Seasons Greetings 2023
Quarterly News Letter for AOCD membership.
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From the desk of:
Ralph Fiore II DO FAOCD
AOCD President 2023/2024

My Fellow AOCD Members,

I would like to wish all of our members a Happy and Healthy Holiday season. As the year comes to an end, let us take this time to reflect on the year and all the things we are grateful for in our personal and professional lives.

It is that time of year and I want encourage and invite all of our members to renew their annual dues to the AOCD. The AOCD is the only organization that represents Osteopathic Dermatology and it is important to the survival of the college that our annual dues are paid in a timely manner. The revenue from our dues is what allows us to have a staff that is responsible to only our members and they are the backbone of our organization. The Board of Trustees voted to keep the dues the same rate as previous years and the AOCD has not raised its dues since 2011.

Recently the AOCD Board of Trustees met for our annual retreat and business meeting. It was nice to finally be back in person and get a lot of housekeeping and management issues addressed to ensure the future of the College is healthy as we head into not only the new year, but the years that lie ahead.

The Board decided on a few big issues and I would like to give the membership a review of the upcoming changes.

1. The AOCD has consolidated and eliminated some of the committees. Consolidating redundant committees and sun setting those that served a purpose during our time as overseeing the Osteopathic training programs, we can maintain our organizational integrity and keep our policies current and updated.

2. Residency and Training awards have been transferred to the Foundation for Osteopathic Dermatology, as the awards align with its mission to ensure Osteopathic Education in the future.

3. The Fellow of Distinction has been updated to reflect service to the AOCD and will reward those members who have continued membership and service to the AOCD.

Additionally, there will be a 1-year position for the Board of Trustees available for this voting cycle. The Call for nominations will be released shortly. Please contact the AOCD office if you are interested. The College exists because of the work by its volunteer board.

We are still in need of committee members, especially to serve on our CME committee. This committee is vital to the AOCD as we are the only CME provider allowing us to reward both AOA Category 1-A and ACCME CME. Please contact the office if you are willing to serve on a committee. The time commitment is minimal and the work is rewarding.

Lastly, I hope to see all of you at our annual meeting in Scottsdale, Arizona this upcoming April. The meeting will be taking place on April 11-14, 2024 at the Westin Kierland Resort. The room block and registration are now open and available so please sign up if you are able to attend. We have a great line up of speakers and is constantly being updated on the AOCD website.

Happy Holidays

Ralph Fiore II, DO, FAOCD
wishing you PEACE this holiday
The Fiore Family

Happy Holidays from Marsha & Grandkids
From the desk of:

Marsha A. Wise

Executive Director, American Osteopathic College of Dermatology
Executive Director, Foundation for Osteopathic Dermatology
Executive Director, American Osteopathic College of Pathologists, Inc.
Past President, Society of Osteopathic Specialty Executives

Happy Holidays!

It’s hard to believe this year is almost over. We hope you’ve had a good year. Next year will mark the end of the AOA CME cycle. Shelley and I have prepared some FAQs to help you navigate. Look for that article in this newsletter. If you are in need of CME before the end of 2023, check out AOCD’s online CME. Be sure to log in with your user name and password to receive the member pricing. AOCD :: Catalog (mycrowdwisdom.com) The AOA also has their virtual OMED courses available until December 31, 2023. OMED 2023 (experientevent.com)

We’ve also provided information on CME accreditation, what it means and the hoops the AOCD jumps through to maintain it. Here in the AOCD office we are very protective of the planning processes of our conferences regarding following the accreditation requirements, because, once it’s lost, it’s gone!

There are currently 10 states which specifically require DO’s obtain AOA Category 1A CME, regardless of the physician’s board certification. There are 7 states which state they will accept either AMA or AOA CME for licensure.

The AOCD is primarily responsible for providing Continuing Medical Education for our members. We are able to provide Dermatology specific CME to ANY physician in the world with our dual ACCME and AOA CME accreditations. To our knowledge we are the ONLY dermatology organization with this ability!

Have a great New Year! We’ll see you in Scottsdale!
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The AOCD recently celebrated 65 years of Osteopathic Dermatology!

Join us as we congratulate these milestone members with their continuous years of membership with the AOCD.

Check back in 2024 for a brand new list of members celebrating continuous years of support and membership with the AOCD. We would not be here without you!
Congratulations to the following AOCD members celebrating 20 years of continuous membership in 2023 since obtaining Board Certification.

Frank Armstrong, D.O., FAOCD Fellow
Michael Cohen, D.O., FAOCD Fellow
David Corallo, D.O., FAOCD Fellow
Matthew Doppelt, D.O., FAOCD Fellow
Michael Eyre, D.O., FAOCD Fellow
Kenneth Kircher, D.O., FAOCD Fellow
Debbie Palmer, D.O., FAOCD Fellow
Dimitria Papadopoulos, D.O., FAOCD Fellow
Paul Ross, D.O., FAOCD Fellow
Laurie Schaeffer, D.O., FAOCD Fellow
Kathleen Soe, D.O., FAOCD Fellow
Peter Vitulli, Jr., D.O., FAOCD Fellow
Bethany Wyles, D.O., FAOCD Fellow
Jay Gottlieb, D.O., FAOCD Fellow/Life

Congratulations to the following AOCD members celebrating 25 years of continuous membership in 2023 since obtaining Board Certification.

Amy Cardello, D.O., FAOCD Fellow
Jeffrey Martin, D.O., FAOCD Fellow
Filomena Scola, D.O., FAOCD Fellow
Constance Scott, D.O., FAOCD Fellow
Olenka Speaker, D.O., FAOCD Fellow
Joseph Urash, D.O., FAOCD Fellow
Congratulations to the following AOCD members celebrating 30 years of continuous membership in 2023 since obtaining Board Certification.

Monique Cohn, D.O., FAOCD  Fellow
Jay Dennett, D.O., FAOCD  Fellow
Michael Krutchik, D.O., FAOCD  Fellow
Julia Santoso-Pham, D.O., FAOCD  Fellow
Craig Ziering, D.O., FAOCD  Fellow
Norman Ilowite, D.O., FAOCD  Fellow/Life
Ronald Miller, D.O., FAOCD  Fellow/Life

Congratulations to the following AOCD members celebrating 35 years of continuous membership in 2023 since obtaining Board Certification.

Jack Cohen, D.O., FAOCD  Fellow
James Del Rosso, D.O., FAOCD  Fellow
Shelly Friedman, D.O., FAOCD  Fellow
Howard Solomon, D.O., FAOCD  Fellow
Roxana Chapman, D.O., FAOCD  Fellow/Life
David Eslicker, D.O., FAOCD  Fellow/Life
Stephen Purcell, D.O., FAOCD  Fellow/Retired
Congratulations to the following AOCD members celebrating **40 years** of continuous membership in 2023 since obtaining Board Certification.

Robert Verona, D.O., FAOCD  
Fellow/Life

Laurie Woll, D.O., FAOCD  
Fellow/Life

Congratulations to the following AOCD members celebrating **45 years** of continuous membership in 2023 since obtaining Board Certification.

Michael Mahon, D.O., FAOCD  
Fellow

Daniel Stewart, D.O., FAOCD  
Fellow/Life

Marvin Watsky, D.O., FAOCD  
Fellow/Life

Hyman Yee, D.O., FAOCD  
Fellow/Life

Congratulations to the following AOCD members celebrating **50 years** of continuous membership in 2023 since obtaining Board Certification.

David Walker, D.O., FAOCD  
Fellow

Don Collier, D.O., FAOCD  
Fellow/Life
Congratulations to the following AOCD member celebrating 60 years of continuous membership in 2023 since obtaining Board Certification.

Robert Shimmel D.O., FAOCD  Fellow/Life
Dr. Carlos Gomez-Meade, DO, FAOCD was appointed to the University of Notre Dame, Hispanic alumni board as the Director of Alumni Relations this past fall. Dr. Gomez-Meade is very excited to serve in this role for his beloved alma mater university.

Carlos Gomez-Meade '01
Alumni Relations Assistant Director

Carlos Gomez-Meade is originally from Brownsville, Texas. After graduating with his bachelor’s degree from Notre Dame he returned to Texas for his medical degree. After medical school, he completed two residencies and a fellowship in Florida and now practices as a skin cancer and reconstructive surgeon and specializes in cutaneous oncology for an oncology group in Tulsa, Oklahoma where he lives with his wife and three children. Carlos was elected to the Board in 2023.
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* 28 hours category 1A Dermatology CME
* Expo Central
* Annual Awards

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Are you bringing your family to Scottsdale, April 2024? The Westin Kierland has many activities for your family.

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### Monday
- **10:00 AM**
  - Family Bingo  
  @ OK Corral
- **11:00 AM - 1:00 PM**
  - Craft Time*  
  @ OK Corral
- **2:00 PM - 4:00 PM**
  - Tie-Dye T-Shirt Creation*  
  @ OK Corral
- **3:00 PM**
  - Water Balloon Toss  
  @ Adventure Pool
  - 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM Complimentary S’mores  
  @ OK Corral

### Tuesday
- **10:00 AM**
  - Flip Flop Decorating  
  @ OK Corral
- **11:00 AM - 1:00 PM**
  - Build-A-Buddy*  
  Make your own stuffed animal  
  @ OK Corral
- **1:00 PM**
  - Sponge Toss Relay  
  @ Adventure pool
- **2:00 PM - 4:00 PM**
  - Salt Scrub Creation*  
  @ OK Corral
- **3:00 PM**
  - Bucket Golf Hole In One Challenge  
  @ Kierland Ballpark
  - 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM Complimentary S’mores  
  @ OK Corral

### Wednesday
- **10:00 AM**
  - Bubble Time  
  @ OK Corral
- **11:00 AM - 1:00 PM**
  - Craft Time*  
  @ OK Corral
- **2:00 PM - 4:00 PM**
  - Tie-Dye T-shirt Creation*  
  @ OK Corral
- **3:00 PM**
  - Whiffle Ball Game  
  @ Kierland Ballpark
- **6:00 PM - 8:00 PM**
  - Complimentary S’mores  
  @ OK Corral

### Thursday
- **10:00 AM**
  - Bracelet Making  
  @ OK Corral
- **11:00 AM**
  - Bases Running Relay/Splatter Upl  
  @ Kierland Ballpark
- **12:00 PM - 1:00 PM**
  - Salt Scrub Creation*  
  @ OK Corral
- **2:00 PM - 4:00 PM**
  - Build-A-Buddy*  
  Make your own stuffed animal  
  @ OK Corral
- **3:00 PM**
  - Water Balloon Toss  
  @ Kierland Ballpark
  - 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM Complimentary S’mores  
  @ OK Corral

### Friday
- **10:00 AM**
  - Family Bingo  
  @ OK Corral
- **11:00 AM**
  - Snake Feeding  
  @ Hotel Lobby
- **12:00 PM - 1:00 PM**
  - Craft Time*  
  @ OK Corral
- **2:00 PM - 4:00 PM**
  - Tie-Dye T-shirt Creation*  
  @ OK Corral
- **3:00 PM**
  - Putting With a Twist  
  @ Adventure Pool
  - 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM Kierland Kamping  
  Live Music & Complimentary S’mores & More  
  @ Marshall’s Outpost

### Saturday
- **10:00 AM - 12:00 PM**
  - Build-A-Buddy*  
  @ OK Corral
- **1:00 PM**
  - Hula Hoop Contest  
  @ Adventure Pool
- **2:00 PM - 4:00 PM**
  - Airbrush Tattoo*  
  @ Adventure Pool
- **2:00 PM**
  - Water Balloon Toss  
  @ Kierland Ballpark
- **4:00 PM**
  - Whiffle Ball Game  
  @ Kierland Ballpark
- **6:00 PM - 8:00 PM**
  - Complimentary S’mores  
  @ OK Corral

### Sunday
- **10:00 AM - 12:00 PM**
  - Pottery Painting*  
  @ OK Corral
- **11:00 AM**
  - Bases Running Relay/Splatter Upl  
  @ Kierland Ballpark
- **1:00 PM**
  - Putting With a Twist  
  @ Adventure Pool
- **2:00 PM - 4:00 PM**
  - Tie-Dye T-shirt Creation*  
  @ OK Corral
- **4:00 PM**
  - Sponge Toss Relay  
  @ Adventure pool
- **6:00 PM - 8:00 PM**
  - Complimentary S’mores  
  @ OK Corral

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Foundation Update:

As you know, the Foundation for Osteopathic Dermatology (FOD) is sponsoring an AOCD Reunion and Foundation Fund Raiser at our spring meeting in Scottsdale, Arizona, April 11-14, 2024

The meeting will take place at the Westin Kierland. The Foundation is having a Silent Auction on Saturday evening April 13th. All proceeds will benefit the FOD. I would like to update our membership on some of the “In Kind” donations. Thus far, we have received the following:

Salvador Dali’s Final Vision signed Multi-Media Etching 63/100.

Harily Davidson 95th Anniversary Edition Leather Jackets.

Hopi Kachina Doll “The Healer” signed.

Butterfly Art by Marshall Hill signed. The world-renowned artist in the world which works with real Butterflies and Lucite.

Native American Jewelry by Zuni and Navajo

If any AOCD members or Foundation donors would like to donate items for the auction such as memorabilia, collectables, artwork, time share weeks, etc. contact me on my personal cell phone or text me at 937-470-5990. Since I live in Arizona any item can be shipped to my home and I will ensure it gets to the meeting.

Thank you in advance for your donation.

Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays.

Dr. Gene Conte
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Pinnacle Table
$ 5000 / yearly
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Ulbrich Circle
$ 1000 / yearly
$10,000 total ($1000 per year over 10 year period)

Koprince Society
$ 1000
(one time donation)

Leaders of Osteopathic Dermatology
$500
(one time donation)

Scholars Circle
$ 250
(one time donation)

Residents Forum
$ 100
(one time donation)

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$1000.00 Koprince Society
Couple Golf, Couple Reception
Or Couple Day trip, Couple Reception

$750.00 Leaders of Osteopathic Dermatology
1 Person Golf, Couple Reception
Or 1 Person Day trip, Couple Reception

$500.00 Friends of Osteopathic Dermatology
Couple Reception

$250.00 Scholars Circle
Single Reception

Ala Carte
1 Golf $300, 1 Day trip $100, 1 Reception $250
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AOCD REUNION & FOUNDATION FUNDRAISER

SATURDAY APRIL 13, 2024
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Happy Holidays to our colleagues with the American Osteopathic College of Pathologists. Thank you for joining the AOC at our recent conferences.

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To all you members and supporters,

Rather than the usual hey I need you to letter, I thought I would take time to reflect upon the positive things that have happened. And for the most part leave the AOCD out of things!

As I think back on the past and have no idea how I was able to do all the things I done. On call 24/7 for a TV station, a fire department, and the ambulance district. And there was the number one organization, Marsha, and our kids. School programs, high school band and sports, boy scouts, we were always on the go. I know I was younger then, but even with that how did I survive? I have no idea. Thank God for modern medicine, without it and replacement parts, I would be broken down along the side of the road.

Today things are much slower, but I seem to be just as busy. Must be we added grandkids to the now adult kids. They don’t get less expensive when they move out! But having them all here in the same town is a blessing. Can’t say I miss those calls in the middle of the night to go who knows where and do what it took to make things right. Thank God doctors sleep at night, and the others I deal with keep normal working hours!

Good news this year on a personal note. I got that red, white, and blue card, Medicare!! For the first time in my life, I am on a government program. I want to thank all of you still working for helping me out. Now I have reason to watch those open enrollment commercials that air every break on Grit TV. Not sure why I have to have this pounded into my head for two months straight, I got it after the first 10 thousand times. Other good news is the price of gasoline has gone down, so it only cost me $10 a day to take my 130-pound dog on a daily car ride, multiple times on the weekend. The money saved on gas goes to fund the purchase of Windex to clean the dog drool off the side of my car. Oh, and for you doctors interested in hair loss, you need to come take a sample from this hair making dog. We have worn out 20 vacuum cleaners in the past few years, trying to keep up.

Well, the final good news is I am still above ground. I seem to be losing some friends as time goes on, but that is part of life. I have the most wonderful wife on this earth! She has put up with me and my ways for over 40 years. I have kids that work hard, respect their elders and are always there when we need them. And our grandkids, each one different but all love us, or they tell us every time we see them. We have great friends and live in a community that is a great place to be from! Not to mention it is the birthplace of Osteopathic Medicine!

Happy Holidays and have a safe new year!

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Season’s Greetings Everyone,

I hope this special edition of the AOCD newsletter finds each of you in good health and spirits. I hope everyone enjoyed a wonderful Thanksgiving holiday and had the opportunity to share the day with your family.

I would like to warmly wish each of you all the best this holiday season. I hope you are able to enjoy the holidays in the company of your family and friends. I offer you my sincere thanks for your continued support of the American Osteopathic College of Dermatology this year.

Best wishes to you and your family for a happy, healthy, and prosperous 2024!
NEW TO AOCD ONLINE LEARNING
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Dermatology self-assessment exams are available now on AOCD Online Learning. These exams are six unique tests programmed as traditional multiple choice dermatology in-service exams and designed as automated self-assessment tools to help identify strengths and knowledge gaps in dermatology. Exam sections include dermatopathology, kodachrome, and comprehensive. Dermatopathology and kodachrome sections feature slides and photographs with built-in image navigation features. The comprehensive section spans the spectrum of the dermatologic field. Receive instantaneous feedback, with the ability to review correct and incorrect answers after the exam. In addition, receive a downloadable report detailing your results in each category and comprehensive exam sub-category. Additional features and exam formats coming soon.

Dermpath & Kodachrome
Questions with Image Navigation

Detailed Exam Results

Review Your Incorrect Answers

Printable Exam Results Report

Your Score: 73%

Time to Complete: 0:33:31

Correct: 127/175

Section Name | Score | Correct / Total
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Dermatology | 69% | 69 / 100
Comprehensive | 69% | 69 / 100
Histopathology-Indications | 77% | 77 / 100
Histopathology-Pathological | 71% | 71 / 100
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Histopathology-Pathological | 1% | 1 / 100

Identify Gaps in Knowledge

Identify Areas of Strength
From the desk of:
Shelley Wood
Education Coordinator

What a year!!!

My youngest daughter got hurt playing softball and had surgery. My son started a new job. My oldest daughter got her first deer. Tim remains the same and I think I will start drinking lol. So that is the Wood family headlines!!

We live in a small community where everyone knows everyone, and the school is something we all rally around! This year our Girls softball won state (my oldest daughter is the assistant coach), and the town went wild! Then a couple of weeks ago we woke up to find the elementary school on fire. Nobody was there, nobody was hurt, but the community was devastated! But we are resilient. The community has pitched in, and area schools are all helping. School has moved to a local church and my oldest daughter that works for the school tells us that kids are all adjusting to their new normal. We will rebuild and it will be better!

From all the Wood family we wish you all the best!
Hello AOCD Members,

As the end of 2023 approaches, we wanted to remind you of available CME opportunities. The AOA CME cycle continues through December 2024. Individual re-licensure deadlines vary.

1. The AOCD online learning has over 40 Category 1A courses available for purchase. To get the member rate, remember to sign in with your username and password. [AOCD :: Catalog (mycrowdwisdom.com)](AOCD :: Catalog (mycrowdwisdom.com))

AOA OMED also has their virtual content open through December 31, 2023. [OMED 2023 (experientevent.com)](OMED 2023 (experientevent.com))

2. A reminder regarding the CME requirements.

Dermatology (AOBD) Time-limited diplomates or non-time-limited diplomates voluntarily participating in OCC need:

60 credits of CME, 20 credits must be AOA Category 1-A CME and all 20 Category 1-A CME must be specialty-specific. Dermatology (AOBD) Non-time-limited diplomates not participating in OCC need:

120 credits of CME, 20 credits must be AOA Category 1- A CME, and All 20 Category 1-A CME must be specialty-specific.

3. Reporting of CME earned from an ACCME-accredited provider for AMA PRA Category 1 Credit™ or AAFP CME programs (NON Osteopathic) to the AOA is the responsibility of the physician. A certificate of attendance must be provided to Physician Education & CME at [cme@osteopathic.org](cme@osteopathic.org) or the activity may be submitted by using the CME Self-Reporting Tool (login required). The certificate must indicate the total number of hours attended. Transcripts from other institutions (hospitals, CME trackers, etc.) will also be accepted if it contains the total number of hours. Submissions should include the physician’s name and AOA ID number. For detailed instructions on how to report non-osteopathic CME to the AOA visit [CME Reporting Forms - American Osteopathic Association](CME Reporting Forms - American Osteopathic Association) If you take a course from the AOCD, we will report that CME for you to the AOA.

4. Each state has specific requirements. Visit fsmb.org to see what your state(s) require.


Each spring, the AOCD offers state specific CME required courses. At our Scottsdale conference we will again offer these courses. Please note the Scottsdale conference date falls after the April 2022-March 2024 cycle for Florida relicensure. It is our understanding that beginning with the April 2024-March 2026 cycle, these courses must be done in person again.
A CME Message from Marsha & Shelley (continued)

5. If you are in any of the states listed below, your state requires courses on **Prescribing Controlled Substances** and this course is being offered on Sunday, April 14, 2024. FL, GA, IN, KS, LA, ME, MD, MS, NE, NV, NJ, NC, OK, PA, SC, TN, VT, VA, WV, WI.

6. If you are in any of the states listed below, your state requires courses on **Prevention of Medical Errors, Ethics** and this course is being offered on Sunday, April 14, 2024. FL, MI, NV, TX.

Anyone registered for the Scottsdale conference may stay and participate in the state requirements courses and claim the 5 AOA Category 1A CME.

7. Finally, many of you may have certifications in Mohs, Dermatopathology, Pediatric Dermatology through the AOBD. In the past, when reporting the CME from those courses to the AOA, we have sorted them out so members could see how many CME they have in Mohs, for example. We have been informed by the AOA to just report all CME under the general heading of Dermatology. Their CME database is not sophisticated enough to handle the sorting of topics. After a quick review of the requirements for these 3 topics, the AOBD does not list a specific number of CME needed for each. If you have ANY questions regarding recertification of your primary or sub specialty certificates, PLEASE contact the AOBD at AOA Osteopathic Board Certification in Dermatology

What Does CME Accreditation Mean?

“Participation in accredited CME helps physicians meet requirements for maintenance of licensure, maintenance of certification, credentialing, membership in professional societies, and other professional privileges. Physicians can count on accredited CME to provide a protected space for them to learn and teach without commercial influence. Clinicians are expected to deliver safe, effective, cost-effective, compassionate care, based on best practice and evidence. Accredited CME helps make that happen.” [Why Accredited CME Matters | ACCME](https://www.accreditationalliance.org/why-accredited-cme-matters)

In 2015 the AOCD began the journey to ACCME accreditation. After countless hours and tons of documentation and reports, a full four-year accreditation was received in 2022. If we had to print out everything we had to submit, it would easily fill 3 file cabinet drawers. The reporting process is that daunting and detailed! Hooray for electronic submission right??? Shelley affectionately calls the documentation “word salad”.

Some members questioned why AOCD bothered with this. At the time, the AOA had just completed the signing of agreements for the Single Accreditation System for Residency Training. We all knew graduating residents would be given the choice between AOA and ABMS Board Certification. ABMS certification requires AMA CME, which is what the ACCME accreditation is.
In a nutshell, the AOCD is able to provide Dermatology specific CME to ANY physician in the world with our dual ACCME and AOA CME accreditations. To our knowledge we are the ONLY dermatology organization with this ability!

**What are the Standards?**

The Core Accreditation Criteria include, A Mission, Program Analysis, Program Improvements, Educational Needs, Designed to Change, Appropriate Formats, Competencies, and an Analysis of Changes.

There are Standards for Integrity and Independence in Accredited Continuing Education we must meet which include:

1. Ensure Content is Valid
2. Preventing Commercial bias and marketing in accredited CME
3. Identify, mitigate, and disclose relevant financial relationships
4. Manage Commercial Support Appropriately, and
5. Manage ancillary activities offered in conjunction with accredited CME

#3, 4, and 5 are tough standards and closely monitored by the ACCME. One slip up could mean the end of this accreditation from the ACCME. Many might say, “So what? We still have AOA CME accreditation.” Well, guess what?? In 2020, the AOA adopted ACCME accreditation standards! So, one way or the other, the AOCD has to follow these standards.

**Get to Know the difference of the various credits.**

What is the difference between AOA CME Credits and AMA PRN CME Credits?

**Category 1: Osteopathic CME**

**Category 2: Non-Osteopathic CME**

**Category A: Live Activity**

**Category B: Non-live Activity index.php (osteopathic.org)**

The AMA world has categories also. Attending an AAD meeting with 30 Category 1 credits, transfers to the AOA as Category 2A. It still meets your overall CME requirement, but if you specifically need Category 1A, then you need to attend an AOCD live conference or a conference hosted by a Category 1A Sponsor. There are only 160 of us out there as Category 1A Sponsors are affiliates of the AOA. Meanwhile, there are over 2000 ACCME accredited sponsors, which the AOCD is proud to be a part of.

Many states have specific CME requirements for DO’s. Florida, Arizona, California to name just a couple. It is our understanding is you are a DO, regardless of your board certification, you still have to meet the requirements for DO’s and that could include obtaining CATEGORY 1A CME.
The AOCD appreciates everyone participating in our live conferences. Without your support we would not be here. We also realize members have a choice on when and where they obtain CME. In a world of scammers, fake news, and suspicious emails, we want you to be aware of what your should be seeing in the “fine print”. EVERY CME conference is required to post accreditation statements. On AOCD materials you will find the following:

The American Osteopathic College of Dermatology (AOCD) is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME) to provide continuing medical education for physicians.

The American Osteopathic College of Dermatology is accredited by the American Osteopathic Association to provide osteopathic continuing medical education for physicians.

Do your homework! If the conference you are signing up for is called “ABC”, but the accreditation is coming from “XYZ”, don’t be afraid to ask questions of that conference provider!

For more CME FAQ’s visit our webpage. CME FAQ’s - American Osteopathic College of Dermatology (AOCD)

So here is a quick lesson for you on some of the items we deal with. (and by no means the full list!)

**Standard 2:** The accredited provider must ensure that all decisions related to the planning, faculty selection, delivery, and evaluation of accredited education are made without any influence or involvement from the owners and employees of an ineligible company.

**Standard 3:** Review the information about financial relationships to identify individuals who are owners or employees of ineligible companies. These individuals must be excluded from controlling content or participating as planners or faculty in accredited education.

**Standard 4:** The accredited provider must make all decisions regarding the receipt and disbursement of the commercial support.

**Standard 5:** Accredited providers are responsible for ensuring that education is separate from marketing by ineligible companies—including advertising, sales, exhibits, and promotion—and from nonaccredited education offered in conjunction with accredited continuing education. Live continuing education activities: Marketing, exhibits, and nonaccredited education developed by or with influence from an ineligible company or with planners or faculty with unmitigated financial relationships must not occur in the educational space within 30 minutes before or after an accredited education activity.

What is an ineligible company???? An ineligible company is any entity whose primary business is producing, marketing, selling, re-selling, or distributing healthcare products used by or on patients.
Sample Exercise #1:
Dr. Ralphie Parker is a board-certified ophthalmologist. He is the Founder of a company which produces eye patches. He has been invited to speak on the subject “How to Avoid Shooting Your Eye Out” Is Dr. Parker an approved speaker for this event?

Sorry, No! Standard 3, #2 says: Individuals who are owners or employees of ineligible companies must be excluded from controlling content or participating as planners or faculty in accredited education.

Sample Exercise #2:
Dr. Ralphie Parker is a board-certified ophthalmologist. He is the Founder of a company which produces eye patches. He has been invited to speak on the subject “The Benefits of Lifebouy Soap.” Is Dr. Parker an approved speaker for this event?

Yes!! When the content of the activity is not related to the business lines or products of their employer/company.

Hopefully we’ve been able to provide useful information on the CME world that the AOCD office navigates.

We hope you have a wonderful Holiday Season.

The AOCD office will be closed December 22-26, 2023 for our Christmas, and December 29, 2023-January 2, 2024 for New Years. Staff will also be taking vacation at various times throughout December.

We will see you in the New Year!

Marsha & Shelley
Accreditation Statement:

Content included in AOCD’s educational conferences will not include individually identifiable health information, in accordance with Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA), as amended.

The American Osteopathic College of Dermatology (AOCD) designates each 1 hour virtual activity for a maximum of 1 AMA PRA Category 1 Credit(s). Physicians should claim only the credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.

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The American Osteopathic College of Dermatology designates this 1 hour program for a maximum of 1 AOA Category 1-A credit and will report CME and specialty credits commensurate with the extent of the physician’s participation in this activity.

Quarterly News Letter for AOCD membership.

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