



American Osteopathic College
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Welcome 2026 AOCOPM Board of Trustees

Please welcome the 2026 Board of Trustees, sworn in at the Annual Business Meeting on January 15, 2026.

Leadership page:

<https://www.aocopm.org/AOCOPM-leadership-2026>

Members may access contact information through [Member Center](#).



Ends February 26 is the Deadline for Earlybird Registration

The AOCOPM [2026 Midyear Educational Conference and OPAM Workshop](#): Basic Course in Occupational Medicine, Part III will be in North Charleston, South Carolina.

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.
- Preview the [AGENDA](#)

[Register Now](#) for MY26



Analysis of Recognized Occupational Infectious Diseases in Germany Between 2018 and 2023

via JOEM

by Kästner, Carolyn DVM; Taeger, Dirk; Schneider, Stephanie; Behrens, Thomas MD, MPH; Esmann, Lars MD

Key Findings

- 71.5% of cases occurred in healthcare, welfare, or laboratory settings
- Parasitic diseases (57%) and tuberculosis (35%) were the predominant infections in these sectors
- *Borrelia burgdorferi* (Lyme disease) was the most common zoonotic pathogen (41-58% of cases)
- *Plasmodium falciparum* (malaria) accounted for 52% of tropical disease cases

Conclusion

Most occupational infections are not vaccine-preventable, requiring focus on organizational controls, engineering measures, and infection control practices rather than pharmaceutical interventions.

https://journals.lww.com/joem/fulltext/2025/12000/analysis_of_recognized_occupational_infectious.15.aspx



Fellow Applications

AOCOPM would like to recognize its leaders. Please review the fellow application requirements to see if you qualify: <https://www.aocopm.org/fellow-faculty-requirements>



Register for DO Day 2026

DO Day is a unique opportunity to hone your advocacy skills, meet your members of Congress and shape health policy. Join us in building something greater than ourselves that connects with why you went into osteopathic medicine. Amplify your voice, help drive meaningful policy change, and make an impact on osteopathic medicine, our practices and our patients' lives. Learn about effective advocacy, network with like-minded colleagues and apply what you learn back in your local district.

View the [preliminary conference program](#) for more details.

Here's what you get when you [register for DO Day 2026](#):

- Virtual conference: March 21-22, 2026.
- In-person on Capitol Hill: March 25-26, 2026.
- Both options allow you to earn up to 12 credit hours of CME.
- Special tracks for physicians, affiliate leaders and early career medical professionals.

On-demand recordings through June 2026.

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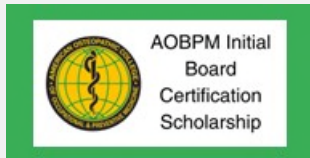
Make Mentorship Connections

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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