DISCOVER OUR REMARKABLE **JOURNEY FROM 1950 TO TODAY**



- Eight osteopathic physicians found the American College of General Practitioners in Osteopathic Medicine and Surgery (ACGPOMS). Four "at large" members are added to the Board, for a total of 12.
- ACGPOMS is incorporated in Los Angeles County, California.



The American Osteopathic Association (AOA) officially recognizes ACGPOMS, calling it "one of the most important to arise in our profession's history."





- · ACGPOMS is now referred to as the American College of General Practitioners (ACGP).
- Frank York Lee, DO, "MD." one of ACGP's key founders, becomes ACGP's first Asian American president.

1955



The first student chapter, The Alpha Society. is founded at the Kansas City College of Osteopathic Medicine.

1957

ACGP holds its first official national meeting in Des Moines, Iowa. -----



ACGP presents the first Practitioner of the Year Honor Award to Frank MacCracken, DO—now the Osteopathic Family Physician of the Year Award.

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for women and people of color, and the integration of allopathic physicians. These

milestones reflect ACOFP's commitment to holistic, patient-centered care and

underscore its vital role in shaping the future of osteopathic family medicine.

1954

Since its founding ACOFP has grown into a diverse, influential organization dedicated to advancing osteopathic family medicine. Throughout the decades, it has navigated significant challenges—from the California Merger movement to shifts in national certification processes—and championed groundbreaking initiatives, including the establishment of robust residency programs, pivotal leadership roles



• ACGP names Alfred Schramm, DO, as the organization's first executive secretary (executive director), the only DO to serve in this position to date.

 The ACGP Congress of Delegates is established.

1960

2024

ACGP relocates to Chicago, Illinois,

to expand its national footprint.

Amid the California Merger

movement, hundreds of DOs

an MD designation, causing

exchange their DO degrees for

significant membership losses.

1962

ACGP seeks to establish general practice as specialty within the osteopathic medical certification process and is met with intense resistance from the NBOE and the Advisory Board to Osteopathic Specialist (ABOS).

The Conclave of Fellows inducts

exceptional leadership and service.

its first 24 Fellows, recognizing



1965



• The ACOFP Foundation surpasses its \$2 million fundraising goal for "Forging Our Osteopathic Future," more than a year

2023

• The Foundation launches the "Family Medicine Forward" campaign, aiming to raise \$750,000 to enhance programs





ACGP's first residency

program graduates its first

resident in osteopathic

James B. Donahue, DO.

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general practice,

• Mary M. Burnett, DO, FACGP, becomes ACGP's first female president.

• The American Osteopathic Board of General Practitioners (AOBGP) is established as the certifying board for osteopathic general practitioners. T. Robert Sharp, DO, FACGP, ACGP, is issued certificate No. 1 for being instrumental in making certification a reality.



Ray E. Piper, DO, FACOFP,

becomes ACOFP's first African

American president, heralding

greater diversity in leadership.

The ACGP Education and Research Foundation is established, furthering the organization's commitment to education and philanthropy."

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is held for ACGP's permanent building in the northwest suburbs of Chicago, establishing a dedicated home base.

The Auxiliary to the ACGP (AACGP) is

in support of the profession.

launched, bringing together spouses and

significant others of osteopathic physicians

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Congress of Delegates.

Elizabeth A. Palmarozzi, DO,

female speaker of the ACOFP

FACOFP, is elected as the first



A groundbreaking ceremony



ACGP changes its name to the American College of Osteopathic Family Physicians (ACOFP), reflecting a focus on family medicine within the osteopathic tradition.



ACOFP debuts the Osteopathic Family Medicine In-Service Training Exam, enhancing residency education and performance assessment.

To protect its members from further loss of professional privileges, ACOFP reissues all Certificates of Certification, adding the words "osteopathic manipulative treatment" to "family practice."

ACOFP inducts its firs class of distinguished fellows, honoring 21

The ACOFP Lifetime



Achievement Award is established, celebrating members who have dedicate their careers to advancing osteopathic family medicin



 ACOFP launches its peer-reviewed medical journal. Osteopathic Family Physician (OFP).

• ACOFP holds the inaugural ACOFP Future Leaders Conference.



• The Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME) announces plans to exclude all AOA-certified postgraduate training. ACOFP advocates vigorously for osteopathic family physicians during this transition.

The ACOFP Outstanding Female Leader Award is established.



 The Congress of Delegates votes to include allopathic physicians as full voting members; Brian Bixler, MD, becomes the first MD member.

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic,

ACOFP cancels its annual convention

in New Orleans and launches its first

virtual annual convention.

• ACOFP creates the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) Award, honoring Teial R. Patel, DO, as the first recipient.

 ACOFP wins the AOA Outstanding Affiliate of the Year Award.



ACOFP launches the Clinical Osteopathic Recognition Training Examination (CORTEx) to help residency programs meet ACGME Osteopathic Recognition guidelines.







ahead of schedule.

• Ryan M. Smith, DO, FAAFP, is named the first New Physician-in-Practice Governor.

for residents and early career physicians.





WELCOME TO THE ACOFP STORY

Founded in 1950 by eight visionary osteopathic physicians, the American College of Osteopathic Family Physicians (ACOFP) has championed comprehensive patient care, medical education, and professional growth for over seven decades. We're excited to share the highlights of our rich history, from early milestones and pioneering leaders to modern achievements and a future filled with promise.



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