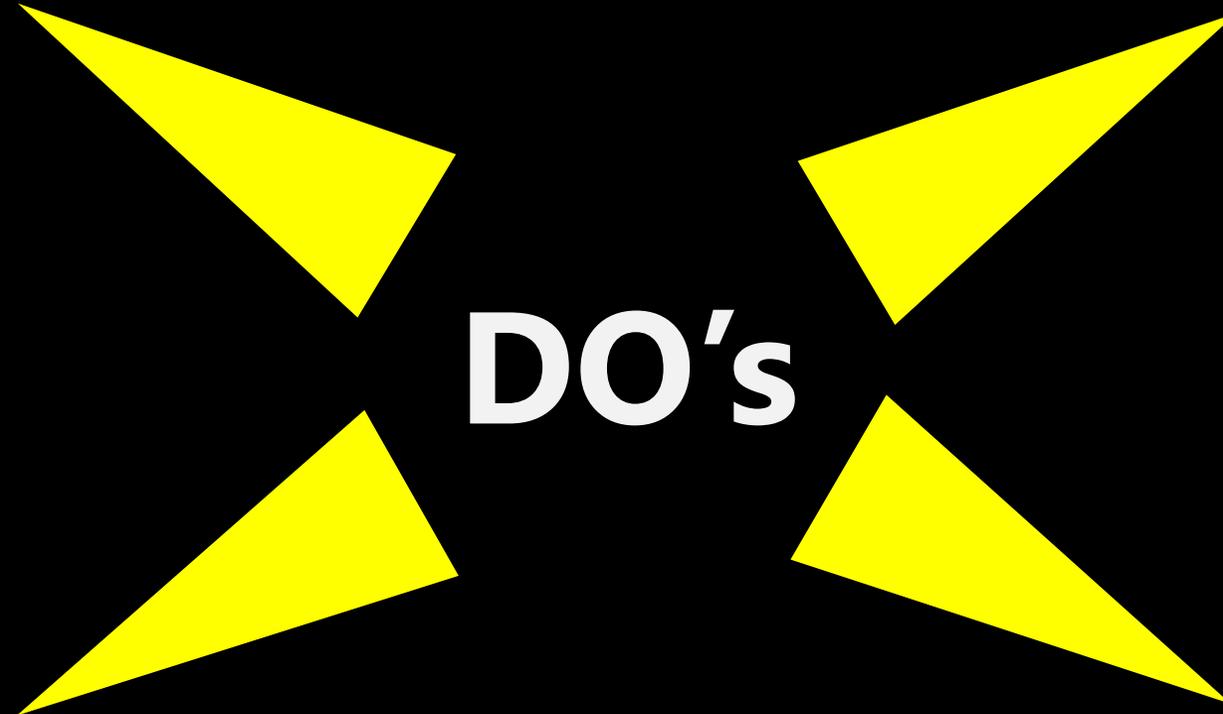
Total US DO's
1990 - 2017²

Who is looking at us?

**Physician
Colleagues**

**Scientific
Community**

DO's

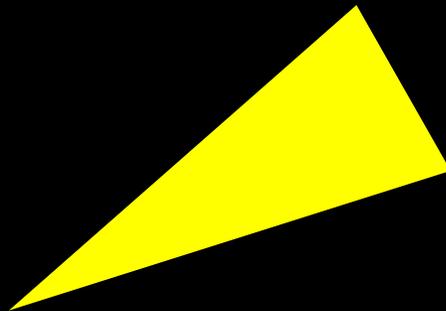


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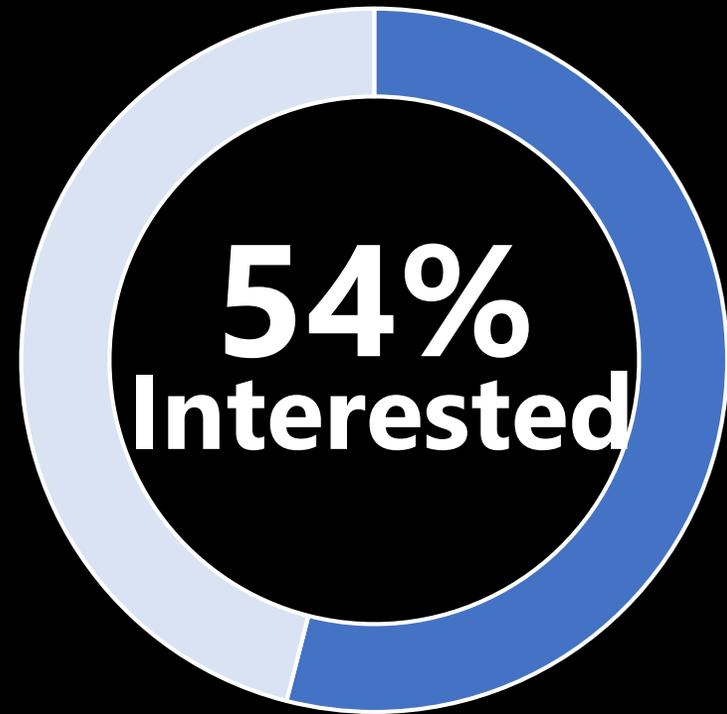
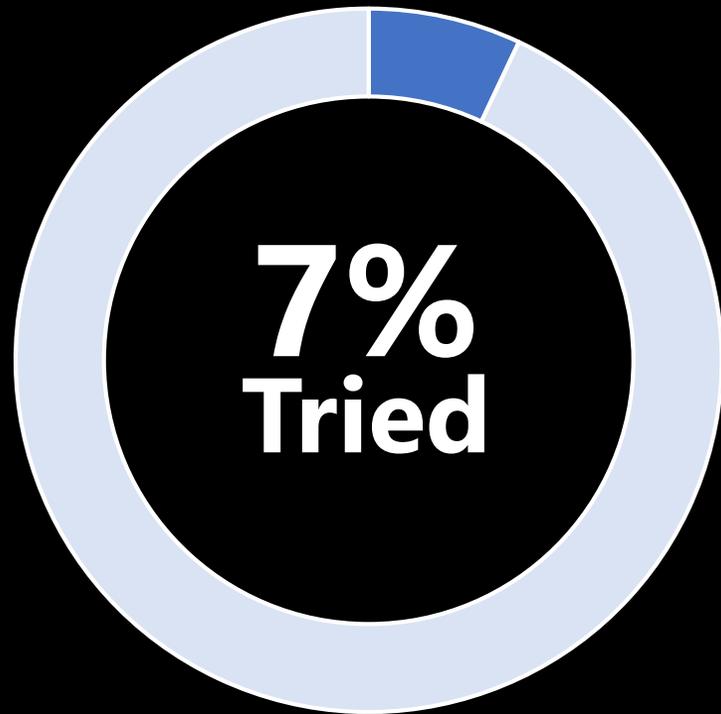
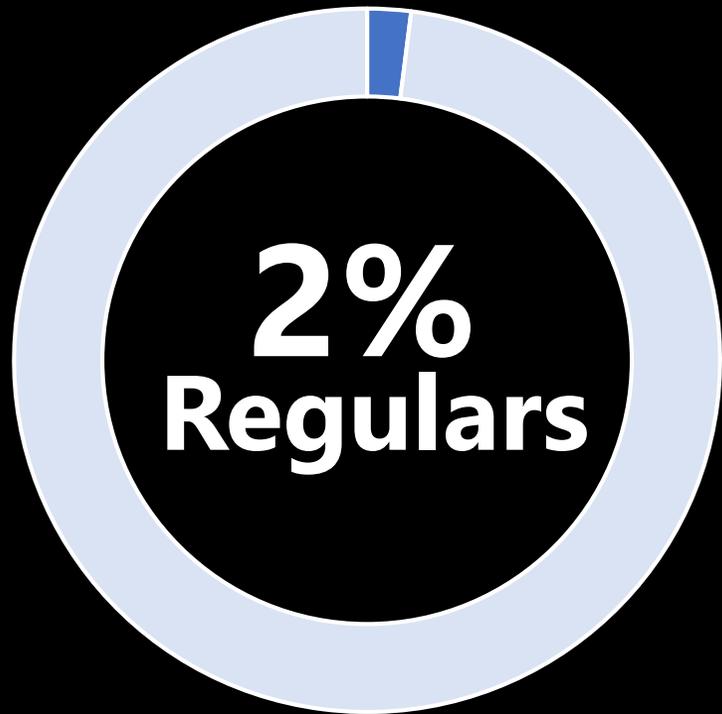
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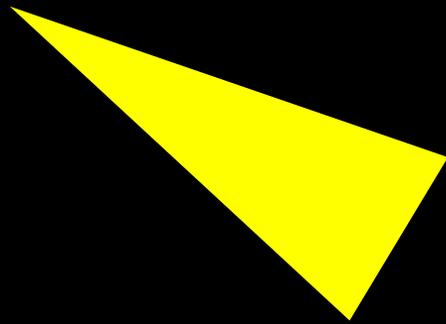
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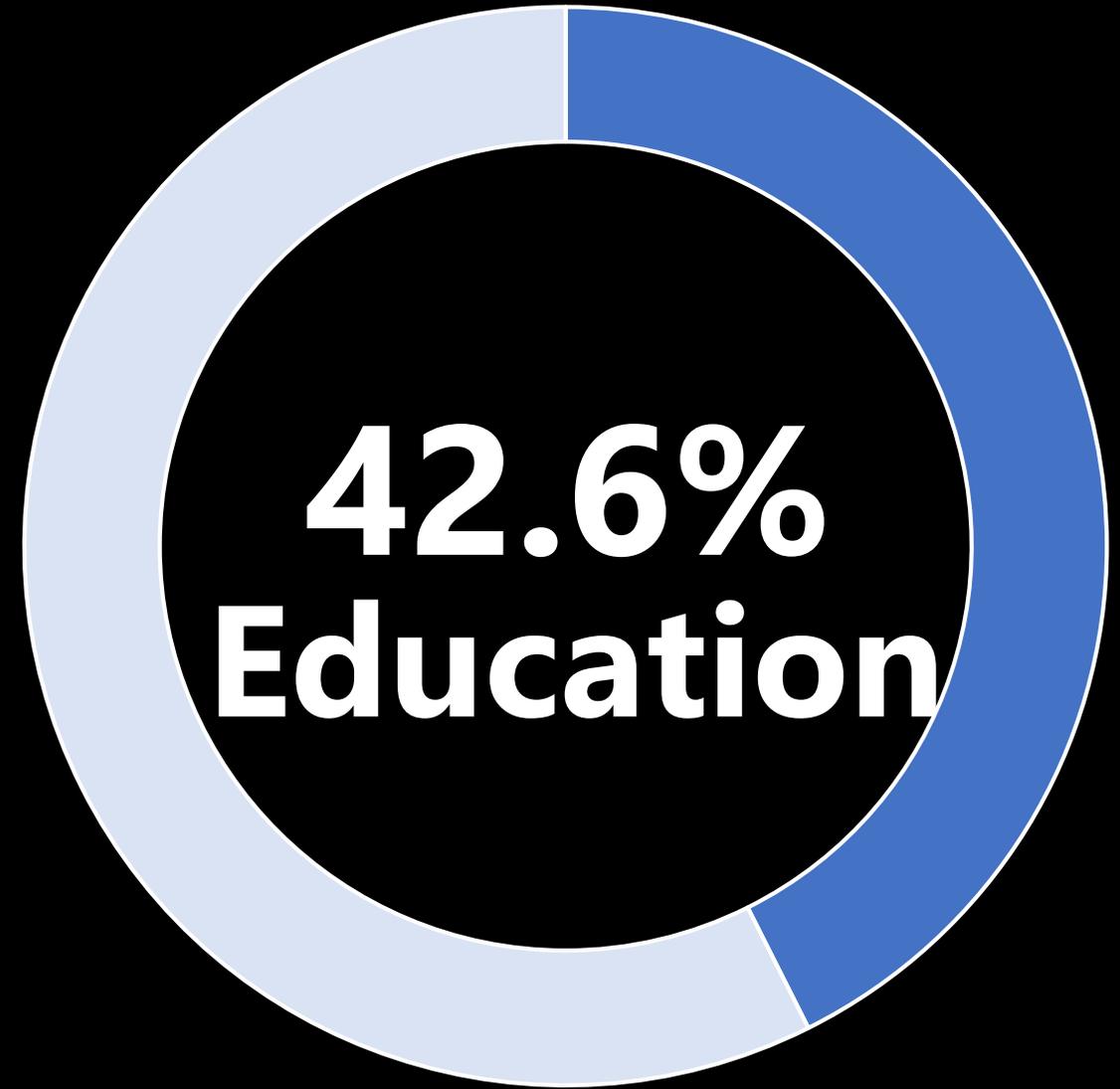
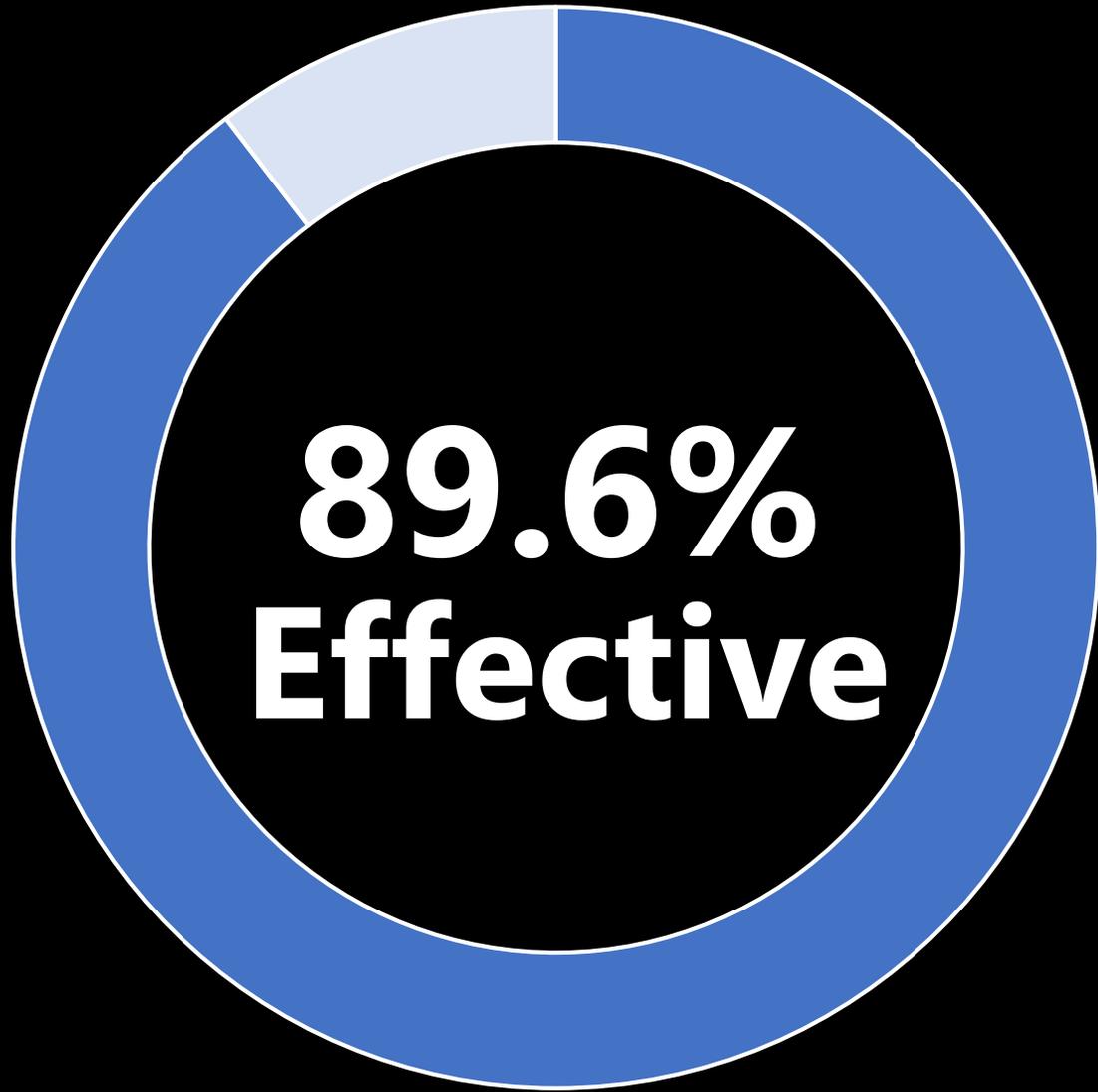
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**Physician
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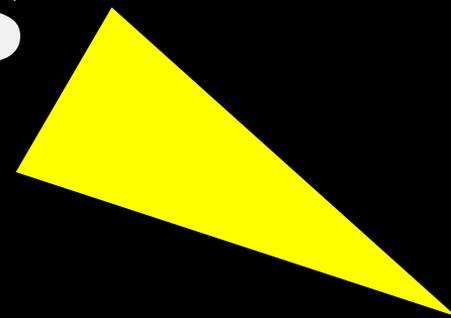
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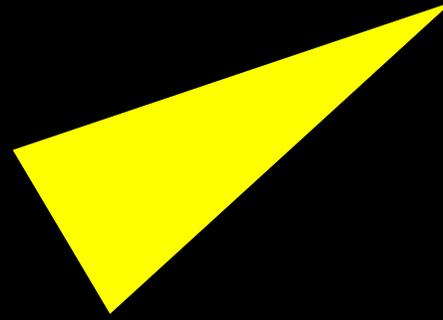
2017: 8,088

DO's



**Prospective
Students**

DO's



**Scientific
Community**

Structure and Distribution of an Unrecognized Interstitium in Human Tissues

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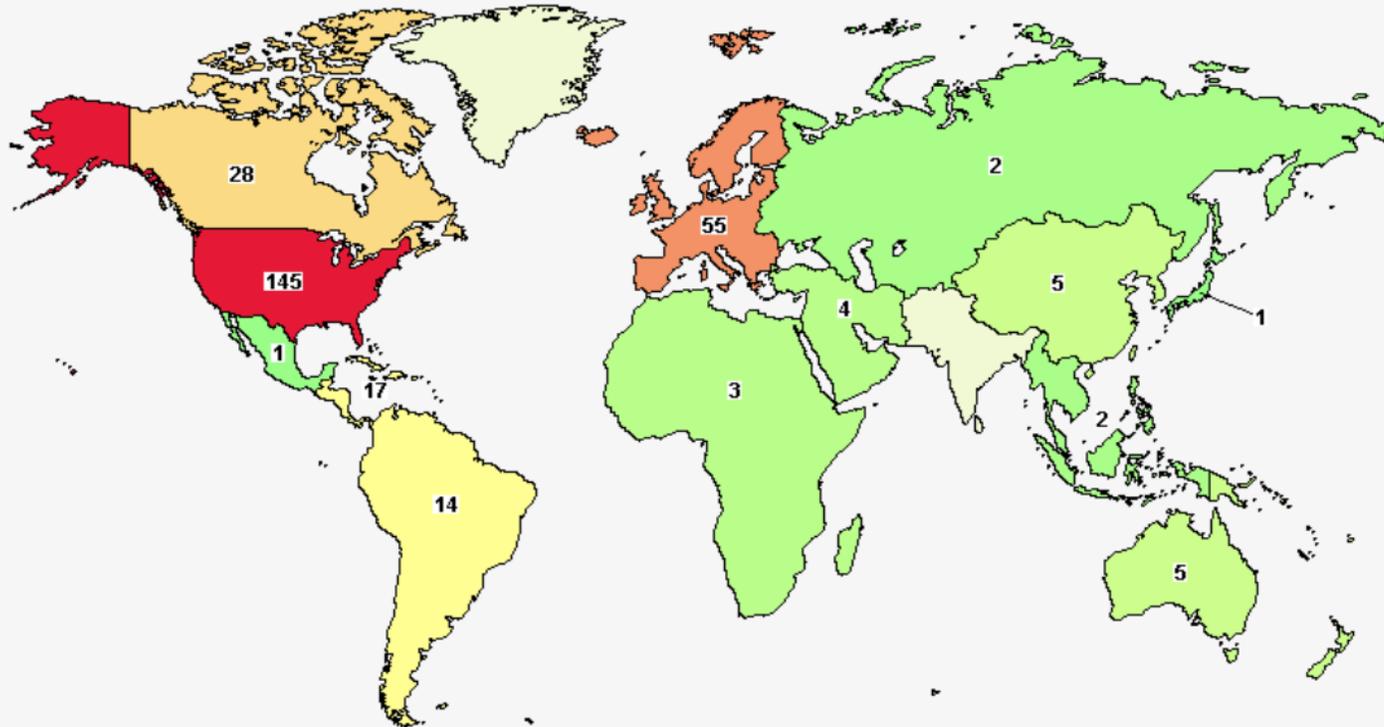
Confocal laser endomicroscopy (pCLE) provides real-time histologic imaging of human tissues at a depth of 60–70 μm during endoscopy. pCLE of the extrahepatic bile duct after fluorescein injection demonstrated a reticular pattern within fluorescein-filled sinuses that had no known anatomical correlate. Freezing biopsy tissue before fixation preserved the anatomy of this structure, demonstrating that it is part of the submucosa and a previously unappreciated fluid-filled interstitial space, draining to lymph nodes and supported by a complex network of thick collagen bundles. These bundles are intermittently lined on one side by fibroblast-like cells that stain with endothelial markers and vimentin, although there is a highly unusual and extensive unlined interface between the matrix proteins of the bundles and the surrounding fluid. We observed similar structures in numerous tissues that are subject to intermittent or rhythmic compression, including the submucosae of the entire gastrointestinal tract and urinary bladder, the dermis, the peri-bronchial and peri-arterial soft tissues, and fascia. These anatomic structures may be important in cancer metastasis, edema, fibrosis, and mechanical functioning of many or all tissues and organs. In sum, we describe the anatomy and histology of a previously unrecognized, though widespread, macroscopic, fluid-filled space within and between tissues, a novel expansion and specification of the concept of the human interstitium.



233 Studies found for: osteopathic

[A similar map is available for all studies in ClinicalTrials.gov](#)

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Spinal manipulation in the treatment of musculoskeletal pain

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INTRODUCTION — Spinal manipulation is a technique used by chiropractors, physical therapists, and osteopathic clinicians, primarily to provide relief for musculoskeletal pain related to the back and neck. It has also been used for other conditions, which are discussed briefly below.

⁷Shekelle P, & Vernon, H. (2018). Spinal manipulation in the treatment of musculoskeletal pain., *UpToDate*. Retrieved Aug 31, 2018, from <https://www.uptodate.com/contents/spinal-manipulation-in-the-treatment-of-musculoskeletal-pain>

SPINAL MANIPULATION — Spinal manipulation is a form of manual therapy that involves the movement of a joint near the end of the clinical range of motion. This movement of the joint is frequently accompanied by an audible cracking or popping sound.

Types of manipulation — Spinal manipulation is classified into one of two forms, depending upon the lever arm used to help the practitioner apply the load necessary for the manipulation:

- The first type includes long-lever, low- to high-velocity, or nonspecific manipulations; this form uses one of the long bones of the limbs (frequently the femur) to amplify the load applied by the clinician's hands to one or several spinal joints.
- The second type includes short-lever, high-velocity manipulations, or specific spinal adjustments; this form involves a short, forceful thrust on a specific vertebral transverse process, thereby moving the specific joint.

Postulated mechanisms of benefit — Several hypotheses have been proposed to explain the benefits of manipulation [\[1,2\]](#):

- Relaxation of hypertonic muscle by sudden stretching
- Disruption of articular or periarticular adhesions
- Unblocking of motion segments that have undergone disproportionate displacements
- Alteration of pain-related reflexes by proprioceptive bombardment
- Changes in central pain pathways
- Reflexive muscle activation due to increased afferent output

Although some research supports each of these hypotheses, there is no convincing evidence proving the pathophysiologic mechanism underlying the benefit of spinal manipulation [\[2\]](#). (Note: reference pertaining to the article)

MD and DO Enrollment Growth 2002-2017⁵

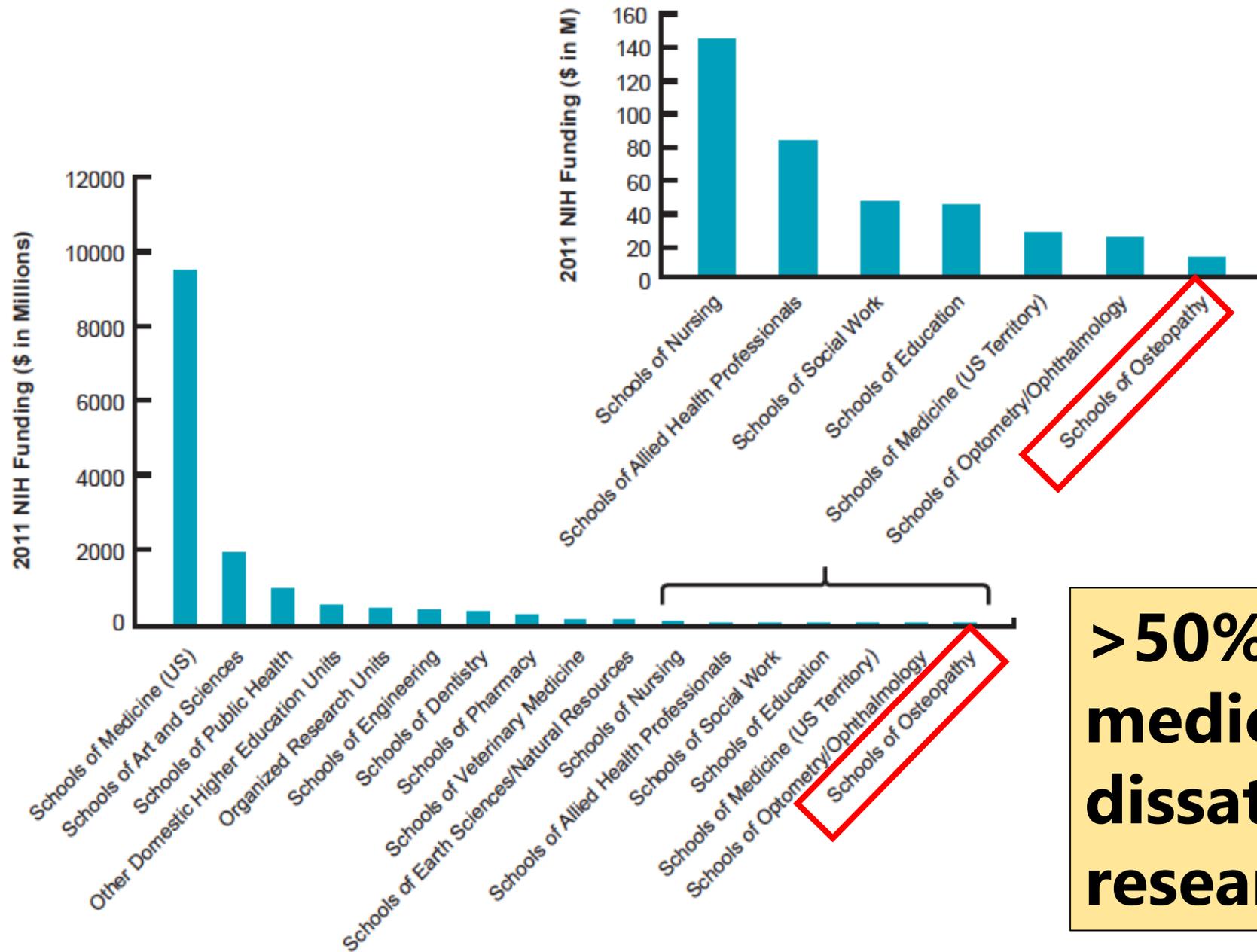
	2002 First Yr Enrollment	2017 First Yr Enrollment	% Increase
MD	16,488	21,338	29
DO	3,079	8,088	163

- **14 new DO schools** since 2002-2003
- **>25%** of U.S. medical students are **osteopathic** medical students

Research Expenditures for Colleges of Osteopathic Medicine in 2004 and 2009⁸

	2004	2009	% Change
Total no. of faculty	1,445	1,733	19.9%
Total research expenditures	41.567	58.600	41.0%
Total award amount^A	115.169	216.621	88.1%
Total no. of awards	450	665	47.8%
Average amount per award^A	0.208	0.268	28.8%

^A Millions of U.S. Dollars; 2004 amounts adjusted for inflation.



> 50% of Osteopathic medical students are dissatisfied with lack of research opportunities⁹

Figure: NIH Research Funding sorted by educational institution type (2011).⁹

1990's

EVIDENCE BASED MEDICINE

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Schematic diagram of components of evidence-based medicine



**Primary
Research
Systematic
Reviews
Summaries &
Guidelines**

Evidence-based medicine [EBM] is the care of patients using the best available research evidence to guide clinical decision making. The focus is upon applying the results of research involving patients and important clinical outcomes (eg, death, symptoms). Evidence-based medicine is meant to complement, not replace, clinical judgment tailored to individual patients. Similarly, evidence-based medicine and the delivery of culturally, socially, and individually sensitive and effective care are complementary, not contradictory."

¹⁰Evans, AT., & Mints, G. (2018). Evidence-based medicine., *UpToDate*. Retrieved Aug 31, 2018, from <https://www.uptodate.com/contents/evidence-based-medicine>.

We all know about OMT and....

- ✓ Pneumonia
- ✓ Otitis Media
- ✓ Tension Headaches
- ✓ Asthma
- ✓ Post-operative pain
- ✓ Parkinson's Disease
- ✓ Sprains
- ✓ Carpal tunnel
- ✓ Shoulder pain

We all know about OMT and



✓ **LOW BACK PAIN**

Results of OMT of LBP show conflicting evidence

OMT & Low Back Pain: The Bad/Ugly Reviews

- “Although some **results are promising**, the efficacy of manipulation has not been convincingly shown” (N=1421)¹¹
- “..there is **high quality evidence** that spinal manipulative therapy has a small, statistically significant but not clinically relevant, short-term effect on pain relief and functional status compared to other interventions” (N=6070)¹²
- “SMT is no more effective for acute low back pain than inert interventions, sham SMT or as adjunct therapy. SMT also seems to be no better than other recommended therapies.” (N=2674)¹³
- “It remains unclear whether the **benefits of osteopathic manipulative treatment** can be attributed to the manipulative techniques themselves or whether they are *related to other aspects of osteopathic manipulative treatment, such as range of motion activities or time spent interacting with patients, which may represent placebo effects.*” (N=91)¹⁴
- “..one trial concluded that [OMT] was similar in effect to a sham intervention, and the other study suggests similarity of effect between osteopathic intervention, exercise, and physiotherapy” (N=330)¹⁵
- “..a total of five of the 16 RCTs showed that OMT is effective for musculoskeletal pain (MSP) and 11 showed no difference between OMT and controls ... The evidence is therefore inconclusive”¹⁶

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OMT & Low Back Pain: The Good Studies & Reviews

- Pain reduction (N=109)¹⁷, (N=455)¹⁸, (N=525)¹⁹, (N=1502)²⁰
- Improves functional ability (N=1502)²⁰
- Better outcomes than NSAIDs (N=101)²¹
- Cost effective (N=1334)²², (N=201)²³
- Safe (N=455)¹⁸
- Helps pregnant/post-partum patients (N=144)²⁴, (N=5121)²⁵

What do we offer?

- Real time: evaluation → intervention → response
- Goal: address causes (remote?) not symptoms
- Comprehensive, cost-effective, less invasive
- Focus on patient function and self-correction/healing
- Enhanced patient rapport and satisfaction²⁶

"PRIMUM NIL NOCERE"

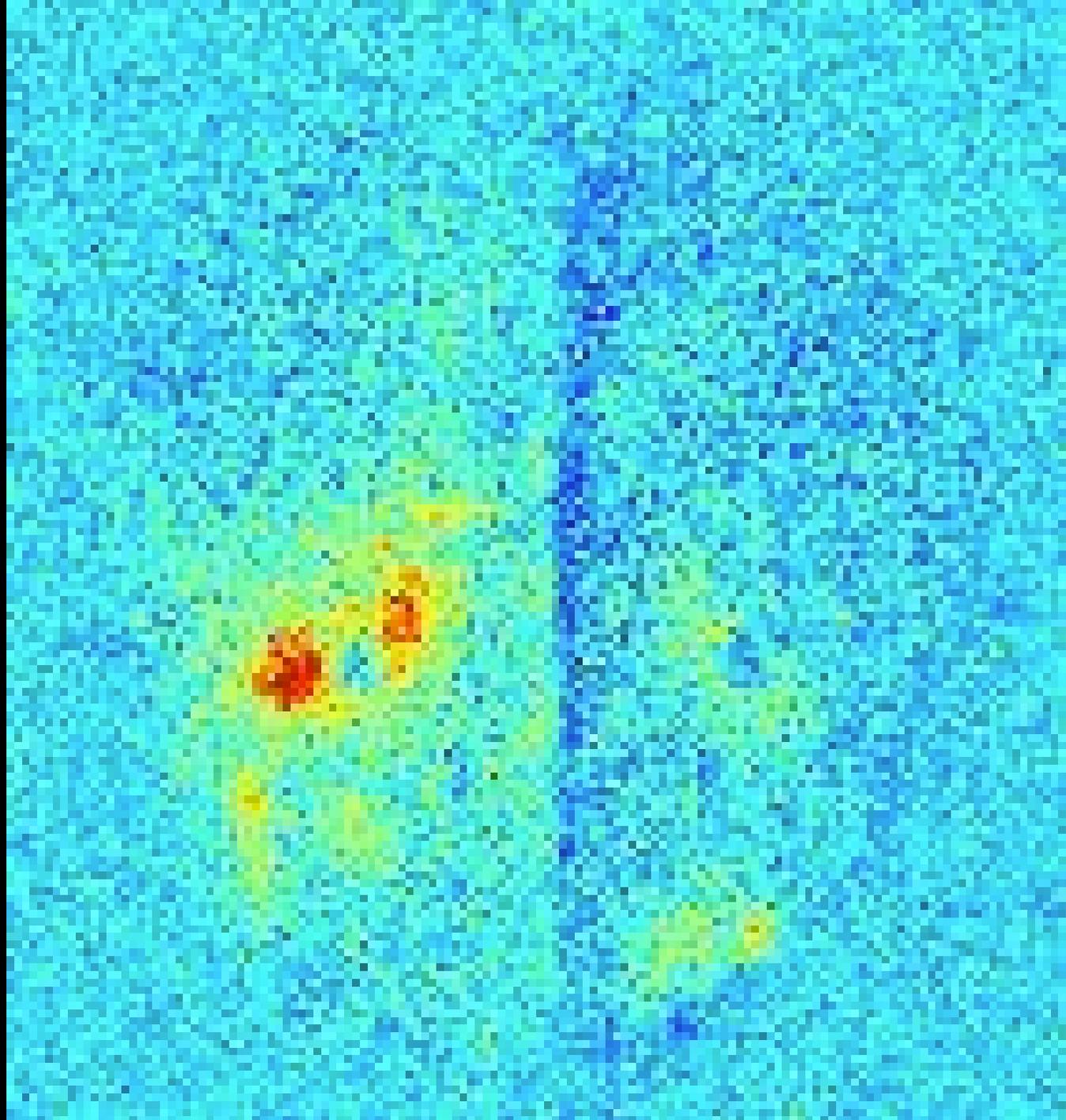
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PATIENTS



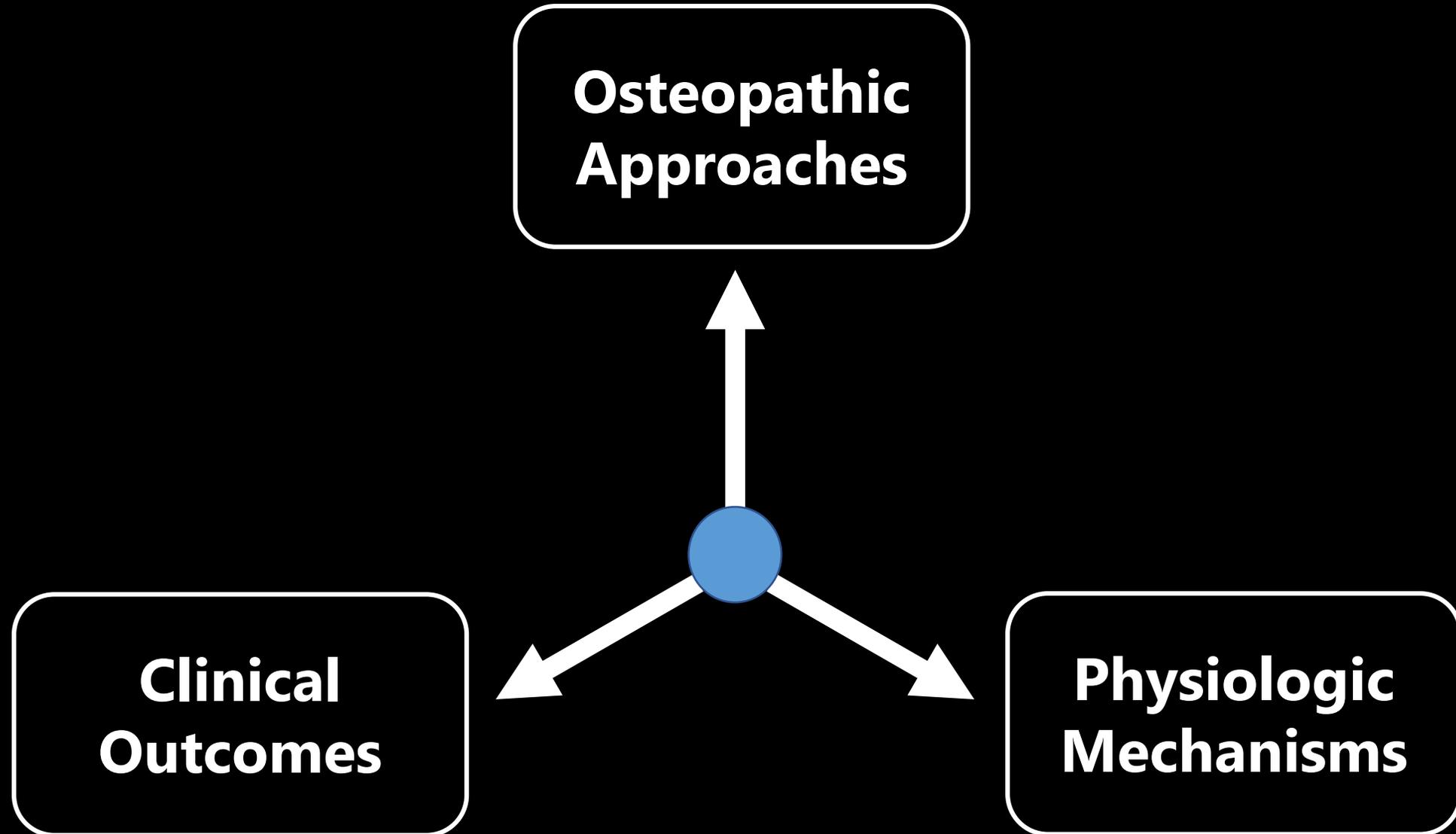
HEALTH SYSTEM

**Where do we go
from here?**



Courtesy of
Raddy Ramos,
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Future directions of osteopathic research



Physiologic Mechanisms

- Biomechanics
- Neuroimmunology
- Electric medicine
- Imaging studies
(e.g. in vivo)
- Tissue, textures &
skin change
measurements

Osteopathic Approaches

- Principles & Tenets of Osteopathic Medicine
- "Making Connections"
- "Conscious-Unconscious Continuum"
- Novel-unconventional ideas ('challenge us!')
- "Is there a uniquely osteopathic medical approach?"

Osteopathic Approaches



“What I do know is that when I put my hands on a patient as part of a comprehensive physical exam, I begin to evolve a line of questioning that isn’t entirely conscious. I pick up information in my hands that guide the questions I next need to ask.”

Philip E. Greenman, DO, FAAO

Clinical Outcomes

- Population & Systems based studies
- Stratification of disorders
- Social Determinants of Health
- Global Health
Satisfaction: Patient, Physician, Society

**Physiologic
Mechanisms**

**Osteopathic
Approaches**

**Clinical
Outcomes**

vis-à-vis

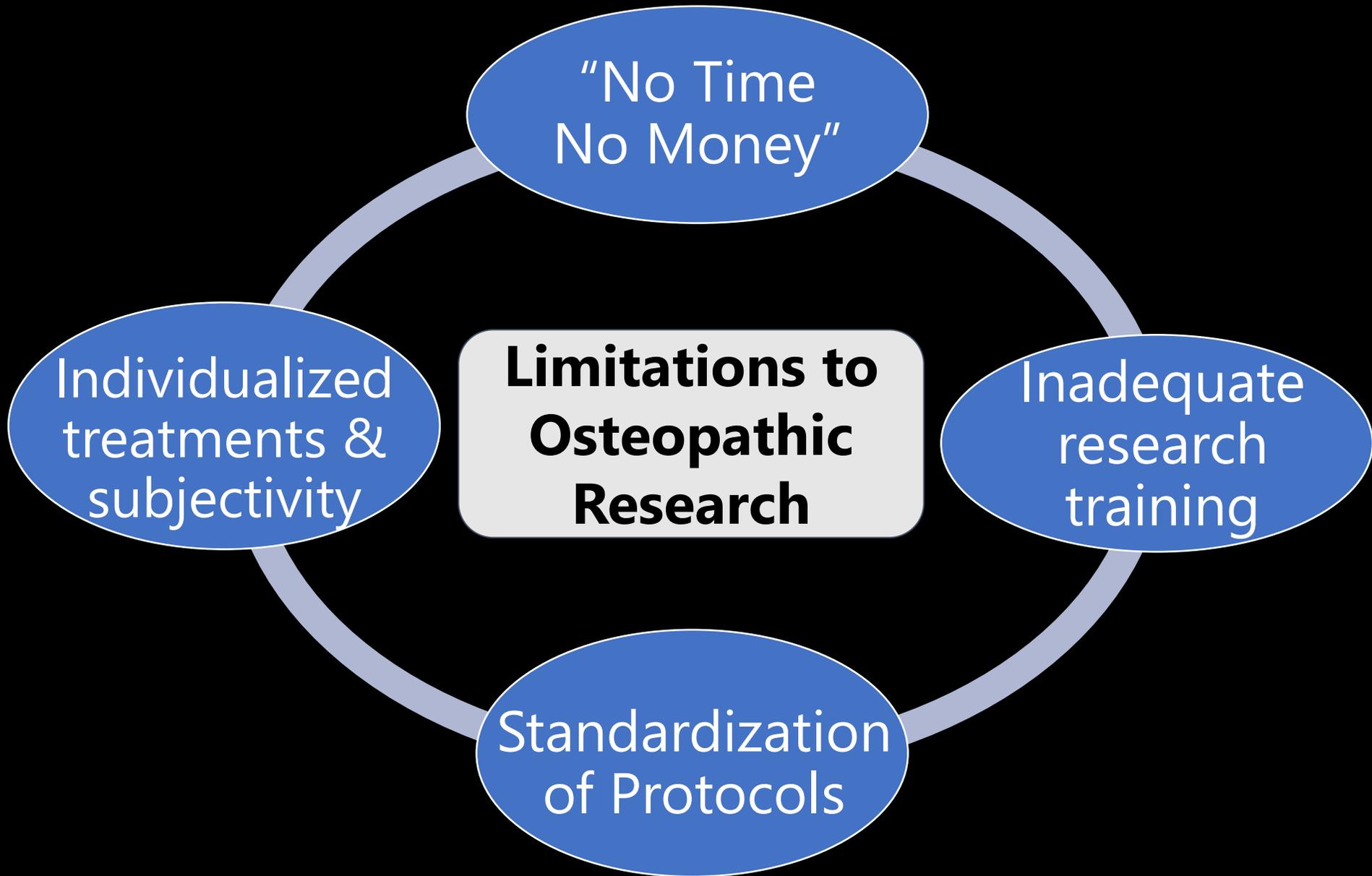
**Objectively
verifiable data
& Reproducible
results**

QUALITY

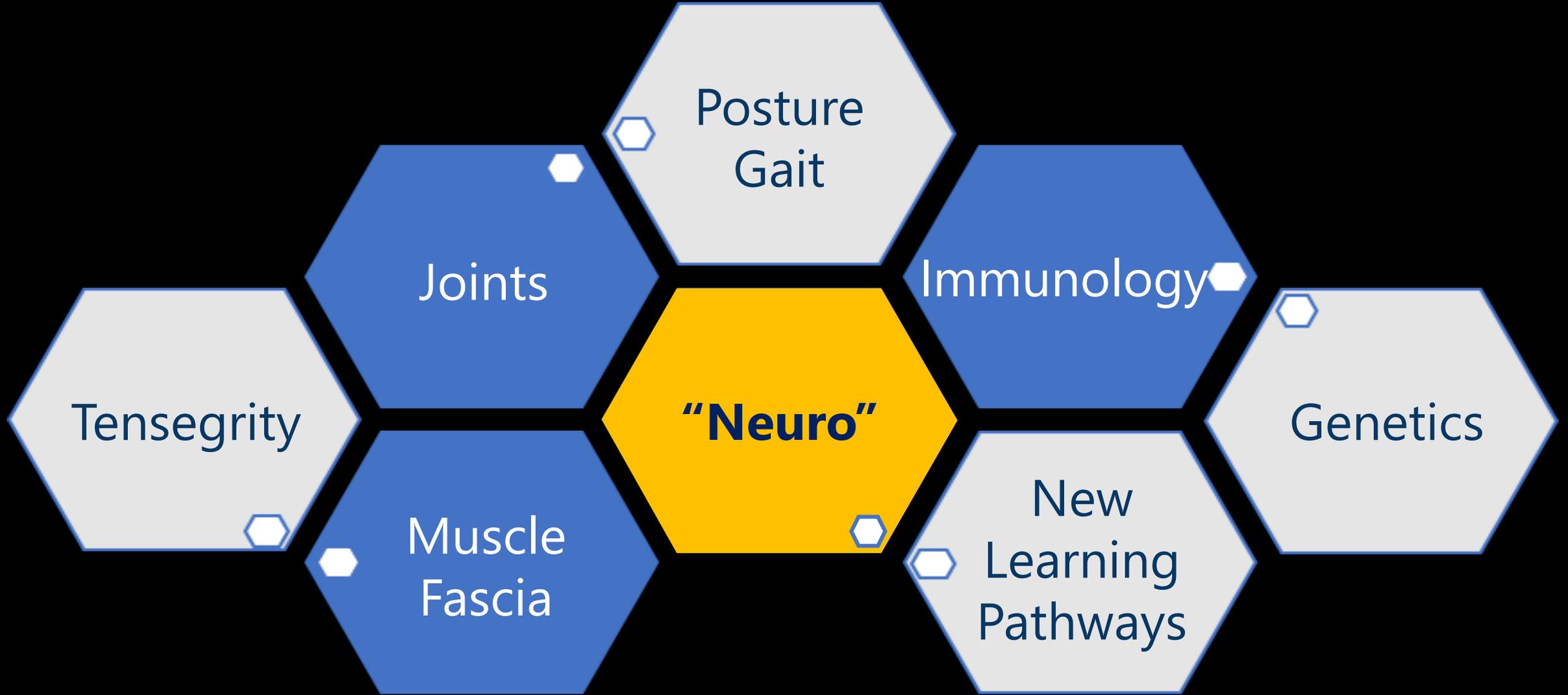
COST

ACCESS

CHALLENGE: Find new paradigms & ways of scholarly investigation that work & meaning



**Are you ready for a
paradigm shift?**



Posture
Gait

Joints

Immunology

Genetics

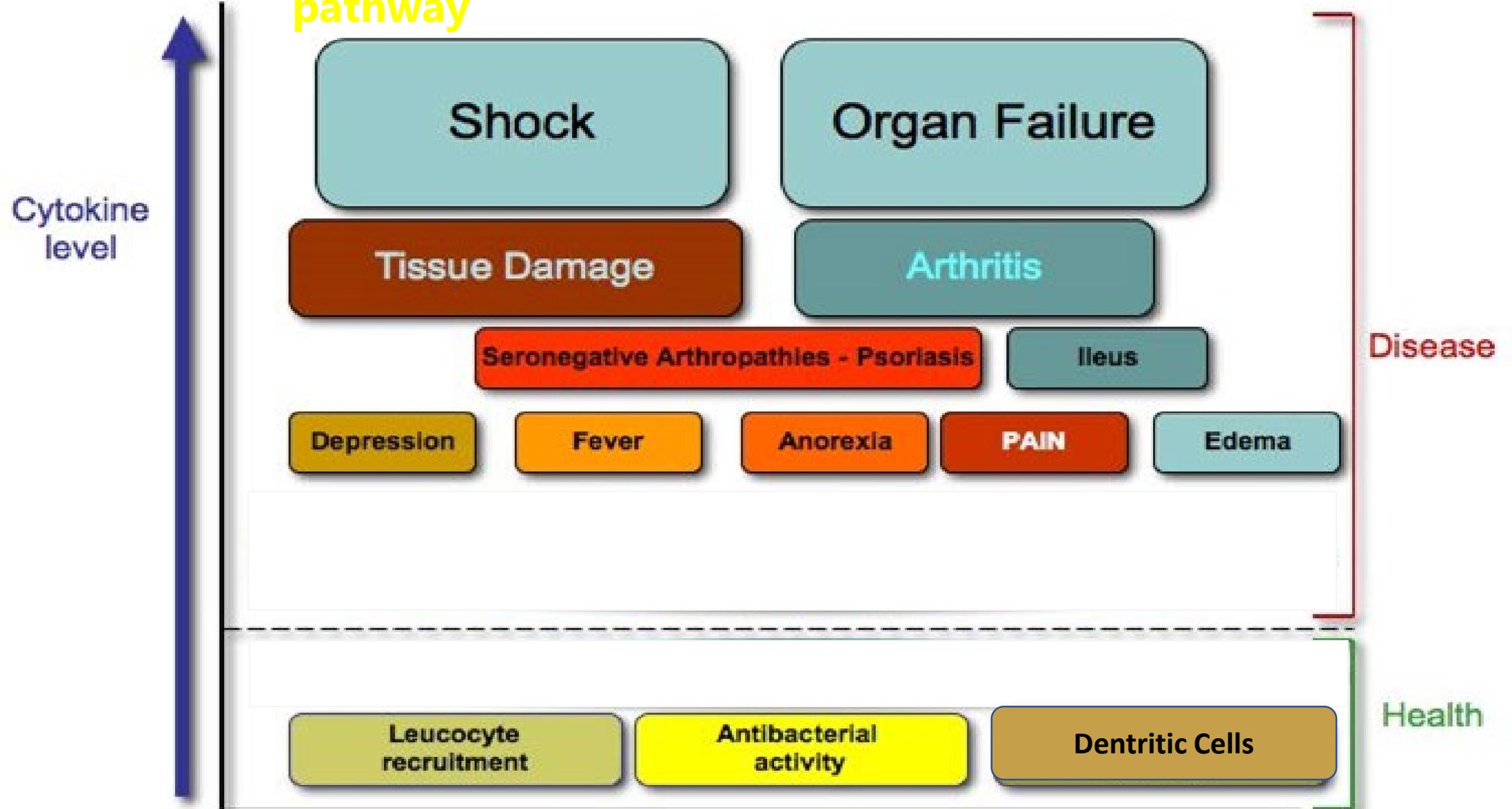
"Neuro"

New
Learning
Pathways

Muscle
Fascia

Tensegrity

"The cholinergic anti-inflammatory pathway"



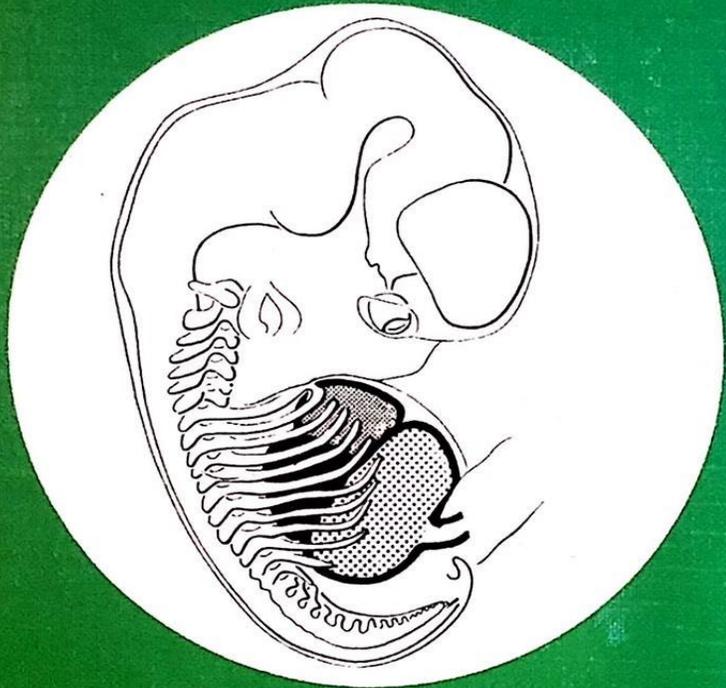
**Molecular Medicine
Meets
Manual Medicine:
“Genomics”**



“...Ultimately, when it comes to Osteopathic Manipulation I could foresee a time when variants are identified that correlate with, say, risk for somatic dysfunction, where studies could be designed to see how OMT could proactively reduce that risk and move OMT from a secondary/tertiary modality to a genetically personalized primary preventive modality...”

David Tegay, DO - Clinical Geneticist

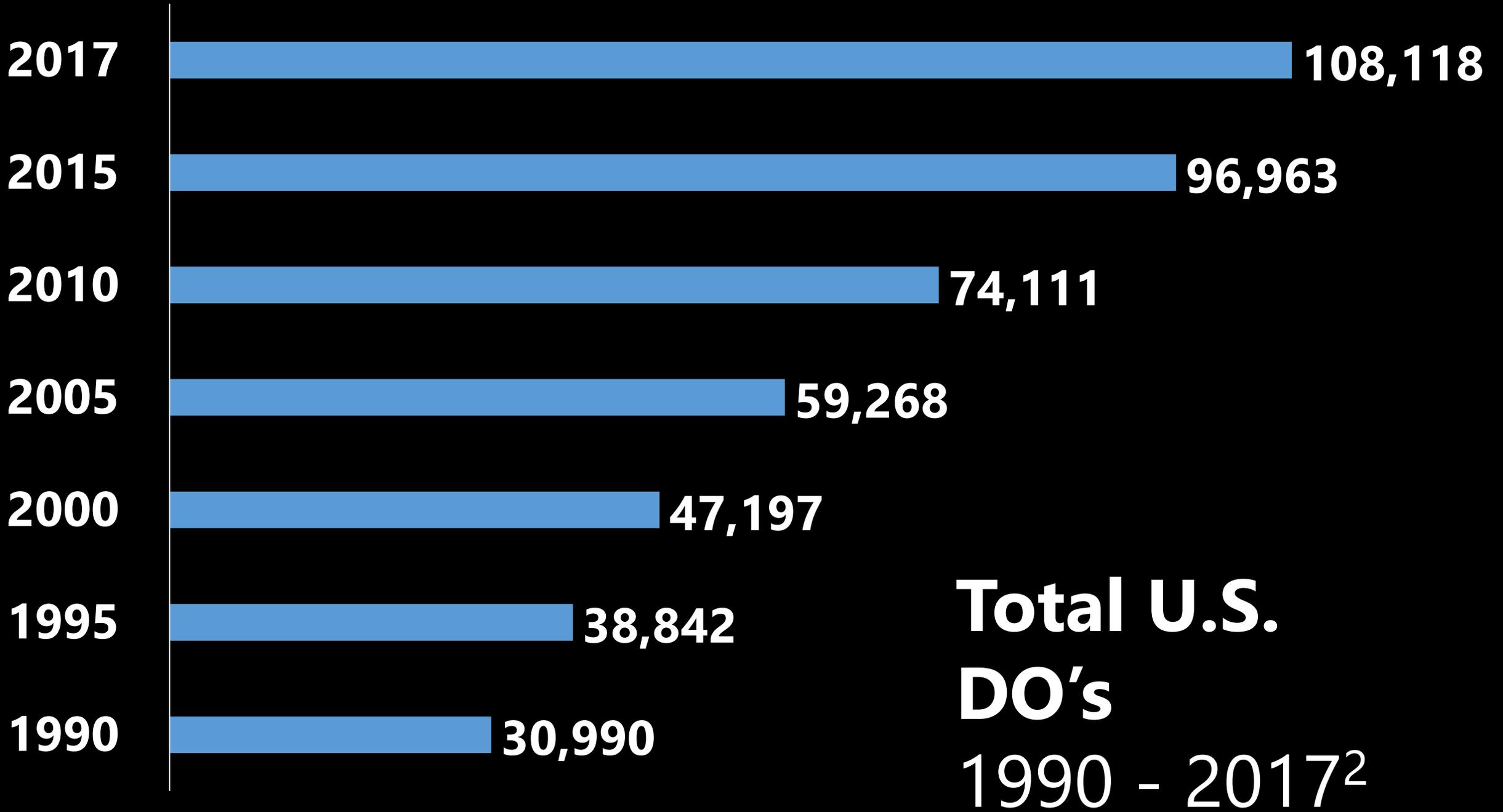
Erich Blechschmidt
Anatomie und Ontogenese
des Menschen



“It appears that when we use our hands, we develop a set of ‘tool-consciousness’, wherein we actually find that the hands perform some sort of ‘thinking’ along the entire process of doing....”

“...this has never been really explicitly studied...”

Erich Blechschmidt, MD



**Total U.S.
DO's
1990 - 2017²**

“What generally is overlooked is the positive economic impact physicians have on their communities and affiliated hospitals*”

Philip Miller, Merritt

Hawkins

**'The National Economic Impact of Physicians Report' (AMA March 2018)²⁹*

**\$1.4 million (17
jobs/benefits)**

**\$1.5 million (net
revenue)**

**\$2.3 trillion (economic output
by physicians)**

Moving from “we say so” → “let’s do so”

Creating the **LEARNING ORGANIZATION**

- 1) Open Systems Thinking – Permeable
- 2) Individual learning is integrated & systematized
- 3) Learning and outcomes occur in teams
- 4) New creative approaches to old problems
- 5) Shared vision and coherent values with clear implementation strategies (that actually work!)

Peter M. Senge: *The fifth discipline* (1993)

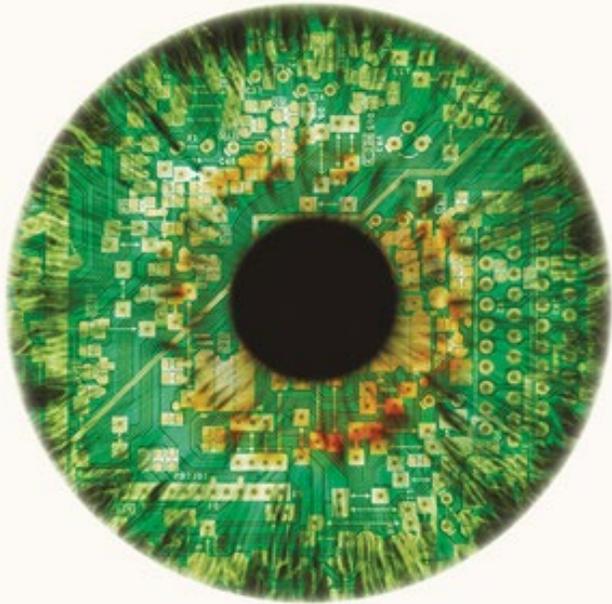
***From ONTOLOGY to PHENOMENOLOGY**

“Whatever theoretical approach you take to change, converting your theories into practice will be a tough challenge”

Trisha Greenhalgh (2011)

'A Financial Times Book of the Year'

RICHARD DANIEL
SUSSKIND SUSSKIND



THE FUTURE OF THE PROFESSIONS

HOW TECHNOLOGY WILL TRANSFORM
THE WORK OF HUMAN EXPERTS

“The traditional role of a professional as a gatekeeper to exclusive information in a certain field is long over.”

What's next?

“Professionals need to be prepared to go with the flow to ensure they stay relevant in our modern world. Technology is a tool to make knowledge more accessible: it helps

Future Invitations... may look like this

- Eliminate complacency
- Create new, 'best-fit' research methodologies – new paradigms?
- Single GME accreditation system: opportunity vs resistance
- Inclusive, open minded community: students & patients & public
- Technology: support vs supplant
- Research/scholarly activities are major drivers

Summary

The scientific method and evidence-based clinical outcomes must adhere to **THREE RULES** in order to assure both the SCIENCE and ART of Medicine:

RULE 1: Guidance before Guidelines

(patient & population are the focus)

RULE 2: Outcomes before Revenue

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Summary

RULE 3: There is only rule (1) & (2)

FUTURE





JAZZ





**Individual
Patient**

Physician Role

PUBLIC



We've Got This!



“COMMUNITER
VINCIMUS*”

*Osteopathic Medical Student

We've Got This!

Theory

We've Got This!

Practice

We've Got This!

BEST Practice



BALANCE



MOTION

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Never loose sight of the fact
that the only excuse for our ex-
istance is our ability to adjust
the various tissues of the body. The
success of any Osteopathic Physician
depends upon his perfection in doing
just that.

Perrin T. Wilson D. O.

Thank you!

Thank you!

Questions?

Comments?

Concerns?

THE END!

FIN!

ENDE!

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