

# **FastFinder: AOA Document Retrieval System for Directors of Medical Education And Program Directors**

Dear DMEs and Program Directors:

Thank you for the work you do to advance the Osteopathic Profession. You are essential to the future of the osteopathic profession.

To show our thanks to you, the American Osteopathic Association (AOA) has created FastFinder to help you find AOA documents fast...and it's simple to use. Click on the relevant topic and let the link take you to the relevant documents on the Internet.

Two steps for this program to work:

- 1) You must be connected to the Internet; and
- 2) Depending on your MS Word program, you may be required to hold down the "Control" key (Ctrl) while clicking to activate the hyperlink.

For additional information or if you have questions, please contact Elizabeth Freeman, EdS, Assistant Director, Division of Postdoctoral Training, or email her at [bfreeman@osteopathic.org](mailto:bfreeman@osteopathic.org). Comments and suggestions to improve this document are greatly appreciated.

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Sincerely,  
James E. Swartwout, AOA Associate Executive Director

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Hyperlink	Comments
<a href="#">Program Information</a>	
<a href="#">AOA Postdoctoral Training &amp; Program Requirements (Basic Document )</a>	Currently effective OPTI, internship and residency standards and procedures.
<a href="#">Specialty Postdoctoral Training Standards</a>	Currently effective specialty standards.
<a href="#">Approved Changes to Postdoctoral Standards, Specialty Requirements and Other Documents</a>	Documents approved, but not yet effective. See documents for effective date.
<a href="#">Proposed Changes to Postdoctoral Standards, Specialty Requirements and Other Documents</a>	Documents not yet approved, up for public comment.
<a href="#">The Internship Restructuring</a>	General information.
<a href="#">Application to Increase Residency Positions and Decrease Internship Positions</a>	Part of internship restructuring.
<a href="#">Core Competency Compliance Program</a>	
<a href="#">Opportunities</a>	Directory of postdoctoral training programs.
<a href="#">Application for New Residency Program</a>	
<a href="#">OPTI Information</a>	
<a href="#">About OPTIs</a>	
<a href="#">Map of OPTIs</a>	
<a href="#">1. Appalachian Osteopathic Postgraduate Training Institute Consortium (A-OPTIC)</a> <a href="#">2. Centers for Osteopathic Research and Education (CORE)</a>	Links to each OPTI.

<p>3. Consortium for Excellence in Medical Education (CEME)</p> <p>4. Kansas City University of Medicine and Biosciences – College of Osteopathic Medicine Education Consortium (KCUMB-COM)</p> <p>5. Lake Erie Consortium for Osteopathic Training (LECOMT)</p> <p>6. Midwestern University OPTI (MWU)</p> <p>7. Mountain State OPTI (MSOPTI)</p> <p>8. New York College of Osteopathic Medicine Educational Consortium (NYCOMEC)</p> <p>9. Northeast Osteopathic Medical Educational Network (NEOMEN)</p> <p>10. OPTI-West Educational Consortium</p> <p>11. The Osteopathic Medical Education Consortium of Oklahoma (OMECCO)</p> <p>12. Osteopathic Postdoctoral Training Institution of Kirksville (OPTIK)</p> <p>13. PCOM MEDNet</p> <p>14. Statewide Campus System/Michigan State University College of Osteopathic Medicine (SCS/MSUCOM OPTI)</p> <p>15. Texas OPTI</p> <p>16. Touro University Medical Education Consortium (TUMEC)</p> <p>17. University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey - School of Osteopathic Medicine (UMDNJ-SOM)</p>	<p>Links to each OPTI. (cont.)</p>
<p>OPTI Annual Report Form - PDF Version</p> <p>OPTI Annual Report Form - Word Version</p>	
<p><b>Disaster Recovery</b></p>	
<p>Relocating residents after a disaster</p>	<p>Information on disaster recovery when a postdoctoral training program has been affected by a natural or man-made disaster.</p>

<b>Student Information</b>	
AOA Match	Student information on the AOA Match.
Electronic Residency Application Service	
Intern Logs	At the end of each service, each intern is required to present to the Director of Medical Education (DME) a log of activity performed during that service.
<b>Certification</b>	Certification is recognition by one of the 18 AOA specialty boards that a DO has achieved expertise in a medical specialty or subspecialty.
Bureau of Osteopathic Specialists	General information.
Member Boards	
Definitions of Certification	General certification; Certification of Added Qualifications (CAQ).
Board Eligibility Status	Registration; termination of board eligible status.
Reentry Pathway	Educational approval of eligibility for AOA board certification.
Maintaining Certification	
Recertification	
Certification Verification	Physician credential profile ordering system.
Certification Pathway for DOs with ABMS Certification	

Other Useful Links	
State & Regional Osteopathic Medical Associations	
Specialty Groups	
Osteopathic Colleges	
Non-Practice Affiliates	Colleges, foundations, healthcare groups and other organizations that work closely with the AOA.
Accredited Hospital and Healthcare Facilities	Locate a hospital or health facility accredited by the AOA's Healthcare Facilities Accreditation Program (HFAP).