



Membership Delegate Reports Advanced Submissions

2021 FIMM General Assembly



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International Federation of Manual / Musculoskeletal Medicine



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USA / American Academy of Osteopathy (AAO)

➤ Total Number of Societal Members:

- Practicing Physician Members (Capacity or Specialty Level): 1093
- Additional Hospital Interns & Resident Members: 215
- Estimated # members with 300-hr qualification: 1308

➤ Leadership:

- President – *Paul R. Rennie/president@academyofosteopathy.org*
- Exec. Director – *Sherri L. Quarles / squarles@academyofosteopathy.org*
- Treasurer – *Judith A. O'Connell/oconjude54@gmail.com*
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- FIMM Delegate – *Michael L. Kuchera/atstill21@hotmail.com*
- FIMM Education Liaison – *Michael L. Kuchera/atstill21@hotmail.com*
- **Annual Meeting: March 23-27, 2022 Rosen Shingle Creek Resort in Orlando, Florida** (with 4-day Convocation Program)



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➤ MM Status in Country

- Society Certificate (**No**)
- State & National Certificate **Yes**
- MM recognized as added qualification **Yes**
- Recognized as specialty or subspecialty (**Yes**)
- MM available in some/all medical schools (**Yes**)
- MM integrated in some/all residency training (**Yes**)
- MM central in a specialty residency training (**Yes**)

**Insurance covers
Osteopathic Manipulative
Treatments (OMT)**

➤ Society Education

- ❖ Manual Medicine hands-on workshops (**Yes**)
- ❖ Injection / Dry Needling hands-on workshops (**Yes (Periodic)**)
- ❖ Research distribution/programs (**Yes**)
- ❖ Journal: **Journal of Osteopathic Medicine** and **AAO Journal**



2021 Societal SWOT Analysis

USA / American Academy of Osteopathy (AAO)

- **Strengths**
 - Expansion of recognition for osteopathic & manual medicine in USA
- **Weaknesses**
 - Pandemic disruption of educational workshop income
- **Opportunities**
 - Education for allopathic doctors (MD) to learn osteopathic & manual medicine in “osteopathic recognition” residency programs
- **Threats**
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Sample 2021 AAO Educational Programs

Annual Convocations

- **2021 Convocation** (virtual 4-day course): **OMM for the Medical Specialties**
- **2022 Convocation** (live March 23-27, 2021; Orlando, Florida):
Trauma: An Osteopathic Perspective of Body, Mind, and Spirit
 - 4-day program (½ lecture; ½ hands-on workshop)
 - Typically attended by ≈1200 physicians & physicians-in-training
 - International participants welcome to register

Continuing Medical Education Programs

- Restarting live programs: **Traditional Osteopathic Techniques of Carl Philip McConnell, DO** (Nov 12-14, 2021); **Introduction to Osteopathic Manipulative Medicine** (June 2-5, 2022) ...etc
- e-Learning Modules: *"Frontline Perspectives On Treating COVID-19 Patients Using OMM"* and *"Osteopathic Manipulative Medicine (OMM) Techniques Addressing Respiratory Symptoms of COVID-19"* ...etc



State of Manual Medicine in USA

In USA, manual medicine (performed by physicians) generally follows education from the American osteopathic model

- **Physicians in USA: 135,000 (13.5%) are DOs** (fully-qualified doctors)
 - Osteopathic medicine is the fastest growing US healthcare segment (# of Doctors of Osteopathic Medicine have tripled since 1990)
- **Medical students in USA: 25% attend osteopathic medical schools**
 - 38 colleges of osteopathic medicine in 33 states
 - Over 8,000 new osteopathic graduates (DO) / year
 - All osteopathic physicians-in-training are educated & tested to perform palpatory diagnosis and manual medicine techniques (meeting 300-hour / FIMM-Facility Level)
 - **AAO members** chair all MM teaching departments at this level
- Previously, MD training in MM was limited to post-graduate continuing medical education courses (often by AAO members) ...

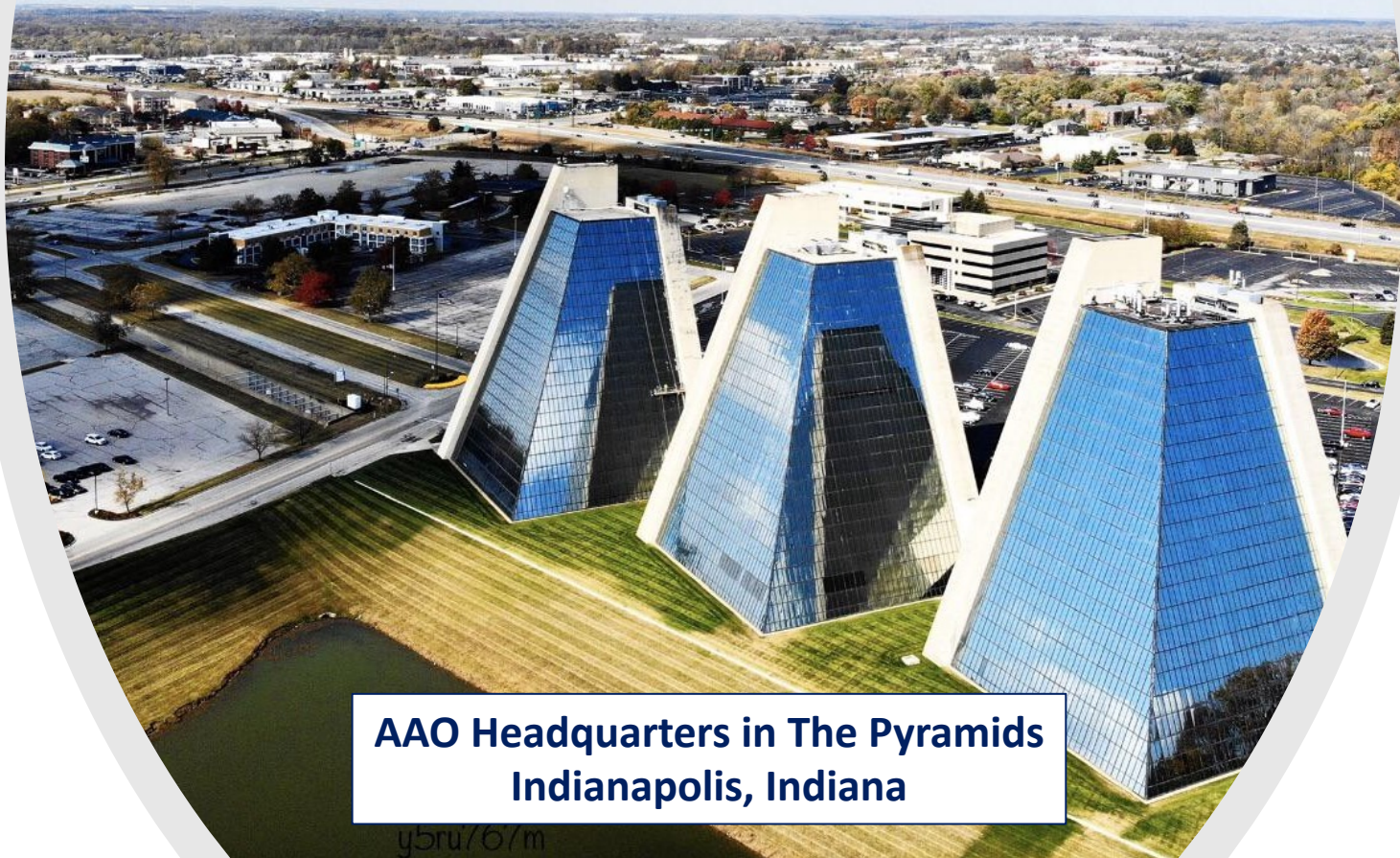


MM Graduate Medical Education in USA

RESIDENCY EDUCATION: PATHWAYS WITH MM TRAINING

Single accreditation pathway since June 2020 for residency training of ALL doctors (MD & DO) in USA

- All residents (including MDs) may train in hospital programs that qualify for **“osteopathic recognition”** if selected (≈**FIMM Capacity Level**)
 - Additional osteopathic education/skills in these programs
 - 260 programs now earned “osteopathic recognition” status
 - Open to both MDs & DOs (of 3000 residents this year, 120 are MDs)
- Opens an MM-training pathway for MDs & DOs to apply for hospital-hosted **Osteopathic Neuromusculoskeletal Medicine (ONMM)** residencies (nationally recognized specialty)
 - 3-year, full-time, fully-supervised by NMM Specialists (AAO members)
 - 25 institutions with 1-3 years ONMM specialty programs



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