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THE ORTHOPOD NEWSLETTER



TOP NEWS!



Remember to complete your evaluations and submit your CME credits!

Both On-Demand & In-Person meeting attendees must claim their CME by **December 31, 2025**.

Apply for the Award of Fellow

Ready to apply? Finalize the application by February 15, 2026 to be considered next year.

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Holiday Office Hours

The AOA office will be closed
December 23-26
December 31-January 1



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AOAO RELEASES POSITION STATEMENT TO ENCOURAGE ALL ORTHOPEDIC SURGERY RESIDENCY AND SPECIALTY FELLOWSHIP PROGRAMS TO RECOGNIZE COMLEX-USA.



We strongly encourage all Orthopedic Surgery residency and subspecialty fellowship programs to recognize COMLEX-USA results as equivalent to USMLE scores when conducting holistic application reviews. Osteopathic applicants should not face discrimination in the application process, and programs should neither require nor recommend that DO applicants take additional licensing examinations beyond the COMLEX-USA.

Read the full statement [here](#).



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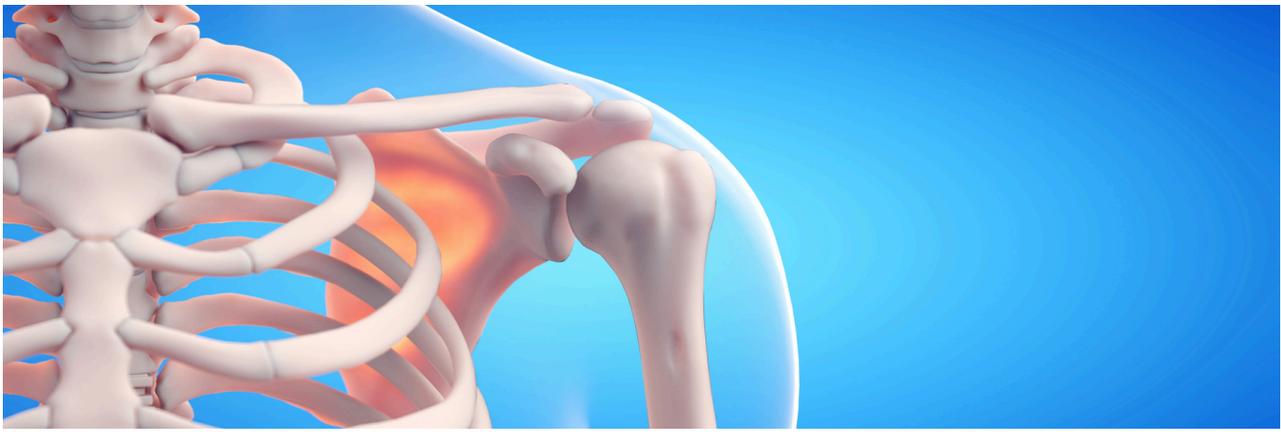
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WHY ORTHOPEDIC RESIDENTS SHOULD TAKE THE OSTEOPATHIC CERTIFICATION EXAM

- AOBOS Part 1 Exam costs less
- AOBOS Part 1 & Part 2 Exams have NO travel costs
- AOBOS offers Part 1 Exam to PGY4 residents
- AOBOS Certification is accepted EVERYWHERE
- AOA offers a Part 1 Exam Scholarship Program to offset the cost
- AOA offers a FREE Board Review Course at the Spring Meeting
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Apply for the AOBOS Part 1 Written Exam Today!

Click for [more details](#).



The AOA is offering a scholarship program for 4th and 5th year AOA resident members who take the Part 1 Written Exam through the American Osteopathic Board of Orthopedic Surgery (AOBOS). The AOA will reimburse \$500 to each resident who has registered and paid for this exam.

SUBSPECIALTY EXAM ELIGIBILITY IMMEDIATELY POST FELLOWSHIP

Immediate Exam Eligibility for Subspecialty Certification in [Hand Surgery](#) and [Orthopedic Sports Medicine](#)

The American Osteopathic Board of Orthopedic Surgery (AOBOS) is pleased to announce a change in the eligibility timeline for subspecialty certification in Hand Surgery and Orthopedic Sports Medicine.

Effective immediately, candidates who have completed an ACGME-approved fellowship in Hand Surgery or Orthopedic Sports Medicine may now apply for and take the written subspecialty examination immediately following fellowship completion.

This change allows for greater flexibility and alignment with training timelines, while maintaining the high standards required for certification.

Please note that all other certification requirements—including surgical case logs and practice experience—must still be fulfilled before certification can be awarded.

We encourage eligible candidates to take advantage of this opportunity and begin the certification process as soon as they complete their fellowship training.



Apply Now for the Chief Resident Travel Scholarship Program to attend the 2026 Orthopedic Board Review Course.

For more information on how to apply, [click here](#).

REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!



We can't wait to see **YOU** in Orlando!
Register today and save with early-bird rates
through **April 2, 2026**.

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