

OIA WHO  
Glossary  
Update

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# Members





## Project Objective- OIA/ WHO Glossary

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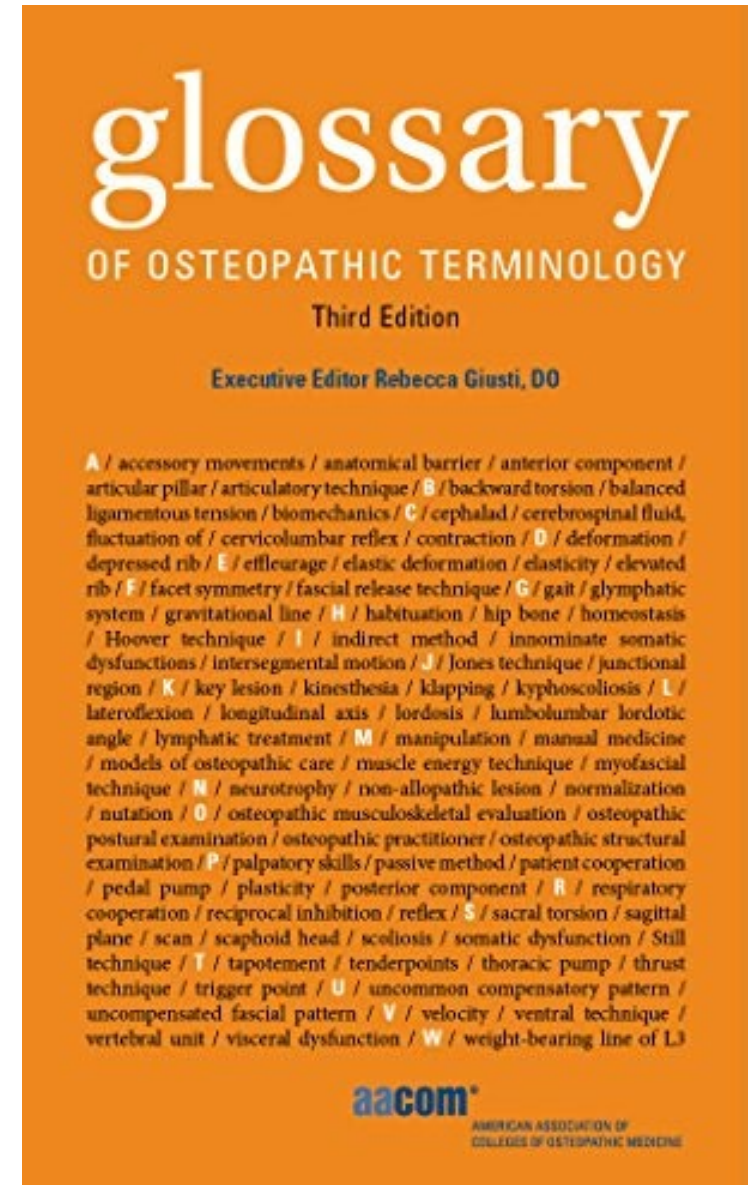
- To support the WHO in developing WHO terminology in Osteopathy, which will serve as a reference tool for the WHO, osteopathic organizations, and regulatory authorities worldwide. This terminology will be periodically reviewed and updated as necessary.





# Process

The Glossary of Osteopathic Terminology, 3<sup>rd</sup> edition generated by the Educational Council of Osteopathic Principles (ECOP), a council of the American Association of Colleges of Osteopathic Medicine (AACOM) serves as a base for the terms and definitions for the process.



# Process

- The OIA /WHO Glossary task force meets about twice a month for focused 1-hour sessions to discuss, review and generate terms. This is supplemented by a survey component which ensures that all members of the task force have a chance to review and comment on the terms.
- Established glossaries from around the world, peer-reviewed journal articles and established osteopathic texts are used as references.
- The OIA Board may then provide comments on the defined terms at board meetings and via survey format which is relayed back to the task force for review.

## Terms

The task force seeks to capture a global flavor, acknowledge potentially different national definitions and translations and works to effectively juggle the purely historical perspective with current osteopathic practice and modern healthcare to create an effective reference tool for the WHO, osteopathic organizations, and regulatory authorities worldwide.

## Terms

The Task Force has identified osteopathic terms specific to osteopathy and osteopathic medicine, its philosophy, and the pertinent billing and coding. 113 identified terms have been placed into five separate categories.

- Group 1- Philosophy, principles, definition, and models of care
- Group 2- Concepts of somatic and visceral dysfunction
- Group 3- Concepts of palpation and examination
- Group 4- OMT, techniques and methods
- Group 5- International osteopathic groups and licensure

## Update:

Total- 68/ 113  
terms- 60%  
complete

## Goal:

100% completion  
of defined terms  
Oct. 2023

Group 1- 9 terms- 100% complete

Group 2-25/42 terms- 60% complete

Group 3- 20 terms- 0% complete

Group 4- 24/32 terms- 75% complete

Group 5-10 terms- 100% complete