AOA UPDATE

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You’re Part of a Growing Profession

Over 30 years, the number of DOs practicing in the US has more than tripled

120,000+ DOs in the US
150,000+ DOs and osteopathic medical students
54% Increase since 2010
Priorities

- Improve Certification Board Services
- Expand support of and collaboration with affiliates
- Enhance Member Services
Certification for the Future

- AOA certification is here to stay!
- Developed by and for practicing physicians

But practice has changed significantly!
Enhancements to Certification

Efficient, convenient, cost-effective, physician-friendly and relevant to practice

- Improve testing convenience
- Enhance test content and relevance
- Increase communication
- Align osteopathic content for expanded, diverse market
Options for Convenience and Flexibility

Example: AOBFP Early Entry Certification

- Family Medicine residents can take certification exam during PGY3 year
- Shorter exam, lower cost
- Optional performance exam – can take that later
- Enter practice with the distinction of osteopathic certification
Osteopathic Continuous Certification also Evolving

Options to accommodate physician preferences

PERIODIC EXAM

• One exam to get recertified over 5-10 year period
• Currently offered today

ONGOING EXAMS

• Shorter certification cycle
• Batches of questions provided multiple times for recertification

FOCUS OF INNOVATION
Technology for Continuous, Lifelong Learning

- Launching platform for individualized ongoing online assessment
Let’s DO This.

CHOOSE AOA BOARD CERTIFICATION.

LEARN MORE: certification.osteopathic.org
Expand Support of and Collaboration with Affiliates

- ACCME Accreditation Program
- Improved Communication
- Expanded representation
AOA: What We DO for YOU

• Continuing Medical Education
• Advocacy
• Career & Practice Success
• Research
• Public Awareness
• Lifestyle
Advocacy

- Medical education funding & student loan relief
- Supporting policies that improve access and affordability
- Osteopathic equivalency and recognition
- Defending licensure and scope of practice
- Payment reform, paperwork reduction, prescription drug pricing
- Public health issues
Single Accreditation System Transition

88% of positions in AOA programs as of July 2015 are now ACGME-accredited.

Specialties 100% accredited:
- Neurology
- NMM/OMT
- PM&R
- Urological surgery

215 have received Osteopathic Recognition; 7 more applied
THERE IS NEVER A BETTER TIME TO BE A DO ...

THANK YOU!