



American Osteopathic College
of Occupational & Preventive Medicine

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Exclusive Member Pricing on OMED24!

Join us at AOCOPM's [Annual Educational Conference held in conjunction with OMED24](#), September 20-22 at the Henry B. González Convention Center in San Antonio, Texas. Make sure to click the link above to see the AOCOPM's awesome agenda!

AOA Members who Register AND Reserve a Hotel Room June through July 31 will receive the special promotional price of only \$675! Added Bonus: The first 500 AOA members who take advantage of this exclusive promotion will receive two \$15 food vouchers to utilize at the convention center.

If you miss the June through July 31 promotion, AOCOPM Members can still receive \$100 discount on OMED24 registration beginning August 1st. Members, you must login to see the [discount code](#) page.

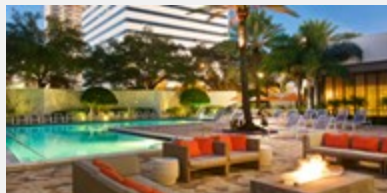
[Register for OMED24](#)



DOT FMCSA NRCME Course offered LIVE

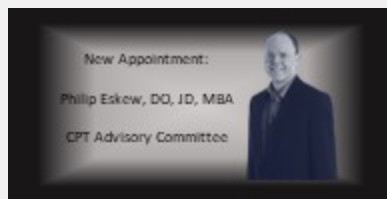
The [OPAM Workshop: Department of Transportation, Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, National Registry of Certified Medical Examiners' Course](#) will be offered as a pre-conference workshop on Thursday, September 19, 2024.

Registration (\$450 for AOCOPM members and \$550 nonmembers) is available through the OMED24 link above.



Save the Date for 2025 Midyear Conference!

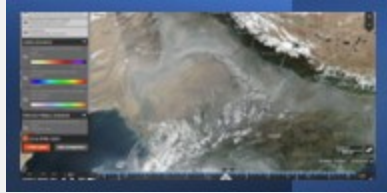
Join us next April 10-13 for the 2025 Midyear Educational Conference in St. Petersburg, Florida! More information will be available soon: <https://www.aocopm.org/my25>



Dr. Eskew Appointed to Serve on the AMA CPT Editorial Panel

Philip Eskew, DO, JD, MBA, the current AOCOPM Membership Chair, has been appointed to serve as the AOA's representative on the [AMA CPT Editorial Panel](#).

CPT Editorial Panel members provide unparalleled expertise and knowledge of [the process](#) that sustains CPT as a preeminent medical coding set. Panel members volunteer their time in their professional capacity to maintain CPT content and support the coding demands of a modern health care system. The rigorous editorial process run by the Panel keeps the CPT code set current with advances in medical science and technology so it can fulfill its vital role of being the trusted language of medicine.



NASA Air Quality Data Could Inform Knowledge of Respiratory Risks

by Neil Osterweil
via Medscape

In a special symposium held at the [American Thoracic Society \(ATS\) 2024 International Conference](#), NASA health and air quality specialists described the use of space-based systems and earth science applications to improve understanding of respiratory health risks worldwide and to help enrich pulmonary research with galaxies of data.

https://www.medscape.com/viewarticle/nasa-air-quality-data-could-inform-knowledge-respiratory-2024a10009uw?ecd=wnl_dne10_240529_MSCPEDIT_etid6553858&uac=349327MR&impID=6553858



Volunteer Opportunities for Doctors

by Jennifer Nelson
via Medscape

https://www.medscape.com/slideshow/volunteer-opps-for-docs-6017020?ecd=WNL_physrep_240518_MSCPEDIT_roundup_etid6526167&uac=349327MR&impID=6526167#1



FAA Expands Antidepressants

Additional medications have been added as allowed for special issuance consideration, representing an additional class of antidepressant medications beyond SSRIs. This change, along with the addition of Wellbutrin (a Dopamine/Norepinephrine-Reuptake Inhibitor) on 05/31/2023, has resulted in the FAA's SSRI Protocol being renamed the Antidepressant Protocol.

https://www.faa.gov/ame_guide/app_process/exam_tech/item47/amd/antidepressants



High-altitude Health Care: Navigating In-flight Medical Emergencies

by Darren Dillard, DO
via The DO

The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) has a list of [medical equipment](#) that is required to be on every aircraft, which is listed in a table below. While it may be helpful to be familiar with these supplies, it is important to note what is **not** present in the medical kits as well.

<https://thedo.osteopathic.org/2024/05/high-altitude-health-care-navigating-in-flight-medical-emergencies/>



Basic Course in Occupational Medicine at AOA Online Learning

AOCOPM sponsors a [Basic Course in Occupational & Environmental Medicine](#) designed to provide a basic understanding and expertise in the areas of occupational & environmental medicine while preparing participants to take a written examination qualifying for an AOA-approved, [Certificate of Added Qualification \(CAQ\)](#). For those participants who do not hold a primary AOA board certification, a certificate of course completion is offered. Thus, our primary audience is AOA-certified physicians working to obtain the CAQ; but the course also offers value to other MDs, DOs, PAs, and Advanced Practice Nurse Practitioners.

The Course is presented in three (3) parts, which do not need to be taken in sequence. For the convenience of the faculty and participants, one part is normally provided at one or both of the two conferences presented by the AOCOPM each year (almost always at the Midyear in March or April, and sometimes offered at the Annual conference held in conjunction with [OMED](#) in September or October). The parts are also offered at [AOA Online Learning](#).^{*} Each part is a full day didactic program and requires a separate registration.

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