

OSTEOPATHIC ACCREDITATION IN THE US

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PRESENTATION OUTLINE

- Educational Pathway for US Osteopathic Physicians
- Licensure Requirements to Practice Medicine and Surgery
- Accreditation of undergraduate medical education (UME)
- Accreditation of graduate medical education (GME)
 - Creation of a Single Accreditation System for GME (DO and MD) in the US
 - Growth in US Colleges of Osteopathic Medicine
 - Adequacy of GME training positions
- Accreditation of Continuing Medical Education (CME)



US EDUCATIONAL TIMELINE (DO and MD)



YEARS

Undergraduate College
(Bachelor's Degree)



YEARS

Medical School



YEARS (or more)

Graduate Medical
Education

US LICENSURE REQUIREMENTS (UNDER AUTHORITY OF INDIVIDUAL STATES)

- Graduation from accredited medical school (DO or MD)
- Completion of accredited GME Training (1, 2, or 3 years)
- Passage of National Licensure Examinations – Cognitive and Clinical

ONGOING LICENSURE REQUIREMENTS

- Continuing Medical Education (CME)

“MARKET” REQUIREMENTS BEYOND LICENSURE

- Board Certification in specialty

UNDERGRADUATE MEDICAL EDUCATION ACCREDITATION

- DO degree granting institutions accredited by AOA Commission on Osteopathic College Accreditation (COCA)
- MD degree granting institutions accredited by Liaison Committee on Medical Education (LCME)
- COCA and LCME have deemed authority by the US Government (US Dept. of Education)
 - COCA requirements for approval of new schools and increase in class size of existing schools include, “the COM must demonstrate educational planning and noted progress in generating postdoctoral training opportunities”
- COCA accreditation standards may be found [here](#)

GRADUATE MEDICAL EDUCATION ACCREDITATION

- Historically, two major recognized GME accreditors:
 - AOA
 - Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME)
- In 2014, agreement to establish a new single accreditation system for GME



THE NEW, SINGLE ACCREDITATION SYSTEM FOR GME



- Five year transition underway (2015-2020)
- MDs and DOs eligible for all training positions
- Benefits of a single GME system
 - Consistent methods of evaluation and accountability
 - Enhanced opportunities for trainees
 - Eliminates unnecessary duplication
 - Efficiencies and cost-savings in accreditation
 - One accreditation system transparent to:
 - Federal government
 - Licensing boards
 - Credentials committees
 - Public

ELEMENTS OF AGREEMENT

- AOA and AACOM join governance of ACGME as member organizations
- ACGME creates administrative infrastructure to accredit osteopathic GME programs
- Osteopathic standards added to ACGME standards to define osteopathic programs (Osteopathic Recognition status)
- DOs and MDs eligible for all residencies in the unified system
- Additional pre-requisite education and training will be required for MDs who wish to enter ACGME residencies with Osteopathic Recognition
 - ACGME's Osteopathic Principles Committee has published those requirements



HOW MEDICAL EDUCATION IS FUNDED IN THE US



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- UME is funded primarily by tuition revenues
 - Average tuition at private medical schools is \$46,700 per year
- GME is funded primarily by the federal government
 - Funding flows through training sites (e.g., hospitals, consortia)
- CME is funded primarily through tuition fees paid by the attendees, but also through commercial sponsorship



GME FUNDING STREAMS



- Federal Funds
 - Medicare
 - Medicaid
 - Health Resources and Services Administration
 - Military



- State Funds

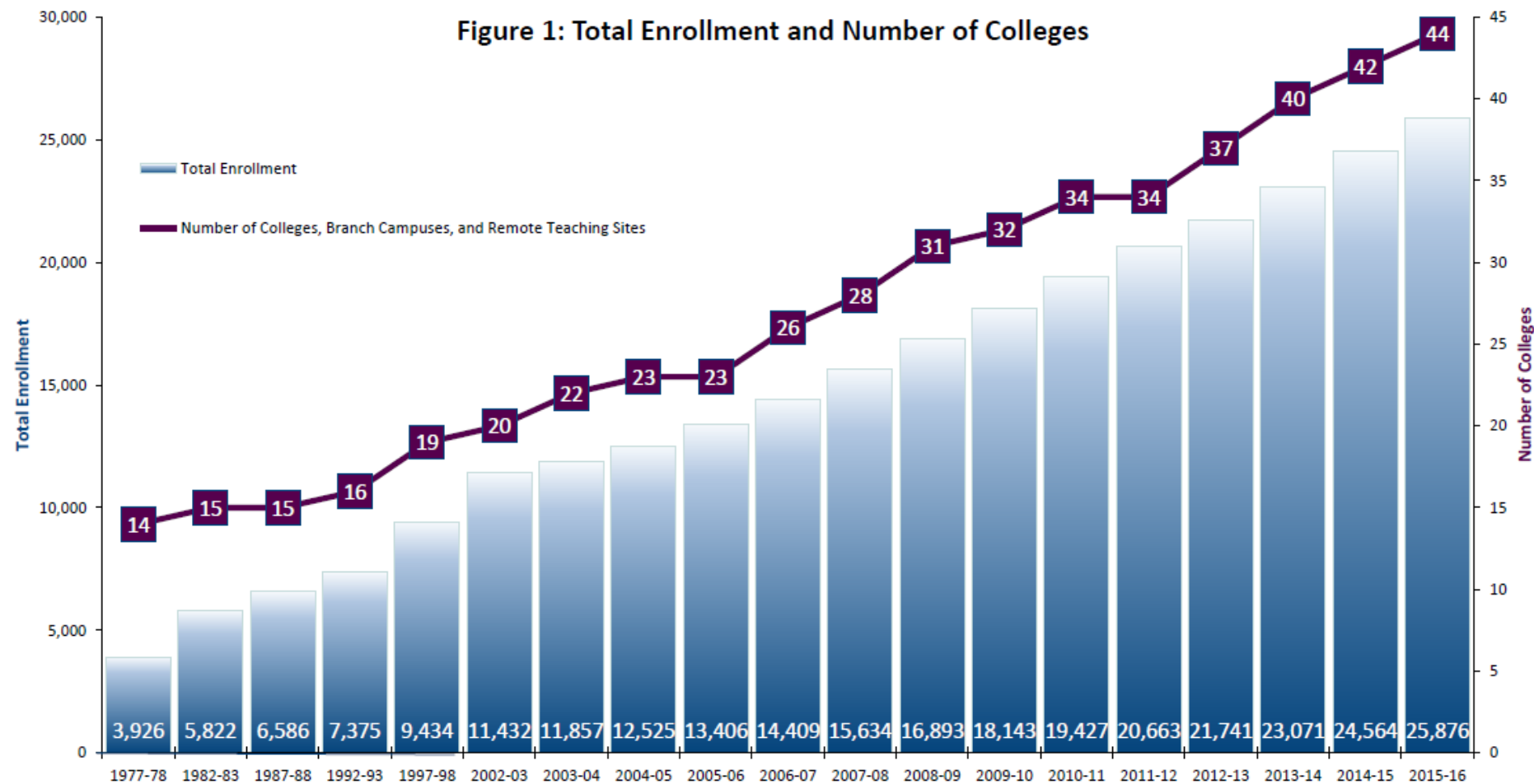


- Hospitals



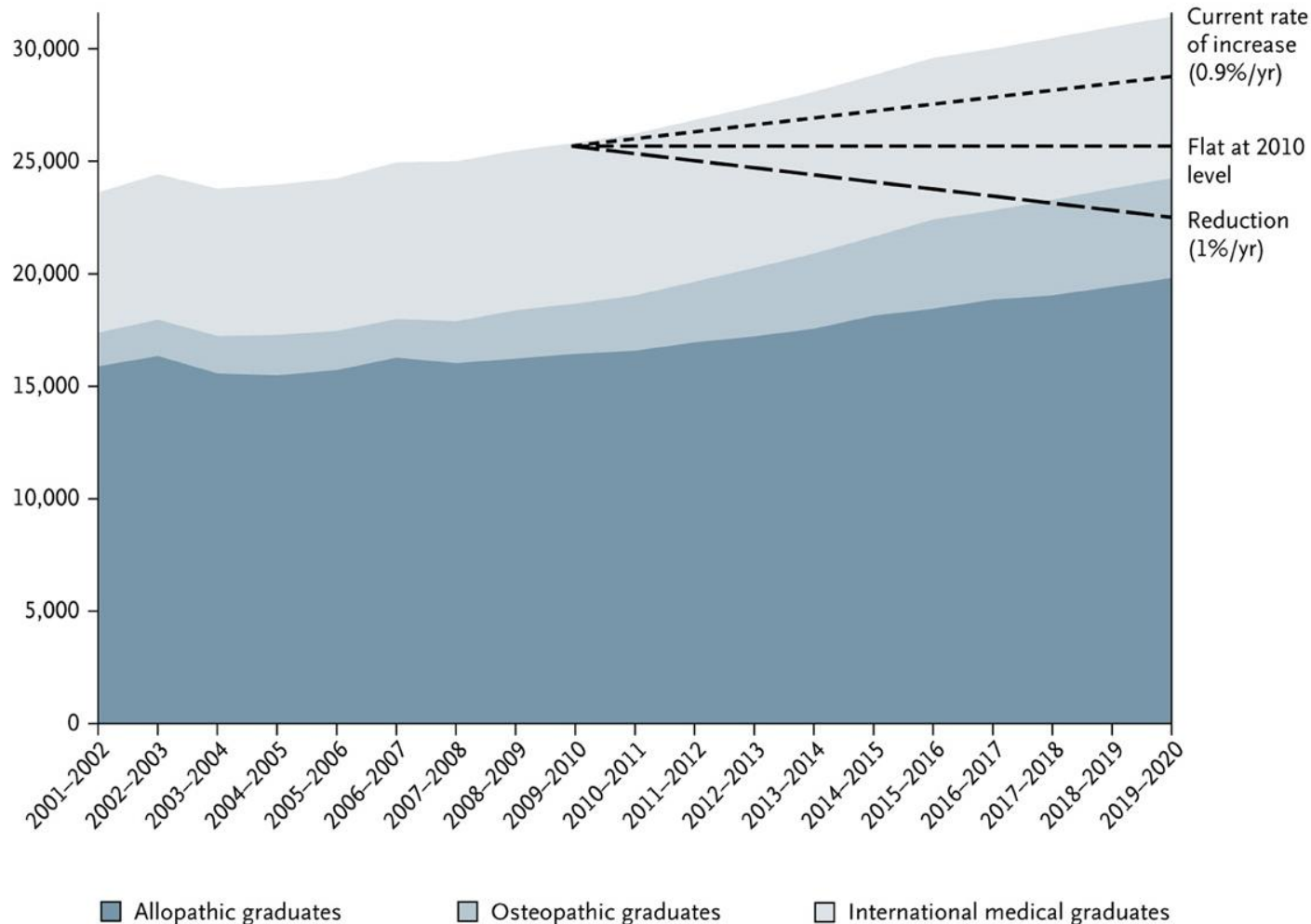
- Local Funds
(foundations, etc.)

COLLEGES OF OSTEOPATHIC MEDICINE (DO DEGREE)



Source: AACOM

PROJECTED NUMBERS



- Actual and Projected Numbers of Medical School Graduates Entering Graduate Medical Education (GME) Training Positions, as Compared with Three Scenarios of Available Positions (2001–2020).

Iglehart JK. N Engl J Med 2011;365:1340-1345

CONTINUING MEDICAL EDUCATION (CME) ACCREDITATION

- Most US states require a defined amount of CME in order to maintain licensure
 - Some states require DOs to complete CME accredited by AOA
- Three major accreditors of CME:
 - AOA
 - American Medical Association
 - American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP)





QUESTIONS & ANSWERS



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