



American Osteopathic College
of Occupational & Preventive Medicine

AOCOPM News, March 2025



Earlybird Pricing Ends March 17, 2025

It's not too late to register!

- [Midyear Educational Conference](#), April 10-12, 2025
- OPAM Workshop: [Basic Course in Occupational Medicine](#), Part II, April 12-13, 2025.
Note: parts do NOT need to be taken in order.
- Florida Topics offered on Thursday, April 10, 2025 (one-day registration is available)

[Register for the 2025 Midyear and/or BCII](#)



OPAM Workshop: Basic Course in Occupational Medicine, Part I has been Updated

The [OPAM Workshop: Basic Course in Occupational Medicine, Part I](#) has been updated and is now available at [AOA Online Learning](#).

AOCOPM sponsors a Basic Course in Occupational & Environmental Medicine designed to provide a basic understanding and expertise in the areas of occupational & environmental medicine while preparing participants to take a written examination qualifying for an AOA-approved, Certificate of Added Qualification (CAQ). For those participants who do not hold a primary AOA board certification, a certificate of course completion is offered. Thus, our primary audience is AOA-certified physicians working to obtain the CAQ; but the course also offers value to other MDs, DOs, PAs, and Advanced Practice Nurse Practitioners.



Member Highlight: Dr. Mark DeSantis

Dr. Mark DeSantis, D.O., M.S. specializes in radiology, nuclear medicine, and forensic radiology. He is a Clinical Assistant Professor of Radiology at SUNY Stony Brook and the Veterans Hospital in Northport, New York and serves as a forensic radiology consultant for the several medical examiners. He is a Fellow in Radiology and has held leadership roles within the American Board of Physician specialties and the American Osteopathic Association. He is also on several committees for FOMA. He was recently awarded Physician of the year, as well as Dr. Thomas Ebner and E.O. Martin Award by the American Association of Physician Specialists. Mark has done research with the inventors of the MRI scanner to treat cancers with nanocarbon technology. Concerns about medical waste is his on-going passion.

Dr. DeSantis has always been interested in occupational medicine and is looking into the CAQ in Occ Med. You can look forward to catching his presentation on the "Future of Nuclear Pulmonary Imaging" at the [2025 Midyear Educational Conference](#).



Call for Leadership

The American Osteopathic College of Occupational and Preventive Medicine (AOCOPM) needs dedicated officers and leaders to champion the growth of our Osteopathic Occupational and Preventive Medicine specialties. Serving on our Board doesn't just mean lending a hand—it's about shaping the future of public health, prevention, and our dynamic community of professionals.

Our mission? To provide high-quality education in occupational, environmental, and preventive medicine, and to empower our members to take the lead—both within AOCOPM and across other organizations focused on prevention. If you'd like to learn more about our Board and Officers, check out the AOCOPM [Committees](#) page. Want to chat directly with someone on the Board? Visit our [Leadership page](#) (you'll need to log in since we keep personal contact info private) or simply reach out to the [AOCOPM office](#) with any questions.

Ready to take a big step toward advancing our specialties? Join us to make a real impact on health and prevention—become an AOCOPM officer or Board member and help set the course for the future.

Let us know you're interested: [Future Leader](#)

NOTE: The Board has an immediate vacancy to fill due to Dr. Birchfield's appointment to the AOBPM. His [Trustee](#) term will be fulfilled at the end of 2025.



Tobacco Product Use Among Adults — United States, 2017–2023

CDC Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report
by Arrazola RA, Husten CG, Cornelius ME, Armour BS.

Although adult cigarette smoking prevalence remains at its lowest level in 60 years, tobacco use is the leading cause of preventable death in the United States. Change in use of other commercial tobacco products by U.S. adults affects overall tobacco use.

https://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/volumes/74/wr/mm7407a3.htm?s_cid=mm7407a3_w



OMED24 Self-Study Available

Occupational and Preventive Medicine content from OMED24 is now available as a self-study course: https://aoa.coursehost.net/course/omed2024/self-study#open_675

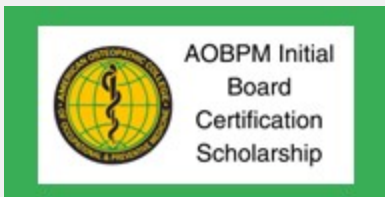
See all of AOCOPM's CME offerings at: <https://www.aocopm.org/cme-events>



2024 Midyear Educational Conference Now Online

The 2024 Midyear Educational Conference is now available on demand at AOA Online Learning: <https://aoaonlinelearning.osteopathic.org/mod/page/view.php?id=8221>

AOCOPM Member [Discount Code](#) is in the Member Center.



Board Scholarships Available

Important update: For completion of OCC Component 3, AOBPM is now offering Longitudinal Assessment, which replaces the written exam for Aerospace Medicine, Occupational/Environmental Medicine and Public Health/Community Medicine, as well as in the CAQ of Occupational Medicine

Learn more: <https://certification.osteopathic.org/preventive-medicine/>

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