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AMERICAN OSTEOPATHIC ASSOCIATION

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**BASIC STANDARDS  
FOR  
FELLOWSHIP TRAINING  
IN  
PEDIATRIC DERMATOLOGY**

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**THE AMERICAN OSTEOPATHIC ASSOCIATION (AOA)  
AND  
THE AMERICAN OSTEOPATHIC COLLEGE OF DERMATOLOGY (AOCD)**

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## **ARTICLE I – INTRODUCTION**

1 These are the Basic Standards in for Fellowship Training of Pediatric Dermatology as approved by the  
2 American Osteopathic Association (AOA), the American Osteopathic College of Dermatology  
3 (AOCD) and the American Osteopathic Board of Dermatology (AOBD). These standards are  
4 designed to provide an osteopathic dermatologist with advanced and concentrated Fellowship training  
5 in Pediatric Dermatology and to prepare for examination leading to a Certificate of Added  
6 Qualifications (CAQ) in Pediatric Dermatology.

## **ARTICLE II - OBJECTIVES**

8 Pediatric Dermatology is the fellowship of dermatology that emphasizes training on the diagnosis and  
9 management of pediatric dermatological disease.

10 The objectives of the Pediatric Dermatology program are to:

11 A. Provide advanced Fellowship training in Pediatric Dermatology.

12 B. Provide the opportunity to ensure development of expertise and research in the field of Pediatric  
13 Dermatology.

## **ARTICLE III – INSTITUTIONAL REQUIREMENTS**

15 A. For approval by the AOA/AOCD/ to train in Pediatric Dermatology, an institution must meet all  
16 the requirements as outlined by the AOA in its document; *Basic Documents for Postdoctoral Training and*  
17 *OPTIs*.

18 B. The institution's Pediatric Dermatology Fellowship training program must be associated with an  
19 AOA-approved dermatology residency training program.

20 C. The institution must have a full time pediatric dermatologist(s) with a minimum of six half-day  
21 clinics per week of pediatric dermatology cases for sufficient case exposures to provide a complete and  
22 comprehensive experience in all aspects of pediatric dermatology.

23 D. After satisfactory completion of the program, the institution and OPTI shall award the fellow a  
24 certificate or diploma of completion of the program. This certificate shall confirm the fulfillment of  
25 the program requirements, dates of training, and the names of the training institutions and program  
26 directors.

27 E. Training institution and program shall participate with the base dermatology program within an  
28 OPTI.

## **ARTICLE IV – TRAINING PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS**

30 A. The Fellowship training program in Pediatric Dermatology shall be one-year in duration.

31 B. The program shall be structured and focus on the diagnosis and management of inpatient and  
32 outpatient pediatric dermatological disease and applicable research.

- 1 C. Fellows shall have exposure to clinical experience in Pediatric Dermatology under direct supervision  
2 of a Pediatric Dermatologist(s).
- 3 1. Specific disorders shall include, but not be limited to:  
4 a. all types of dermatitis;  
5 b. bullous disease;  
6 c. papulosquamous diseases;  
7 d. genodermatoses;  
8 e. cutaneous viral, bacteria, and fungal infections;  
9 f. hair and nail disorders;  
10 g. acne;  
11 h. skin malignancies;  
12 i. developmental abnormalities;  
13 j. neonatal skin disorders;  
14 k. drug reactions;  
15 l. parasitic infestations.
- 16 2. Fellows shall develop expertise in pediatric diagnostic and therapeutic procedures including,  
17 but not limited to:  
18 a. skin biopsy procedures;  
19 b. mineral oil emersions;  
20 c. potassium hydroxide examinations;  
21 d. tzanck examinations;  
22 e. hair mounts;  
23 f. fungal cultures;  
24 g. electrodesiccation and curettage;  
25 h. surgical excisions;  
26 i. cryotherapy;  
27 j. laser therapy.
- 28 3. Fellows shall know when the following techniques should be applied.  
29 a. pathology;  
30 b. immunochemistry;  
31 c. electron microscopy;  
32 d. microscopic staining in pediatric disease will be utilized.
- 33 4. Fellows shall develop expertise in diagnosing rare dermatologic pediatric diseases and  
34 genodermatoses.
- 35 5. In addition to their time spent in direct patient care, training of Fellows shall include  
36 participation in didactic sessions, teaching conferences, grand rounds, instruction and  
37 experience of specialized pediatric procedures including surgery and laser therapy.
- 38 a. Further experience and knowledge of pediatrics will be enhanced with interaction with  
39 pediatricians and other pediatric subspecialties relevant to dermatology.
- 40 D. Fellows shall integrate osteopathic principles and practice where applicable and appropriate in the  
41 study of pediatric dermatology. Communication skills with parents and children will be developed with  
42 the opportunity for follow-up of diseases in patient exposures.

1 E. Any areas of pediatric dermatology not available at the primary training institution shall be made  
2 available for the fellow in other appropriate training. If more than one institution participates in the  
3 fellowship program, complete information on the training institution must be provided. An inter-  
4 institutional affiliation agreement must be on record at the primary training institution. Qualified  
5 faculty must supervise all training of the fellow(s) at the institution(s).

## 6 **ARTICLE V – FACULTY REQUIREMENTS**

### 7 A. Qualifications:

- 8 1. The program director shall be certified in dermatology by the American Osteopathic Board of  
9 Dermatology (AOBD) and hold an AOBD Certificate of Added Qualification in Pediatric  
10 Dermatology. Exceptions to this requirement based on policy in the basic documents may be  
11 requested.
- 12 2. The program director shall meet and follow criteria outlined in the *AOA Basic Documents for*  
13 *Postdoctoral Training and OPTIs*.

### 14 B. Responsibilities:

- 15 1. The program director's authority in directing the training program must be defined in the  
16 program documents of the institution.
- 17 2. The program director shall provide the proper supervision of the teaching and all training  
18 assignments and is responsible for the evaluation of each fellow's progress, verifying that she  
19 or he demonstrate proficiency in meeting or exceeding standards of training.
- 20 3. The program director, in association with the director of medical education, shall arrange  
21 affiliations and/or outside rotations necessary to meet the program objectives.
- 22 4. The program director shall inform and provide the fellow with training program documents  
23 including requirements for satisfactory completion of the program as approved by the AOA  
24 and AOCD.
- 25 5. The program director is required to submit quarterly reports to the Director of Medical  
26 Education as required. An annual report is required to be submitted to the AOCD.

## 27 **ARTICLE VI – FELLOW IN PEDIATRIC DERMATOLOGY REQUIREMENTS**

### 28 A. Prerequisites: –

- 29 1. Must have a currently valid unrestricted license to practice osteopathic medicine in the state  
30 training is to be conducted.
- 31 2. Must have completed AOA-approved residency training in dermatology, and be board eligible,  
32 or achieved primary certification in dermatology by the American Osteopathic Board of  
33 Dermatology (AOBD).

### 34 B. During the training program, the fellow must:

- 1 1. Submit a completed annual report to the AOCD by maintaining a log recording each  
2 educational exposure to cases and procedures. These documents shall be included in the  
3 Annual Fellow Report submitted to the AOCD for evaluation and review upon completion  
4 of the program.
- 5 2. Maintain current membership in the AOA and AOCD during training in pediatric  
6 dermatology.
- 7 3. Submit a pediatric dermatology scientific paper and/or research project suitable for  
8 publication.