



American Osteopathic College  
of Occupational & Preventive Medicine

## AOCOPM News, January 2024



### General Membership Business Meeting, January 25, 2024

AOCOPM's General Membership Business Meeting will be held via Zoom at 7 PM Central Time, January 25, 2024. Members will be emailed a Zoom invitation.



### An Introduction to the Certificate of Added Qualification in Occupational & Environmental Medicine

Dr. Dan Berry explains all about the CAQ in Occupational Medicine and also provides some very good reasons to obtain this CAQ:

<https://youtu.be/gF1xyv7DQ3g?si=697WN9pzKtFpsGA>



### Rural Residency Planning and Development (RRPD) Program

The FORHP-supported Rural Residency Planning and Development Program (RRPD) provides start-up funding for new residency programs to address physician workforce shortages in family medicine, internal medicine, psychiatry, general surgery, preventive medicine, or obstetrics and gynecology. Eligible applicants are rural hospitals and graduate medical education consortiums that may include universities, Historically Black Colleges and Universities, and/or Tribal organizations.

A maximum of 15 awardees will receive up to \$750,000 for a three-year grant period to develop new and sustainable programs approved by the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education, especially programs specifically designed for underserved areas and populations. The federal RRPD program helps organizations start new rural residencies that have plans to be sustainable over the long term through viable and stable funding mechanisms such as Medicare, Medicaid, and other public or private funding sources.

Access the full NOFO here: <https://www.grants.gov/search-results-detail/349410>

Applications are due February 12, 2024.



## Enhanced Auditing of Medical Examiner Noncompliance in 2024

In January 2024, FMCSA will be enhancing its comprehensive medical examiner (ME) performance monitoring and auditing program. Part of this program will include an increase in the Agency's monitoring of MEs for compliance with the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations (FMCSRs).

[Enhanced Auditing of Medical Examiner Noncompliance in 2024](#)



## MRO Course Updated

The OPAM Workshop: Medical Review Officer Training Course: Toxicology Testing and the MRO, A Physician's Role in the Prevention and Treatment of Substance Abuse has been updated with new material and is still available at [AOA Online Learning](#). AOCOPM Members still receive \$100 off using the coupon code available in the [Member Center](#). If you signed up for the course in the last year, you have already been added to the new course roster and have access to the new material.



## New Job Listings

Did you know that AOCOPM and its members can post employment and other opportunities in its online forum?

An Occupational Medicine Position with the FAA is currently open to applications: [https://aocopm.memberclicks.net/index.php?option=com\\_ccboard&view=postlist&forum=12&topic=41&Itemid=](https://aocopm.memberclicks.net/index.php?option=com_ccboard&view=postlist&forum=12&topic=41&Itemid=)

Members, you will need to login to see the forum listings.



## Registration is Open for the 2024 Midyear Educational Conference and the Basic Course in Occ Med, Part I

[2024 Midyear Educational Conference and OPAM Workshop](#)

HYBRID: Online via Zoom and in Person

Sam Houston State University College of Osteopathic Medicine, Conroe, TX

- Midyear Conference, Thursday-Sunday, March 21-24, 2024
- OPAM Workshop: Basic Course in Occupational Medicine, Part I, Wednesday, March 20, 2024

[Registration Form](#)

**STUDENTS:** [Invitation to Present Research](#)

*Are you planning to attend the 2024 Midyear Educational Conference?* [Subscriber Poll](#)



## Fellow and Distinguished Fellow Application

AOCOPM is accepting applications for Fellows and Distinguished Fellows:

- Fellow status is an honor bestowed upon an active member who has fulfilled established requirements and has served the AOCOPM in a dutiful and unselfish manner.
- Distinguished Fellow is an honor bestowed on College Fellows who have exhibited exemplary and long years of service to AOCOPM by attendance at College Conferences, plus academic service and contributions, continued AOCOPM service at the national level, service and support of governance and various committee structures, and/or research and professional leadership.

<https://www.aocopm.org/fellow-faculty-requirements>



## DO Day on Capitol Hill 2024 – Call for Speakers and Presentations

The AOA is currently looking for seasoned osteopathic physician and student advocates to speak and present at DO Day on Capitol Hill 2024! If you have a topic that you would like to present at DO Day, [let us know by applying today!](#) DO Day attendees will have the option to participate in person or join the virtual conference to earn CME, build leadership skills and represent the voice of your profession. Be sure to save the date for DO Day 2024:

- April 13-14, 2024 | Virtual Conference
- April 17-18, 2024 | In-Person Congressional Meetings

We hope that you will join us for the osteopathic profession's largest public policy and advocacy events of the year. Be the catalyst for change that makes a difference in health policy.

Administrative Note: If you are having difficulty logging into your AOCOPM.ORG profile, please let me know. I would be happy to help you. --  
Ronda

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