



GERMANY

Osteopathic Medicine

The scope of practise for a licensed physician in osteopathic medicine in Germany is unlimited. A foreign physician may apply for licensure with the regional medical authorities, the Health Ministry, which represents the state in which the applicant intends to work. The regional state health ministry has information regarding the types of medical providers needed in that area and therefore grants work permits to licensed physicians depending on the specialty of the foreign physician.

Osteopathic physicians in Germany are fully licensed with at least 6500 hours in medical school 6 years, at least 7000 hours in specialty training, which is 3 to 6 years, plus at least 700 hours of training in manual medicine and osteopathy before attaining their degree. German physicians who have obtained the degree designation Dr. med., and who have completed their medical education and specialty training in areas such as general practise, orthopaedics, neurology, internal medicine, etc. can earn a Diploma in Osteopathic Medicine, either a DO-DAAO from the DAAO (German-American Academy for Osteopathy), a DOM™ from the DGOM (German Society of Osteopathic Medicine), or an MDO (Medical Doctor of Osteopathy) from the DGCO (German Society for Chirotherapy and Osteopathy) if additional educational requirements are met. The additional education includes a 320-hour program in manual medicine and an additional minimum of 380 hours in osteopathic medicine, which together makes a minimum of 700 hours. The osteopathic medicine course is limited to physicians only.

General Contact for Physicians:

Minister of Health
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Statutes/Regulations:

There are presently no statutes or regulations defining the practise of osteopathic medicine or osteopathy in Germany. Regulations are currently being developed in both professional areas. The federal ministry has determined that the regulation of osteopathic medicine falls under the responsibilities of the states' medical societies.

Schools of Osteopathic Medicine

There are no schools of osteopathic medicine like in the USA presently in Germany. Osteopathic medicine is an additional qualification that a physician in Germany attains after completion of his/her medical school and speciality medicine training. The osteopathic training is offered by scientific societies which are registered as medical speciality societies. The following schools grant additional qualification in osteopathy.

DAAO (German-American Academy for Osteopathy), which is part of the MWE (German society of manual medicine MWE). The teaching program is 320 hours manual medicine and 380 hours Osteopathic medicine. The program is open to MDs only and leads to the DO-DAAO degree.

DGOM (German Society for Osteopathic medicine) which is an independent osteopathic society. The teaching program is 320 manual medicine and 456 hours in osteopathic medicine. The program is open to MDs only and leads to the DOM™ (Diploma of Osteopathic Medicine)



DGCO (German Society for Chirotherapy and Osteopathic medicine) which is a society for chirotherapy and osteopathy. The teaching program is 320 hours in manual medicine and 380 hours in osteopathic medicine. The program is open to M.D.s only and leads to the MDO (Medical Doctor of Osteopathy)

Organisations/Associations:

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European Register of Osteopathic Physicians

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