

SUBJECT: Revisions to Sunsetting ACOFP Position Statements of the
American College of Osteopathic Family Physicians (ACOFP)

SUBMITTED BY: ACOFP Constitution & Bylaws/Policy & Organization Review Committee

REFERRED TO: 2023 American College of Osteopathic Family Physicians (ACOFP) Congress of Delegates

RESOLUTION NO. 3

RESOLVED, that Congress of Delegates of the American College of Osteopathic Family Physicians approves the reaffirmation of the ACOFP Position Statements as recommended and submitted by the ACOFP Constitution & Bylaws/Policy & Organization Review Committee. (Red Font: Old material crossed out, new material capitalized.)

1. LEGISLATION/REGULATION

1. Payment for Vaccine C/18, 13, 08, 03
The ACOFP calls upon the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) and other payors to ensure payments for all CDC advisory committee on immunization practices (ACIP) recommended vaccines be made to physicians to reimburse for their full acquisition cost of the vaccines plus the administration fee.
2. Vaccine Availability C/18, 13, 08, 03
The ACOFP encourages the United States government and its regulatory agencies to ensure that an adequate supply of vaccines be available to the American public.
3. Preservation of Family Medicine Department in Hospital Setting C/18, 13
The ACOFP affirms that the family medicine department is an integral part of all hospitals regarding education and the provision of continuity of patient care from the in-patient to out-patient settings. Family medicine hospital staff should remain an integral part of the medical staff structure and have an opportunity to maintain a seat on the Hospital Medical Executive Committee, particularly in hospitals that have family medicine residency programs.
4. Reporting Electronic Health Records Software Errors to Physicians C/18, 13
The ACOFP requests that vendors of electronic health records notify physician clients of reported software errors and provide software updates, in a systematic and timely fashion as is standard in other industries ~~that correct these errors~~ to enhance patient safety.
5. Hospital Privileges C/18, 13
The ACOFP will defend the rights of patients to receive care from the physician of their choice, and the rights of osteopathic family physicians to provide care in all settings for which they are trained.

2. CERTIFICATION

1. Certification – Reentry Pathway C/18, 13, 08, 03

The ACOFP requests that the AOA **continues to** streamline and expedite the certification reentry pathway to allow returning ACGME-trained osteopathic physicians to obtain AOA certification.

2. Mandatory Recertification of Physicians C/18, 13, 08, 03

The ACOFP opposes mandatory recertification as a condition of physician licensure.

4. OSTEOPATHIC MEDICINE

1. Osteopathic Pledge of Commitment C/18, 13, 08, 03

As members of the osteopathic medical profession, in an effort to instill loyalty and strengthen the profession, we recall the tenets on which this profession is founded – the dynamic interaction of mind, body and spirit; the body's ability to heal itself; the primary role of the musculoskeletal system; and preventive medicine as the key to maintain health. We recognize the work our predecessors have accomplished in building the profession, and we commit ourselves to continuing that work.

I Pledge To: Provide compassionate, quality care to my patients; partner with them to promote health; display integrity and professionalism throughout my career; advance the philosophy, practice and science of osteopathic medicine; continue life-long learning; support my profession with loyalty in action, word and deed; and live each day as an example of what an osteopathic physician should be.

5. PATIENT EDUCATION

1. Sexual Orientation and Gender Expression Non-Discrimination C/18
The ACOFP believes that all patients should be treated equally, respectfully, and with dignity with regard to gender identity and sexual orientation, promoting quality medical care that is non-biased and provides equal care for all, thereby enabling physicians to be honorable stewards of their patients' health care and creating an inclusive medical home that is welcoming to all regardless of sexual orientation or gender identity.
2. Access to Nutritious Food C/18
The ACOFP advocates for the development of and funding for programs that increase access to nutritious food options in all communities and encourages research and monitoring of nutritious food access at state and national levels.

9. INNOVATIVE MEDICINE

1. Stem Cell Research C/18, 13, 08, 03

The ACOFP supports biomedical research on stem cells and should monitor developments in stem cell research.

2. Global Medical Outreach C/18

The ACOFP advocates for the osteopathic profession to participate in international medical outreach to improve cultural competency and increase international osteopathic recognition.

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- 12. NON-PHYSICIAN**
2. The Full, Complete, Unrestricted and Independent Practice of Medicine by Nurse Practitioners C/18
- The ACOFP will continue to work with the state and national entities of the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP), American Osteopathic Association (AOA), and American Medical Association (AMA) to educate and inform state and federal legislators regarding ~~the~~ dangers ~~of in~~ the unsupervised, full, complete, unrestricted, and independent practice of medicine by nurse practitioners.
- 13. PUBLIC SAFETY**
1. Homeland Security/War on Terrorism C/18, 13, 08, 03
- The ACOFP supports the war on terrorism and the continued development of appropriate homeland security measures.
- FINAL ACTION: APPROVED as of March 29, 2023**