

Position statement regarding Osteopathic recognition for orthopedic residency training programs previously accredited by the American Osteopathic Association (AOA)

The American Osteopathic Academy of Orthopedics (AOAO) strongly urges all orthopedic residency training programs previously accredited by the AOA, to apply for Osteopathic Recognition for all or a majority of your approved training slots.

Osteopathic medical students have made it abundantly clear that they wish to continue their graduate medical education in Osteopathic residencies and fellowships.

The AOAO believes that any trainee accepted into an Osteopathic Recognized orthopedic residency must understand the practical application of the distinct behavioral, philosophical and procedural aspects of the clinical practice of osteopathic medicine embodied in the four tenants of osteopathic medicine.

- The body is a unit, the person is a unit of body, mind and spirit
- The body is capable of self regulation, self healing and health maintenance
- Structure and function are reciprocally interrelated
- Rational treatment is based on the understanding of the basic principles of body unity, self regulation and interrelation of structure and function

The AOAO agrees with and supports the six core competencies, with osteopathic distinction, as expressed in the [ACGME Osteopathic Recognition Requirements](#).

The AOAO encourages each program director of an Osteopathic Recognized orthopedic residency to develop and implement, in conjunction with the sponsoring institution, the AOA and COMs, a process or program whereby any MD applicant for an Osteopathic Recognized position will demonstrate some level of preparation for entry into such a training program.