

SUBJECT: Increasing Point-of-Care Ultrasound (POCUS) Training Education at American College of Osteopathic Family Physicians (ACOFP) Events

SUBMITTED BY: ACOFP Resident Council

REFERRED TO: 2025 American College of Osteopathic Family Physicians (ACOFP) Congress of Delegates

RESOLUTION NO. 14

1 WHEREAS, Point-of-Care Ultrasound (POCUS) has demonstrated significant utility in enhancing
2 diagnostic accuracy, improving patient outcomes, reducing costs and expediting care in
3 various clinical settings, including primary care^{1,2,3}; and
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5 WHEREAS, training in POCUS has increased in family medicine residencies since 2014 but still
6 face significant barriers to clinical implementations; and
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8 WHEREAS, early integration of POCUS training in medical school or family medicine residency
9 programs equips physicians with skills that may help in improving patient care and
10 outcomes⁴; and
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12 WHEREAS, the 2024 Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education requirement for
13 Family Medicine program includes, "Residents should have experience in using point-of-
14 care ultrasound in clinical care"⁵; now, therefore be it
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16 RESOLVED, that the American College of Osteopathic Family Physicians (ACOFP) increase
17 awareness of Point-of-Care (POCUS) training courses available for programs and family
18 medicine residents; and, be it further
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20 RESOLVED, that the ACOFP encourage the Procedural Medicine Work Group to support or develop
21 continuing medical education on POCUS at ACOFP related events.

FINAL ACTION: DISAPPROVED as of April 2, 2025

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT: ACOFP currently promotes and holds POCUS Workshops at the Annual Convention. In addition to the POCUS workshops, this and other emerging medical technologies are already assessed annually by the Procedural Medicine Work Group for inclusion in ACOFP programming for student, resident and practicing member education.

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