



## **Partner Profile:**

### **American Academy of Osteopathy (AAO)**

The AAO is a non-profit membership organization to Doctors of Osteopathy, established in 1937. The mission is to teach, advocate, and research the science, art and philosophy of osteopathic medicine, emphasizing the integration of osteopathic principles, practices and manipulative treatment in patient care. The AAO employs approximately 7 full-time staff. Its membership consists of 5,903 student and 1,591 active members for a total membership of 7,494 from all over the United States.

The AAO is a resource of educational excellence on osteopathy. It serves the osteopathic medical profession as an advocate, resource and guide in policy making and standard setting. The AAO facilitates programs promoting collaborative efforts that further OPP/NMM research and training, and provides a source for fellowship for those interested in OPP/NMM. The AAO fosters an environment of mentoring for physicians, physicians in training and students of osteopathy to accomplish the following goals:

- To foster a measurable change in the training of osteopathic interns and residents that enables them to improve their skills and utilization of osteopathic manipulative medicine.
- To advocate universal recognition of the separations of OMT procedures from Evaluation and Management (E/M) services as an osteopathic standard of care, and thus influence appropriate reimbursement policy.
- To promote and participate in collaborative efforts to foster OPP/NMM research and research training.
- To expand the Academy's role as a viable medical specialty organization that serves the needs of physicians interested in OPP and NMM/OMM.

The AAO's major activities include medical education courses, books and member resources, including 2 categories for international membership: associate and affiliate.

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