



American Osteopathic College
of Occupational & Preventive Medicine

AOCOPM News, July 2025



In Memoriam: Dr. Brent Wayne Sanderlin

The AOCOPM is deeply saddened to announce the passing of longtime member Dr. Brent Wayne Sanderlin of Tomball, Texas, who died on June 17, 2025, at the age of 63.

Dr. Sanderlin served as Chair of Primary Care and Clinical Medicine and Associate Professor at Sam Houston State University College of Osteopathic Medicine since April 2023. He earned his DO degree from UNTHSC-TCOM, followed by internship and residency in Family Medicine with the US Navy, where he also served as a Naval Flight Surgeon.

His distinguished academic career included faculty positions at the University of the Incarnate Word School of Osteopathic Medicine, where he served as Associate Dean for Clinical Affairs, and at UNTHSC-TCOM teaching in their Family Medicine residency program. He maintained active clinical practice in Kyle and San Marcos, Texas, and briefly served as Chief Medical Information Officer at Seton Healthcare of Austin.

Dr. Sanderlin was a respected leader in professional organizations, including serving as president of the Texas Osteopathic Medical Association. With over twenty years in clinical practice, he was board certified in Family Medicine by both osteopathic and allopathic boards, as well as in Clinical Informatics. He held additional certifications in Occupational Medicine and Travel Health and served as an FAA Senior Medical Examiner.

His dedication to osteopathic medicine, medical education, and patient care will be deeply missed. The AOCOPM extends condolences to his family and colleagues.



Amending the Medical Evaluation Requirements in the Respiratory Protection Standard for Certain Types of Respirators

via Federal Register

OSHA is proposing to remove some medical evaluation requirements in the Respiratory Protection Rule for certain types of respirators. This proposed change would only impact filtering facepiece respirators and loose-fitting powered air-purifying respirators.

Comments must be received on or before September 2, 2025.

<https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2025/07/01/2025-12235/amending-the-medical-evaluation-requirements-in-the-respiratory-protection-standard-for-certain>



OMED25 Preview: AOCOPM's Sessions

View the [AGENDA](#) for AOCOPM'S Annual Educational Conference held in conjunction with OMED, September 25-28, 2025, for our Annual Educational Conference held in conjunction with [OMED25](#)! AOCOPM Members may use the \$100 [discount code](#) (Members must login).

AOA Members who Register AND Reserve a Hotel Room June through July 31 will receive the special promotional price of only \$675! Added Bonus: The first 500 AOA members who take advantage of this exclusive promotion will receive two \$15 food vouchers to utilize at the convention center.

IMPORTANT NOTE: The \$100 discount code is not valid during the June through July 31 member bonus rate.

<https://omed.osteopathic.org/register-now/>



Why AOA Board Certification?

AOBPM Chairman, Dr. Stanley Miller, and AOBPM Certification Manager, Diane Georgelos, explain AOBPM Board Certification and why it's important: <https://youtu.be/rx5uL9o3VgI?si=IW8lhqxqcnTYD8H>



Board Certification Maintenance Q&A

AOBPM Chairman, Dr. Stanley Miller, and AOBPM Certification Manager, Diane Georgelos, answer questions about maintaining certification.

via AOCOPM's YouTube Channel: <https://youtu.be/rx5uL9o3VgI>



Register Now for the DOT FMCSA NRCME Course, September 25, 2025, Nashville, TN

AOCOPM will also be offering the [OPAM Workshop: Department of Transportation, Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, National Registry of Certified Medical Examiners' Course](#) as a LIVE pre-conference workshop on September 25th.

You may [register for the DOT Course alone](#), or when you [register for OMED](#).



Nominations Open!

Let us know you're interested: [Future Leader](#)

The American Osteopathic College of Occupational and Preventive Medicine (AOCOPM) needs dedicated officers and leaders to champion the growth of our Osteopathic Occupational and Preventive Medicine specialties. Serving on our Board doesn't just mean lending a hand—it's about shaping the future of public health, prevention, and our dynamic community of professionals.

Our mission? To provide high-quality education in occupational, environmental, and preventive

medicine, and to empower our members to take the lead—both within AOCOPM and across other organizations focused on prevention. If you'd like to learn more about our Board and Officers, check out the AOCOPM [Committees](#) page. Want to chat directly with someone on the Board? Visit our [Leadership page](#) (you'll need to log in since we keep personal contact info private) or simply reach out to the [AOCOPM office](#) with any questions.

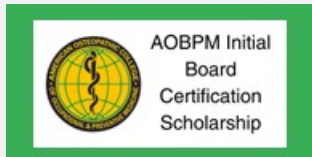
Ready to take a big step toward advancing our specialties? Join us to make a real impact on health and prevention—become an AOCOPM officer or Board member and help set the course for the future.

Let us know you're interested: [Future Leader Self-Nomination Form](#)

Save the Date for DO Day 2026

Save the Date - DO Day 2026!

- **Virtual:** Saturday, March 21 and Sunday, March 22
- **In-person:** Wednesday, March 25 and Thursday, March 26
- The Westin Arlington (Arlington, VA)
- Hotel room rate: \$264 per night plus tax



Board Scholarships Available

AOCOPM now offers scholarships for initial AOBPM certification exams.

Learn more: <https://www.aocopm.org/aobpm-scholarship>

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