



American Osteopathic College
of Occupational & Preventive Medicine

AOCOPM News, April 2025



Genetic Information Nondiscrimination Act

As a response to conversations at the 2025 Midyear Educational Conference held in St. Petersburg, Florida last week, Dr. Eskew sent us his thoughts on GINA.

[Thoughts on GINA, Phillip M. Eskew, DO, JD, MBA, FAOCOPM](#)

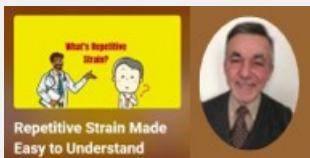


National Osteopathic Medicine Week

Follow #NOMWeek to join the celebration: April 14-20, 2025

National Osteopathic Medicine (NOM) Week celebrates nearly 200,000 osteopathic physicians (DOs) and medical students who bring a distinctive whole-person philosophy to caring for millions of patients across the nation. This year's NOM Week theme, "Honoring our Past, Building our Future," recognizes the [150th anniversary of osteopathic medicine](#). First established in 1874, the osteopathic profession has evolved through the years to become one of the fastest-growing segments of health care, making up more than 11% of physicians and 28% of medical students in the U.S. today.

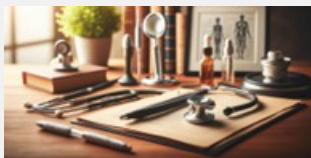
If you're active on social media, consider sharing. <https://osteopathic.org/about/aoa-events/nom-week/nom-week-marketing-toolkit/>



Member Spotlight: Dr. Thomas McCoy

Dr. Thomas McCoy's areas of expertise include training as an osteopathic physician, rehabilitation medicine specialist, occupational medicine specialist and certification as a professional ergonomist. Practicing medicine during the rise of repetitive strain led to the development of a physical capacity laboratory in Maine. It also produced multiple small grants to teach workers and providers about the nature of the problem and the role of design in health and disability. Articles, a patent, and an audio program ensued. Now retired, Dr. McCoy devotes his time to studying and teaching about work-related musculoskeletal disorders and the role of design in work and recovery. You can watch his educational series about Repetitive Strain on his YouTube channel.

https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLVH5GXIE6OCWn0AIrvhU2td9U83ZSooy_



Clinical Practice Guidelines, Quarterly Update

via Medscape

New Clinical Practice Guidelines are published quarterly after evaluation of guidelines recently released in the United States and internationally by major medical groups and organizations. Following systematic review, evidence-based recommendations are provided in an abbreviated format, with particular attention paid to specific areas of patient care such as workup, diagnosis, and treatment. For more extensive information and to review the recommendations in their entirety, see the reference(s) provided for each Clinical Practice Guideline and the resource(s) contained within.

https://reference.medscape.com/features/guidelines?ecd=WNL_drugguidelines_250317_MSCPREF_traf_etid7291826&uac=349327MR&implID=7291826



AOA Bureaus, Committees and Councils

The application for 2025-26 volunteer leadership applications on AOA bureaus, committees and councils will be open April 1-30, 2025.

AOA President-elect Robert G.G. Piccinini, DO, D.FACN, will appoint volunteer leaders to serve on important governance bodies that help shape AOA programs and policies.

[View BCC descriptions](#)

Appointment notifications will be sent via email in August 2025.

Please contact nominations@osteopathic.org with any questions.



OPAM Workshop: Basic Course in Occupational Medicine, Part I has been *Updated*

The [OPAM Workshop: Basic Course in Occupational Medicine, Part I](#) has been updated and is now available 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.



Call for Leadership!

The American Osteopathic College of Occupational and Preventive Medicine (AOCOPM) needs dedicated officers and leaders to champion the growth of our Osteopathic Occupational and Preventive Medicine specialties. Serving on our Board doesn't just mean lending a hand—it's about shaping the future of public health, prevention, and our dynamic community of professionals.

Our mission? To provide high-quality education in occupational, environmental, and preventive medicine, and to empower our members to take the lead—both within AOCOPM and across other organizations focused on prevention. If you'd like to learn more about our Board and Officers, check out the AOCOPM [Committees](#) page. Want to chat directly with someone on the Board? Visit our [Leadership page](#) (you'll need to log in since we keep personal contact info private) or simply reach out to the [AOCOPM office](#) with any questions.

Ready to take a big step toward advancing our specialties? Join us to make a real impact on health and prevention—become an AOCOPM officer or Board member and help set the course for the future.

Let us know you're interested: [Future Leader](#)

NOTE: The Board has an immediate vacancy to fill due to Dr. Birchfield's appointment to the AOBPM. His [Trustee](#) term will be fulfilled at the end of 2025.

Save the Date for OMED25

Join us in Nashville, September 25-28, 2025, for our Annual Educational Conference held in conjunction with [OMED25](#)!



Save the Date for DO Day 2026

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- **Virtual:** Saturday, March 21 and Sunday, March 22
- **In-person:** Wednesday, March 25 and Thursday, March 26
- The Westin Arlington (Arlington, VA)
- Hotel room rate: \$264 per night plus tax

2024 Midyear Educational Conference Now Online

The 2024 Midyear Educational Conference is now available on demand at AOA Online Learning: <https://aoaonlinelearning.osteopathic.org/mod/page/view.php?id=8221>

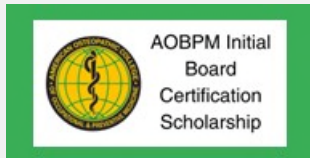
AOCOPM Member [Discount Code](#) is in the Member Center.

OMED24 Self-Study Available

Occupational and Preventive Medicine content from OMED24 is now available as a self-study course: https://aoa.coursehost.net/course/omed2024/self-study#open_675

See all of AOCOPM's CME offerings at: <https://www.aocopm.org/cme-events>





Board Scholarships Available

Important update: For completion of OCC Component 3, AOBPM is now offering Longitudinal Assessment, which replaces the written exam for Aerospace Medicine, Occupational/Environmental Medicine and Public Health/Community Medicine, as well as in the CAQ of Occupational Medicine

Learn more: <https://certification.osteopathic.org/preventive-medicine/>

Please send your pictures (with captions) from the 2025 Midyear Educational Conference to share in next month's newsletter!

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(You can post on AOCOPM's social media, too)

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