



American Osteopathic College  
of Occupational & Preventive Medicine

## AOCOPM News, February 2026



### Outstanding Agenda for 2026 Midyear Conference!

[Midyear Conference](#) attendees will earn 17-21 AOA 1A CME credits with presentations covering all three divisions, Occupational and Environmental Medicine, Public Health and Preventive Medicine, and Aerospace Medicine. Thursday will include an Occupational Medicine Grand Rounds at the Wando Welch Terminal in Mount Pleasant. Lunch will be provided for conference registrants.

The Basic Course in Occupational Medicine, Part III will begin on Saturday afternoon and finish on Sunday afternoon. Midyear Conference attendees may attend the Saturday presentations of the Basic Course.

Please do review the [Agenda](#)!

**February 26th is the cutoff date for the hotel block as well as Earlybird registration.**

- Midyear Conference, Thur-Sat, Mar 19-21, 2026. *Includes an Occupational Medicine Grand Rounds with the Port Authority.*
- OPAM Workshop: Basic Course in Occupational Medicine, Part III, Sat-Sun Mar 21-22, 2026.

[Register Now](#) for MY26



### High-Sensitivity C-Reactive Protein (hsCRP) May Be More Predictive of Cardiovascular Disease Than Cholesterol

via MedScape  
by Sara Novak

Doctors have long looked at certain risk factors including blood pressure, cholesterol, diabetes, smoking, and family history to predict a patient's risk for cardiovascular disease. But increasingly, another lesser known biomarker, known as high-sensitivity C-reactive protein (hsCRP), seems to play an important role in whether a patient is at risk for a heart attack or [stroke](#).

[https://www.medscape.com/viewarticle/this-biomarker-may-be-more-predictive-cardiovascular-disease-2026a10001tf?ecd=WNL\\_trdalrt\\_pos1\\_260120\\_etid8042194&uac=349327MR&impID=8042194](https://www.medscape.com/viewarticle/this-biomarker-may-be-more-predictive-cardiovascular-disease-2026a10001tf?ecd=WNL_trdalrt_pos1_260120_etid8042194&uac=349327MR&impID=8042194)



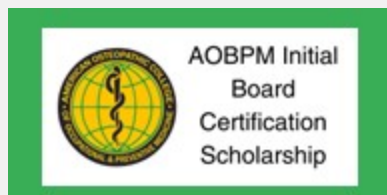
## Make Mentorship Connections

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>

AOCOPM also maintains a list of members who have volunteered to be mentors. You may [sign up](#) to be a mentor or mentee. You may also search the [mentor directory](#).



## 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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