



American Osteopathic College  
of Occupational & Preventive Medicine

## AOCOPM News, August 2025

Save the Date for the [AOCOPM 2026 Midyear Educational Conference and OPAM Workshop: Basic Course in Occupational Medicine, Part III!](#) March 19-22, 2026, North Charleston, South Carolina



### Two Weeks Left to Submit Comments on OSHA/MHSA Proposed Rulemakings

Submitted by Scott Everson, DO, MPH

- OSHA is proposing to remove some medical evaluation requirements in the Respiratory Protection Rule for certain types of respirators. This proposed change would only impact filtering facepiece respirators and loose-fitting powered air-purifying respirators.

Respirator Protection Rule Federal Register link is [here](#).

- OSHA proposes to clarify its interpretation of the General Duty Clause, [29 U.S.C. 654\(a\)\(1\)](#), to exclude from enforcement known hazards that are inherent and inseparable from the core nature of a professional activity or performance.

General Duty Clause Federal Register link is [here](#).

**Comment Deadlines:** Comments can be made directly to the respective agencies, and comment periods will close on or before **September 2, 2025**.



### Screen All with Hypertension for Primary Aldosteronism

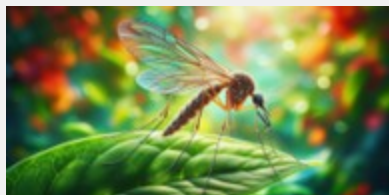
via MedScape  
by Miriam E. Tucker

All individuals with hypertension should be screened for primary aldosteronism (PA), according to a new clinical practice guideline from the Endocrine Society.

The recommendation is to screen everyone with hypertension by measuring aldosterone and renin and to use the aldosterone to renin ratio to guide clinical care with either medication or surgery. Potassium should also be measured to aid in aldosterone interpretation.

Mineralocorticoid receptor antagonists (MRAs) are the preferred medical treatment.

[https://www.medscape.com/viewarticle/screen-all-hypertension-primary-aldosteronism-2025a1000img?ecd=mkm\\_ret\\_250726\\_mscpmrk\\_neph\\_BP-Kidney\\_etid7589431&uac=349327MR&impID=7589431](https://www.medscape.com/viewarticle/screen-all-hypertension-primary-aldosteronism-2025a1000img?ecd=mkm_ret_250726_mscpmrk_neph_BP-Kidney_etid7589431&uac=349327MR&impID=7589431)



## WHO Issues First Global Arbovirus Guidelines

via MedScape  
by Giuliana Miranda

With over 5.6 billion people at risk, the World Health Organization (WHO) has released its first global guidelines for the clinical management of four major arboviral infections: dengue, chikungunya, Zika virus, and yellow fever.

[https://www.medscape.com/viewarticle/who-issues-first-global-arbovirus-guidelines-2025a1000jo8?ecd=WNL\\_trdalrt\\_pos1\\_250728\\_etid7602551&uac=349327MR&implID=7602551](https://www.medscape.com/viewarticle/who-issues-first-global-arbovirus-guidelines-2025a1000jo8?ecd=WNL_trdalrt_pos1_250728_etid7602551&uac=349327MR&implID=7602551)



## Make Mentorship Connections

The Emerging DO Platform is a digital hub designed to connect, support, and empower osteopathic medical students, residents, and early-career physicians. this platform offers:

- **Residency Program Insights** – Access key details about programs, read alumni experiences, and participate in discussions with current and former residents.
- **Mentorship Network** – Connect with experienced DOs for guidance and career support through our mentorship program. As part of your participation, join the Digital Health Innovation (DHI) Special Interest Group that we lead.

Sign up today: <https://app.mentorloop.com/signup/7MC6fbrgpX4z9iLLR>



## OMED25 Preview: AOCOPM's Sessions

View the [AGENDA](#) for AOCOPM'S Annual Educational Conference held in conjunction with OMED, September 25-28, 2025, for our Annual Educational Conference held in conjunction with [OMED25](#)! AOCOPM Members may use the \$100 [discount code](#) (Members must login).

Hope to see you in Nashville!

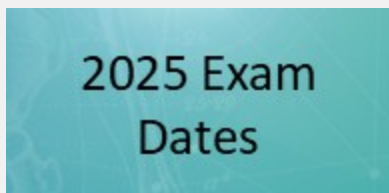
<https://omed.osteopathic.org/register-now/>



## Register Now for the DOT FMCSA NRCME Course, September 25, 2025, Nashville, TN

AOCOPM will also be offering the [OPAM Workshop: Department of Transportation, Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, National Registry of Certified Medical Examiners' Course](#) as a LIVE pre-conference workshop on September 25th.

You may [register for the DOT Course alone](#), or when you [register for OMED](#).



## Upcoming Examination Dates

The following dates and application deadlines have been announced for the upcoming AOBPM certification exams. For more information or to register for an upcoming exam, visit [certification.osteopathic.org/preventive-medicine](https://certification.osteopathic.org/preventive-medicine). All exam applications can be found on the [new AOA Certification Portal](#). *Login required.*

### **Occupational Medicine CAQ (Certificate of Added Qualification) Exam**

**Exam date: Oct. 15, 2025**

Certification level: [Certificate of Added Qualification \(CAQ\)](#).

First deadline: Sept. 5, 2025

Final deadline: Sept. 15, 2025 (Late fee: \$360)

Full exam fee: \$1,200

Details: Eligible physicians must hold an active board certification from any [AOA certifying board](#) and be participating in osteopathic continuous certification (OCC) through that board.

The CAQ is an added qualification to one's board certification and requires passing an online multiple-choice exam every 10 years. The CAQ is not a board certification on its own. To renew, physicians must participate in the written exam six months before their expiration date. Both initial CAQ applicants and recertifying CAQ holders sign up for this exam.

### **Aerospace Medicine Written Exam**

**Exam date: Oct. 15, 2025** *Virtual*

Certification level: Primary Specialty Certification

First deadline: Sept. 5, 2025

Final deadline: Sept. 30, 2025 (Late fee: \$240)

Full exam fee: \$800

[View eligibility and exam requirements.](#)

### **Aerospace Medicine Oral Exam**

**Exam dates: Oct. 15-18, 2025** *Virtual*

Certification level: Primary Specialty Certification

First deadline: Sept. 5, 2025

Final deadline: Sept. 15, 2025 (Late fee: \$240)

Full exam fee: \$800

[View eligibility and exam requirements.](#)

### **Occupational/Environmental Medicine Written Exam**

**Exam date: Oct. 15, 2025** *Virtual*

Certification level: Primary Specialty Certification

First deadline: Sept. 5, 2025

Final deadline: Sept. 30, 2025 (Late fee: \$240)

Full exam fee: \$800

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### **Public Health/Community Medicine Written and Oral Exams**

Applications opening soon for Spring 2026 exams.

[View eligibility and exam requirements.](#)



## Nominations Open!

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

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.

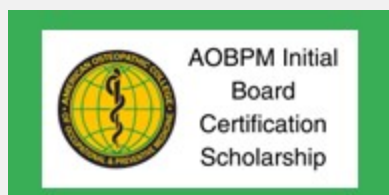
Ready to take a big step toward advancing our specialties? Join us to make a real impact on health and prevention—become an AOCOPM officer or Board member and help set the course for the future.

Let us know you're interested: [Future Leader Self-Nomination Form](#)

## Board Scholarships Available

AOCOPM now offers full scholarships for first-time takers of the initial AOBPM certification exams.

Learn more: <https://www.aocopm.org/aobpm-scholarship>



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### Did We Miss Something?

### Do You Have News to Share?

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

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