



## American Osteopathic College of Dermatology

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Welcome to the second letter in a series of 4 which will discuss the ACGME, **Continuing Medical Education**, Advocacy, and Membership issues which affect the AOCD.

The CME world continues to change and the AOCD Board of Trustees, CME committee and staff are committed to continue to offer our members the BEST CME out there! We are excited to share with you that on March 23, 2018, **the American Osteopathic College of Dermatology (AOCD) became accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME) to provide continuing medical education for physicians!** In addition to providing AOA Category 1A CME, we also will be providing **AMA PRA Category 1 Credit(s)<sup>™</sup>** beginning with our fall meeting in San Diego.

### *What does this mean?*

It means, the American Osteopathic College of Dermatology is accredited to provide meaningful CME to not only osteopathic physicians but allopathic physicians as well, **ANYWHERE IN THE WORLD!**

The new CME cycle for the AOA begins January 1, 2019. The specialty CME requirements are changing and as soon as the 2019 guide is published, we will blast it out to you.

Sixty credit hours must be earned in the specialty area of certification and **fifteen of those will be required in Category 1A**. Category 1A credit is available through any Accredited AOA Sponsor such as the AOCD, however must be presented by acceptable presenters as designated by the AOBD. For dermatology, the AOBD considers the following presenters acceptable: Certified DO, Certified MD, PhD, JD, MTs, HTs, RT, Cytotechs, Certified Ultrasound Technician (Masters level specialists), Physician Assistants, Administrator/Finance/Project Manager/Business Consultant, and Social Worker. Self-assessment activities will be designated by each of the specialty certifying boards. Note: Some boards may have additional requirements.

### *What's in store for the future?*

**Online Category 1-A CME** has arrived for the AOCD! On July 1, 2018 we launched our online, on demand Category 1-A CME offerings. The courses were recorded from our spring 2018 meeting in West Palm Beach, FL. We will again record sessions from our San Diego meeting this fall and post those online as well. Don't forget to check out our other offerings for Category 1-B. Read the JAOCD, answer the quiz questions and earn 2 Category 1-B CME for each volume of the JAOCD. Remember, Category 1-B DOES count towards your specialty credit requirement!

Stay informed and visit both the AOA and ACCME websites for more information and FAQ's on CME.

ACCME <http://www.accme.org/>

AOBD Acceptable presenters <http://www.osteopathic.org/inside-aoa/development/continuing-medical-education/Documents/specialty-credit-presenters-by-board-feb-14.pdf>

2016-2018 CME Guide <http://www.osteopathic.org/inside-aoa/development/continuing-medical-education/Documents/cme-guide-2016-2018.pdf>

Specialty CME Policy <http://www.osteopathic.org/inside-aoa/development/continuing-medical-education/Documents/specialty-cme-policy%202016-2018.pdf>

**CME Resources:**

To report Your CME Credits

Fax your CME credit forms to (312) 202-8202, Attention: Customer Resource Center, or email attachments to [crc@osteopathic.org](mailto:crc@osteopathic.org) Be sure to include your name and AOA ID.

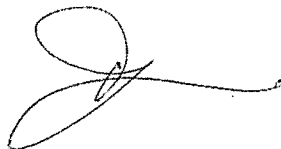
CME Activity Reports

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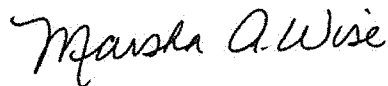
If you would like to speak with a Customer Resource Center Representative about your CME Activity Report, call (312) 202-8000 or (888) 62-MY-AOA (888-626-9262). You can also email [crc@osteopathic.org](mailto:crc@osteopathic.org)

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Thank you for being an AOCD member!



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