

SUBJECT: Reinstating Acceptance of Original Research Articles in The *Osteopathic Family Physician* Journal

SUBMITTED BY: Ohio Society of the American College of Osteopathic Family Physicians

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

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RESOLUTION NO. 21

1 WHEREAS, the *Osteopathic Family Physician (OFP)* serves as the official scholarly publication of  
2 the American College of Osteopathic Family Physicians (ACOFP) advances the field of osteopathic  
3 family medicine through the dissemination of scholarly work [1]; and

4 WHEREAS, the *OFP* journal previously accepted original research articles for publication,  
5 providing a platform for osteopathic family physicians, faculty, and residents of osteopathic  
6 recognized programs to share findings and contribute to the body of evidence-based osteopathic  
7 medicine; and

8 WHEREAS, in recent years, the *OFP* journal has shifted its focus to review articles only, thereby  
9 limiting opportunities for osteopathic physicians, faculty, and residents to publish original  
10 research [2]; and

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12 WHEREAS, under the single accreditation system, graduate medical education programs with  
13 Osteopathic Recognition (OR) face increased scholarly activity requirements for faculty and  
14 residents, which include original research, publications, and presentations [3]; and

15 WHEREAS, a lack of a dedicated osteopathic journal for publishing original research challenges  
16 programs with OR to meet scholarly activity requirements and undermines efforts to advance  
17 osteopathic-focused research; and

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19 WHEREAS, reinstating the acceptance of original research articles in the *OFP* journal would  
20 support the scholarly work of OR programs, their faculty, and residents, enhance the field's  
21 academic foundation, and strengthen the reputation of osteopathic family medicine; now,  
22 therefore be it

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24 RESOLVED, that the American College of Osteopathic Family Physicians (ACOFP) advocate for the  
25 *Osteopathic Family Physician (OFP)* journal to reinstate the acceptance and publication of original  
26 research articles; and be it further

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28 RESOLVED, that the ACOFP promotes the *OFP* journal as the primary resource for publishing  
29 osteopathic family medicine research to support faculty and resident scholarly work  
30 requirements for Family Medicine residency programs with Osteopathic Recognition; and be it  
31 further  
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33 RESOLVED, that the ACOFP ensure adequate resources and support for the *OFP* journal to manage  
34 the anticipated increase in submissions and uphold high standards for the quality and impact of  
35 published research.

**FINAL ACTION: DISAPPROVED as of April 2, 2025**

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT: *OFP* is not currently certified as an official PubMed journal as there are multiple challenges which have prevented the journal from accepting primary research. Such a resolution would not change the underlying challenges which have resulted in the current direction of the journal. Additionally, the *OFP* journal already costs the organization over \$100,000 per year, which would be increased by this resolution. There are other osteopathic journals available for scholarly submissions.

References:

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<https://www.acofp.org/news-and-publications/journal/article-categories>
- 3) Osteopathic Recognition. Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education. Jan 2025.  
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