EXPANDING OUR PRESENCE

Osteopathic medicine is one of the fastest-growing health care professions in the country. Over the past 30 years, the number of osteopathic physicians (DOs) practicing in the U.S. has more than tripled. Focusing on whole-person care, DOs are fully licensed physicians who practice their distinct philosophy in every medical specialty.

137,099*† DOs AND OSTEOPATHIC MEDICAL STUDENTS in the U.S.

108,118*† DOs IN THE US

68% increase since 2007

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*Source: AOA Physician Masterfile
†Source: AACOM Fall 2017 Preliminary Enrollment Report (includes 2017 graduates)
More aspiring physicians are choosing osteopathic medicine than ever before, leading to an increasingly youthful profession. In 2017, more than half of all DOs were age 45 or younger.

The number of female DOs also continues to trend upward each year. While roughly 41% of DOs are women, female physicians make up 47% of the DO population under age 45.

Source: AOA Physician Masterfile
The osteopathic medical profession has a long tradition of providing care where patients lack doctors. Following this trend, more than half of this year’s new osteopathic medical residents will embark on careers in primary care specialties.

**PRIDE IN PRIMARY CARE**

**PROVIDING FRONTLINE CARE**

**DOs Practicing in Primary Care Specialties**

- **FAMILY MEDICINE**
  - 27,621*
  - 32.4%

- **INTERNAL MEDICINE**
  - 14,478
  - 17.0%

- **PEDIATRICS**
  - 5,739
  - 6.7%

37,348 DOs practice in non-primary care specialties.

*Includes DOs who practice osteopathic manipulative medicine.

Source: AOA Physician Masterfile

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While the osteopathic profession remains rooted in primary care, the number of DO specialists has increased over the last 30 years. In 2017, roughly 44% of DOs practiced in non-primary care specialties, helping meet the growing demand for specialists in surgery and obstetrics and gynecology.

**OUR TOP 5 NON-PRIMARY CARE SPECIALTIES**

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<th>Number of DOs</th>
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<td>Emergency Medicine</td>
<td>8,260</td>
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Source: AOA Physician Masterfile
DOs provide care in all 50 states—and they tend to practice in the communities where they complete their education and training. Providing instruction at 49 teaching locations in 32 states, colleges of osteopathic medicine (COMs) are helping underserved regions where doctors are in short supply.

**WHERE WE TRAIN AND PRACTICE**

Source: AOA Physician Masterfile
NEXT GENERATION DOs

One in four medical students in the U.S. attends an osteopathic medical school, with enrollment increasing approximately 25% every five years. If this trend continues, DOs are projected to represent more than 20% of practicing physicians by 2030.

DURING THE 2017/2018 ACADEMIC YEAR

28,981 osteopathic medical students at
34 colleges of osteopathic medicine in
32 states

Source: AACOM Fall 2017 Preliminary Enrollment Report

HOW WE TRAIN

After graduating from osteopathic medical school, DOs complete internships, residencies and fellowships that prepare them to become licensed and board-certified physicians. Trainees in osteopathic-focused residency programs demonstrate achievement of common competencies based on the unique principles and practices of osteopathic medicine.

20,482 DOs

enrolled in AOA & ACGME graduate medical education programs during the 2016-17 academic year—a placement rate of 99%

Source: AOA Physician Masterfile and ACGME Data Resource Book Academic Year 2016-2017