

The ACOFP represents more than 26,000 osteopathic physicians, residents, and students. Key initiatives include AI exploration, championing osteopathic family medicine to prospective students, increased advocacy efforts, expanded member benefits and engagement opportunities, and promoting new technologies that better meet the needs of the ACOFP membership.

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Artificial Intelligence

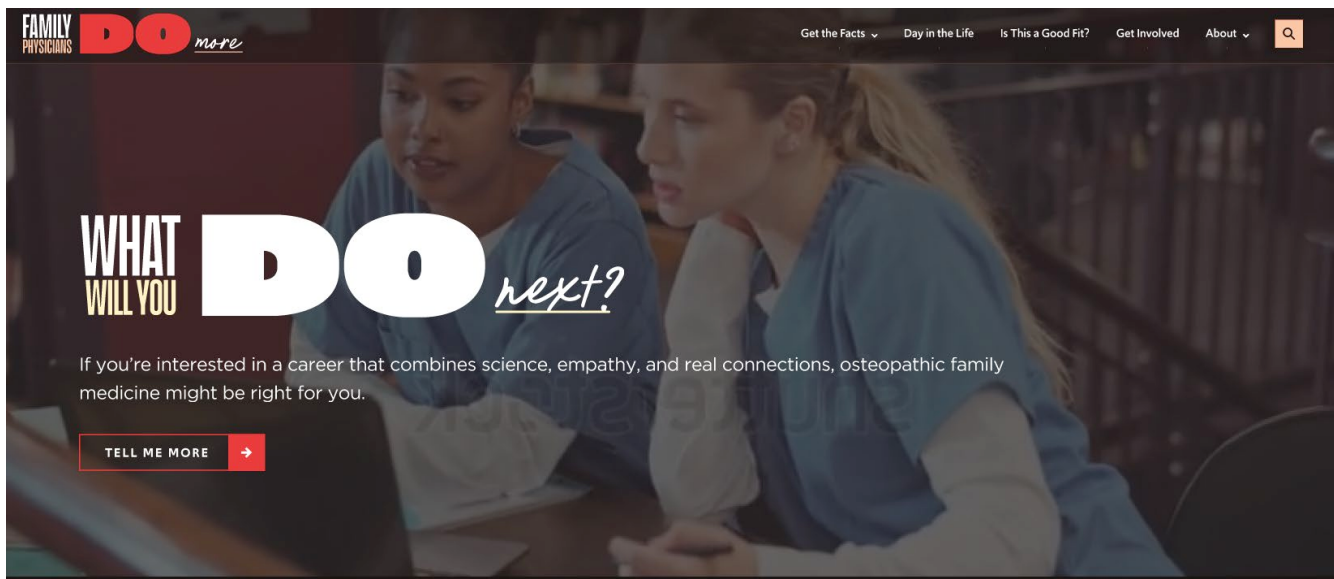
ACOFP staff continues to explore and use new technologies. Most recently, staff have been utilizing the business version of **Copilot**, Microsoft's AI-powered assistant, as part of a broader initiative to explore and implement artificial intelligence tools across the organization. An internal task force also continues to meet to evaluate AI resources, promote best practices, and guide professional use. Current AI applications include content creation, transcription, data analysis, and business intelligence.

To support this momentum, the ACOFP **Board has approved dedicated funding** to assess further AI opportunities both operationally and as member benefits. This next phase of work is slated to begin in **Q4 of 2025**.

ABFM Foundation Family Medicine Next Grant

Family Physicians DO More Campaign and microsite are set to launch at the end of July. Since January, ACOFP staff have worked with three task forces to seek guidance on the content and development of the microsite. The groups involved include student volunteers who participated in the Think Tank, ACOFP's Task Force on Engaging Students, and focus group volunteers from FMLC including representatives from ABFM, STFM and ADFM.

The microsite includes the six-episode long-form video series, "A Day in the Life," which was filmed in 2024 and follows 18 osteopathic family physicians to showcases the variety possible in a career in family medicine. It also features a series of infographics breaking down the process of becoming a doctor into clear visuals. Students can also take an interactive quiz on "Are You a Good Fit?" The research identified in year one's literature review has been transformed into a database highlighting the powerful impact of family physicians and the unique contributions of DOs. Other areas of the site address misconceptions about family medicine and what it means to be a DO rather than an MD.



Familyphysiciandomore.org will be live after August 4, 2025.

Promotional toolkit coming soon!

Advocacy

ACOFP has joined, supported, or commented on 16 letters so far this year, and have continued a call-to-action campaign supporting the *Prevent Medicare Physician Payment Cuts by Supporting the Medicare Patient Access and Practice Stabilization Act*.

Take action by clicking [here](#). The ACOFP 2025 Principles of Healthcare System can be found [here](#).

Knowledge, Learning & Assessment

Annual Convention

The in-person portion of ACOFP's Annual Convention was held in Palm Springs, California from April 2-6, 2025, where ACOFP's 75th anniversary was celebrated. This blended learning program offered more than 39.5 AOA Category 1-A credits and 39.5 *AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™* through all the included sessions. An additional 20 AOA and AMA credits were available from supplemental hands-on workshops such as point-of-care ultrasound (POCUS), wound care, dermoscopy, urgent care procedures, and OMT.

For those unable to attend the live Convention in California, most content was recorded and made available on-demand in the ACOFP eLearning Center. Even those attending could view sessions they missed for at least one year after the Convention.

Some of the highlights from the convention included Dr. Mike as the opening keynote, a session that was standing room only. Overall, the convention rated 4.13/5 and individual sessions rated higher on average than the convention itself, with the best reviewed peaking at 4.75. Our closing President's Reception featured classic cars, great food and weather and a ton of fun outside in Palm Springs.

POCUS Education

Point-of-care ultrasound (POCUS) training is being taught in medical schools and many specialty residency programs, most recently a requirement for Family Medicine residencies. At the same time, many practicing physicians received little or no POCUS training in their schooling or residency, leaving them ill-prepared to use it in practice or supervise students and residents using it. To address this gap, in 2023, ACOFP began offering hands-on POCUS education with workshops at the Direct Primary Care Summit and Annual Convention. All workshops offered to date have reached the maximum capacity for learners while maintaining an appropriate learner to faculty ratio for optimal learning. Survey results have been positive, with reviews of 4.9/5 for the Fundamentals of POCUS and 5/5 for the Advanced POCUS workshop.

For 2025, the workshops were redesigned to focus on anatomical regions so attendees can customize their learning. In addition, at the 2025 Annual Convention, Dr. Nils Brolis conducted a session around incorporating POCUS into your family practice. Through the evaluation, many participants expressed interest in incorporating POCUS into their practices, particularly for musculoskeletal procedures, joint injections, and diagnostic imaging. Expanding even further into the POCUS training space, ACOFP is partnering with Aeyr to develop online POCUS modules that will count for AOA credit.

Obesity Certificate

ACOFP is excited to launch the newest of our eLearning products, The Osteopathic Perspective: Comprehensive Obesity Medicine Treatment. This 9-hour CME certificate, co-developed with the Obesity Medicine Association, will culminate in a digital badge micro-credential and certificate highlighting the completer's foundational knowledge in medical, surgical, nutritional, behavioral and physical activity interventions to this chronic and complex disease. The 9 credit hours will also count towards Group One credits to sit for the American Board of Obesity Medicine certification exam.

Governance

Resident Council

The ACOFP Resident Council elected twelve new representatives and three committees and continues to engage residents through its monthly newsletter. The blog series has included resources and guidance on resident topics, including tips for first-year residents, meeting ACGME requirements with ISE and CORTEX, board exams, completing residency, physician spotlights, and collaboration with AOBFP on certification. At the Annual Convention, the Council hosted two resident sessions, including the "Resident Forum: Your Questions, Their Answers" and the "Life After Residency" panel as well as participated as panel presenters for the student programming.

Student Association

The Student Association of ACOFP continues to grow, with 68 active chapters and new student leadership for the upcoming academic year. To date in 2025, more than 265 student leaders organized over 450 events including workshops, health fairs, service projects, and awareness campaigns that promote family medicine and build a strong student membership on campuses.

The newly elected National Student Executive Board (NSEB) launched training for chapter presidents and virtual leadership roundtables. Monthly newsletters and social media campaigns highlight resident leaders, educational resources, blogs, and podcasts. The DO.fm podcast and blog featured series such as From Student to Scholar: Exploring Academic Medicine, Full Spectrum FM with OB and ACOFP Leadership, and Redefining Care: Integrative Medicine in Family Practice.

At the ACOFP Annual Convention, students participated in two days of programming, including OMT and procedural workshops, residency match reflections, program director insights, fellowship opportunities, and panels on clinical rotations and professionalism. The association also submitted three resolutions to the Congress of Delegates, ensuring student voices are represented.

Partners Make It Possible

ACOFP Foundation

In commemoration of ACOFP's 75th anniversary, the Foundation launched a new campaign to support new-in-practice physicians in April of 2024. This new campaign, Family Medicine Forward, aims to raise \$750,000 by ACOFP's Congress of Delegates in 2027. Since the launch, \$536k has been pledged (72% to goal). These funds support the following programs:

- Formal mentorship program
- CliftonStrengths one-on-one coaching sessions
- Additional Future Leaders' Conferences
- Alumni networking opportunities

The ACOFP Foundation has a new joint research grant through a partnership with the American Osteopathic Foundation. The goal of this grant is to provide financial support for Osteopathic endeavors in research and education for the advancement of the profession and provide opportunities for publishing such research.

Finally, the Foundation continues to support residents seeking board certification via the In-Service Exam grant, which covers the cost of the In-Service Exam for eligible residents, and the Initial Certification Grant which covers AOBFP board certification fees.

ACOFP Affiliate Societies

ACOFP approved its second regional society, the Upper Midwest Affiliate Society (ACOFP-UMW), during the Congress of Delegates, which represents osteopathic family medicine across Iowa, Wisconsin, Minnesota, North Dakota, South Dakota, and Nebraska. ACOFP has sponsored or exhibited at affiliate meetings in Indiana, North Carolina, Texas, California, Pennsylvania, and Michigan. Collaboration continues to grow through quarterly Affiliate Society Executive Director Town Hall meetings, which have featured presentations on board management and grant-funded education opportunities. Additionally, recent communication efforts included an in-person luncheon and a bimonthly newsletter. The chapter membership portal is currently in beta testing for states participating in the joint membership dues program. ACOFP has collaborated on Basal Insulin Grant programs (TX, ME, CA, NC), OMT Next Level (IN, CA, OMED), and Situation Rooms with Pfizer (CA, MI, PA, NC). Shared educational offerings have focused on Pain Management/Opioid Prescribing, Venous Thromboembolism, Basal Insulin for T2D, and Lung Cancer Screening.