



American Osteopathic College  
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## AOCOPM News, April 2024



### AOCOPM Student Chapter @ NYITCOM-OW

The AOCOPM NYITCOM-OW student chapter submitted its founding documents and was unanimously approved by the AOCOPM Board of Trustees at its April meeting as the first official student chapter of AOCOPM.

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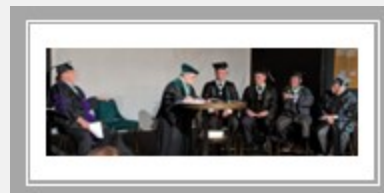
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Welcome and congratulations AOCOPM Student Chapter @ NYITCOM-OW!



New Fellows Recognized at Midyear Educational Conference

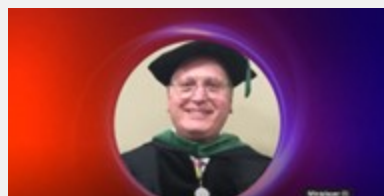
AOCOPM welcomed two new fellows during its 2024 Midyear Educational Conference:

- Keith Proctor, DO, MSPH, FAOCOPM
- Philip Eskew, DO, JD, MBA, FAOCOPM

Also recognized were recipients from 2022, since a formal convocation was not held then:

- Kris Belland, DO, MPH, MBA, MSS, CPE, FOACOPM
- Jeffrey J. LeBoeuf, EdD, CAE, MHA, MBA, FAOCOPM, honorary
- Warren Silberman, DO, MPH, FAOCOPM, distinguished

Participants enjoyed bagpipes, delicious food, and fellowship: [MY24 pics and video](#)



## Daniel K. Berry, DO (COM '84) Receives KCU 2023 Alumni Achievement Award

AOCOPM's own Daniel Berry received The Alumni Lifetime Achievement Award which honors a KCU graduate who has made outstanding contributions, attained exemplary career achievements or demonstrated exceptional accomplishments in the health sciences field. Recognition will be at KCU's homecoming, October 2024.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=exNrQQISXn4>



## Corey Morris, DO receives Jeffrey R. Davis, M.D., Aerospace Medicine Endowed Scholarship

Congratulations to Dr. Corey Morris, AOCOPM's 2024 Resident Trustee, for recently being awarded the Jeffrey R. Davis Aerospace Medicine Endowed Scholarship!

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Medical malpractice liability in large language model artificial intelligence: legal review and policy

# recommendations

by David O. Shumway, DO and Hayes J. Hartman, JD  
via Journal of Osteopathic Medicine

The emergence of generative large language model (LLM) artificial intelligence (AI) represents one of the most profound developments in healthcare in decades, with the potential to create revolutionary and seismic changes in the practice of medicine as we know it. However, significant concerns have arisen over questions of liability for bad outcomes associated with LLM AI-influenced medical decision making. Although the authors were not able to identify a case in the United States that has been adjudicated on medical malpractice in the context of LLM AI at this time, sufficient precedent exists to interpret how analogous situations might be applied to these cases when they inevitably come to trial in the future. This commentary will discuss areas of potential legal vulnerability for clinicians utilizing LLM AI through review of past case law pertaining to third-party medical guidance and review the patchwork of current regulations relating to medical malpractice liability in AI. Finally, we will propose proactive policy recommendations including creating an enforcement duty at the US Food and Drug Administration (FDA) to require algorithmic transparency, recommend reliance on peer-reviewed data and rigorous validation testing when LLMs are utilized in clinical settings, and encourage tort reform to share liability between physicians and LLM developers.

<https://www.degruyter.com/document/doi/10.1515/jom-2023-0229/html>



## Basic Course in Occupational Medicine at AOA Online Learning

AOCOPM sponsors a [Basic Course in Occupational & Environmental Medicine](#) designed to provide a basic understanding and expertise in the areas of occupational & environmental medicine while preparing participants to take a written examination qualifying for an AOA-approved, [Certificate of Added Qualification \(CAQ\)](#). For those participants who do not hold a primary AOA board certification, a certificate of course completion is offered. Thus, our primary audience is AOA-certified physicians working to obtain the CAQ; but the course also offers value to other MDs, DOs, PAs, and Advanced Practice Nurse Practitioners.

The Course is presented in three (3) parts, which do not need to be taken in sequence. For the convenience of the faculty and participants, one part is normally provided at one or both of the two conferences presented by the AOCOPM each year (almost always at the Midyear in March or April, and sometimes offered at the Annual conference held in conjunction with [OMED](#) in September or October). The parts are also offered at [AOA Online Learning](#).\* Each part is a full day didactic program and requires a separate registration with the AOCOPM.



## Save the Date: OMED24, Sept 20-22, San Antonio, TX

Join us at AOCOPM's Annual Educational Conference held in conjunction with OMED24, September 20-22 at the Henry B. González Convention Center in San Antonio, Texas. Registration and housing will open in summer 2024.

The [OPAM Workshop: Department of Transportation, Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, National Registry of Certified Medical Examiners' Course](#) will be offered as a pre-conference workshop on Thursday, September 19, 2024.

More details to come!

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