



American Osteopathic College  
of Occupational & Preventive Medicine

## AOCOPM News, May 2026



### Registration is Open!

The 2026 OMED conference will take place **Oct. 22-25, 2026**, in the entertainment capital of the world: **Las Vegas, Nevada!** Join AOCOPM at its Annual Educational Conference held in conjunction with OMED26 at Caesars Palace for three days full of education and networking.

While you are there, you can obtain DOT Certification training at the [OPAM Workshop: Department of Transportation, Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, National Registry of Certified Medical Examiners' Course](#), October 22, 2026.

Be sure to check out AOCOPM's Agenda!

[AOCOPM 2026 Annual Educational Conference](#)



### Save the Date!

[AOCOPM's 2027 Midyear Educational Conference](#) will be held at the Omni Hotel, located across the street from Scissortail Park in Oklahoma City, March 4-6.

[OPAM Workshop: Basic Course in Occupational Medicine](#), Part I will be offered LIVE March 6-7.



### Guidance Document - Marijuana and Safety Sensitive Work

by Snider-Adler, MD (MROCC), Todd Simo, MD (AAMRO), and Patrice Kelly, JD via MROCC

[https://mrocc.org/MarijuanaandSafetySensitiveWork\\_2026.pdf?utm\\_source=brevio&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=Joint%20Statement%20on%20MJ](https://mrocc.org/MarijuanaandSafetySensitiveWork_2026.pdf?utm_source=brevio&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Joint%20Statement%20on%20MJ)



### Workers' Comp: What to Know About Workplace Violence; Victims Are Most Often Healthcare Workers and Teachers

by Andrea Wells  
via Insurance Journal

The Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) reports that acts of violence rank as the third-leading cause of fatal occupational injuries in the country. Research also shows that workplace assaults have been increasing in number, with healthcare workers and teachers most often being the victims.

<https://www.insurancejournal.com/magazines/mag-features/2026/05/04/868014.htm>



## Why the U.S. Needs More Preventive Medicine and Public Health Doctors

by Jacob Player, MD, MPH  
via Medpage Today's KevinMD.com

A perspective published April 26 in *KevinMD* notes there are only approximately 3,000 board-certified preventive medicine physicians in the U.S., less than 0.5% of the physician workforce. The author argues it would cost an additional \$48 million to fully fund the remaining 300 unfilled GPMR training slots nationwide – which would more than double the number of preventive medicine physicians entering the workforce each year.

<https://kevinmd.com/2026/04/why-the-u-s-needs-more-preventive-medicine-and-public-health-doctors.html>

## Job Postings



As a member benefit, AOCOPM maintains a message board for job postings. All members may view and post job openings in the [forums](#) section of the website. Logging in is required, since this is for members only.

Nonmembers may [submit job postings](#) through the AOCOPM office for a fee of \$195. A job listing will remain on the message board for six months or until the office is notified that it has been filled.

## Make Mentorship Connections



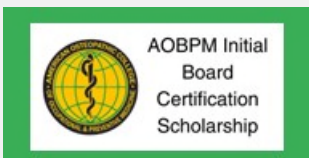
The Emerging DO Platform is a digital hub designed to connect, support, and empower osteopathic medical students, residents, and early-career physicians. this platform offers:

- **Residency Program Insights** – Access key details about programs, read alumni experiences, and participate in discussions with current and former residents.
- **Mentorship Network** – Connect with experienced DOs for guidance and career support through our mentorship program. As part of your participation, join the Digital Health Innovation (DHI) Special Interest Group that we lead.

Sign up today: <https://app.mentorloop.com/signup/7MC6fbrgpX4z9iLLR>

AOCOPM also maintains a list of members who have volunteered to be mentors. You may [sign up](#) to be a mentor or mentee. You may also search the [mentor directory](#).

## Board Scholarships Available



AOCOPM now offers full scholarships for first-time takers of the initial AOBPM certification exams.

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

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