

AMERICAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION HOUSE OF DELEGATES

Resolution: 809
(I-05)

Introduced by: Medical Student Section

Subject: Equal Fees for Osteopathic and Allopathic Medical Students

Referred to: Reference Committee K
(Eugenia Marcus, MD, Chair)

Whereas, The American Medical Association has current policy supporting the equal acknowledgement of both Doctors of Medicine (MDs) and Doctors of Osteopathy (DOs) (AMA Policies H-405.989 and G-635.053); and

Whereas, Some allopathic institutions clearly state that all US trained allopathic and osteopathic medical students who have taken the United States Medical Licensing Examination and/or Comprehensive Osteopathic Medical Licensing Examination are eligible to complete rotations; and

Whereas, Some allopathic institutions currently charge visiting students of American Osteopathic Association-accredited medical schools an "administrative fee" that is not charged to visiting Liaison Committee on Medical Education medical students; and

Whereas, A majority of US clinical training programs do not establish differing fee scales for allopathic versus osteopathic-trained medical students; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That American Medical Association Policies H-405.989, "Physicians and Surgeons," and G-635.053, "AMA Membership Strategy: Osteopathic Medicine," be reaffirmed (Reaffirm HOD Policy); and be it further

RESOLVED, That our AMA discourage discrimination by institutions and programs based on osteopathic or allopathic training (New HOD Policy); and be it further

RESOLVED, That our AMA support equal fees for clinical rotation externships by osteopathic and allopathic medical students (New HOD Policy); and be it further

RESOLVED, That our AMA encourage that Liaison Committee on Medical Education- and Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education-accredited institutions maintain fair practice standards for equal access to all US medical students, osteopathic and allopathic. (New HOD Policy)

Fiscal Note: Staff cost estimated at less than \$500 to implement.

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RELEVANT AMA POLICY

H-405.989 Physicians and Surgeons

(1) It is AMA policy to refer only to Doctors of Medicine (MDs) and Doctors of Osteopathy (DOs) as “physicians and surgeons.” (2) The AMA supports working to ensure that federal and state regulations and hospital medical staff bylaws comply with this designation. (Res. 78, I-88; Reaffirmed: Sunset Report, I-98; Reaffirmed in lieu of Res. 615, A-05)

G-635.053 AMA Membership Strategy: Osteopathic Medicine

Our AMA’s membership strategy on osteopathic physicians (DOs) includes the following: Our AMA: (1) encourages all state societies to accept DOs as members at every level of the Federation; (2) encourages state societies with schools of osteopathic medicine to support development of Medical Student Sections at those schools; both the MSS Governing Council and existing MSS chapters in states with osteopathic schools should assist in this effort; (3) encourages that DO members of our AMA continue to participate in the Member-Get-a-Member program; (4) will provide recruiters with targeted lists of DO nonmembers upon request; (5) will include DOs, as appropriate, in direct nonmember mailings; and (6) will expand its database of information on osteopathic students and doctors. (BOT Rep. I-93-11; Consolidated: CLRPD Rep. 3, I-01)