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AACOM ADVOCACY DAY

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AACOM ADVOCACY DAY 2024: SOCIAL MEDIA TOOLKIT

This AACOM Advocacy Day, we are calling all [#AACOMAdvocates](#) to make a difference. Add your voice on Twitter/X and Facebook to connect with Congress about federal policies and programs important to the osteopathic medical education (OME) community. Use these sample posts below or draft your own to advocate for OME federal policy priorities.

Not sure who your Representatives or Senators are? Use our "Find Officials" tool in AACOM's [Action Center](#).

WANT YOUR ADVOCACY EFFORTS TO BE MORE EFFECTIVE?

Follow these tips:

Share your story. Personalize your post to tell your Members of Congress why the issue is important to you (e.g., "As a DO," "As an osteopathic medical student," and include the state/district hashtag like #CA-17).

Get your lawmakers' attention. Identify yourself as a constituent to remind them why this issue is critical to your state/district—and why they should pay attention. Bonus: include one of our pre-made graphics and #AACOMAdvocates hashtag.

Declare your ask. Now that you've explained the issue, don't forget to clearly state what you want (e.g., for Congress to support the *FAIR Act*, for your Representative to cosponsor and pass H.R. 751 or for your Senators to introduce a companion bill).

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I'm Advocating

- As members of the [#osteopathic](#) [#meded](#) community, the responsibility to champion our priorities and amplify our voices rests with us. That's why this AACOM [#AdvocacyDay](#), I'm taking action alongside fellow [#AACOMAdvocates](#), and you can join us. Register here: <https://www.aacom.org/advocacy/resources/advocacy-day/registration>
- Our advocacy is powerful when our voices are heard, and when we make OME priorities known. Join me and fellow [#AACOMAdvocates](#) at AACOM [#AdvocacyDay](#) on September 11-12. Register here: <https://www.aacom.org/advocacy/resources/advocacy-day/registration>

- On September 11-12 #osteopathic students, physicians and educators are raising their voices and standing up for the OME community. Will you join us? #AACOMAdvocates <https://www.aacom.org/advocacy/resources/advocacy-day/registration>

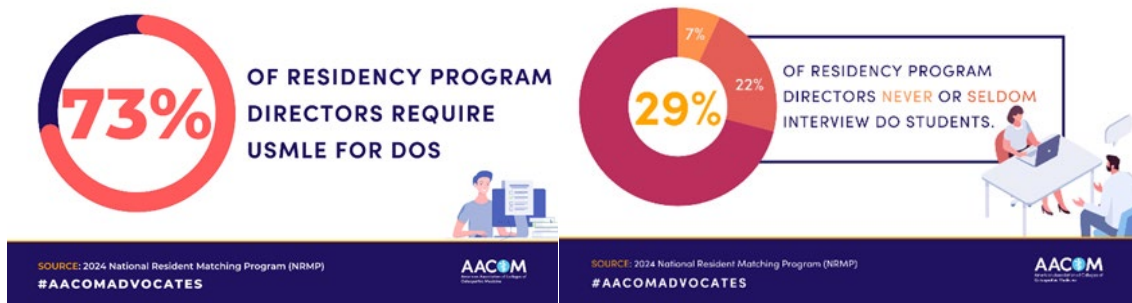
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FAIR Act: Support Graduate Medical Education Parity for DOs

- The #FAIRAct is a step towards a more inclusive and robust healthcare system. Let's join together and support this legislation to ensure that all aspiring physicians have a fair shot at success. #AACOMAdvocates
- The #FAIRAct ensures that applications from osteopathic medical students and their licensing exam, the COMLEX-USA, are accepted in all Medicare-funded residency programs. #AACOMAdvocates #COMLEX
- 29% of residency program directors never or seldom interview DOs. Of those who do, 73% require the USMLE for DO applicants. @MemberofCongress, pass the FAIR Act (H.R. 751) to ensure GME programs equitably assess and accept DO candidates. #AACOMAdvocates
- Every physician's journey should be supported. The FAIR Act aims to combat bias and reduce financial burdens faced by DOs during the Match process. Let's stand together for equal opportunities in #meded #AACOMAdvocates
- Access to quality healthcare matters! The #FAIRAct will break down barriers for Doctors of Osteopathic Medicine (DOs) in GME programs. It's time to ensure equitable opportunities for all future physicians. #AACOMAdvocates
- It's time to level the playing field in healthcare! The #FAIRAct will ensure DOs can participate in all residency programs, reducing barriers and strengthening our physician workforce. Support #HR751! #AACOMAdvocates

[Advocate for the FAIR Act](#)

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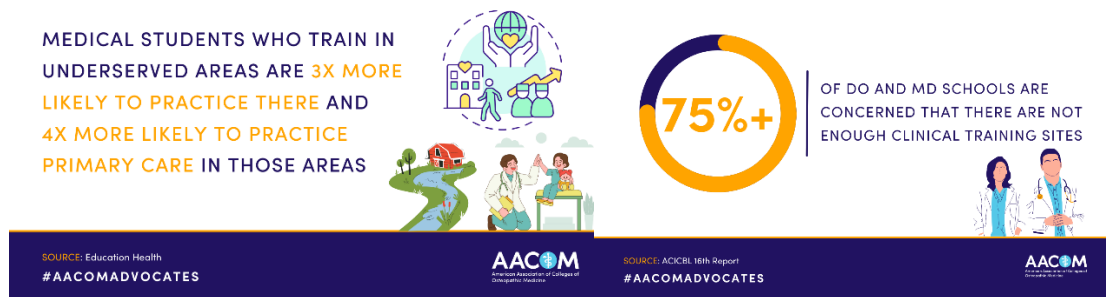


Expand Clinical Rotations with the Community TEAMS Act (H.R. 7258 / S. 3968)

- The physician shortage is a crisis affecting our most vulnerable communities. The #CommunityTEAMSAct can help expand clinical rotations in rural and underserved areas. Urge Congress to support this vital legislation! #AACOMAdvocates
- Research shows physicians trained in rural & underserved communities are more likely to stay and practice there. The #CommunityTEAMSAct will create more of these critical training sites. Advocate for this today! #AACOMAdvocates
- More than 75% of #medschools report concerns about the number of clinical training sites. The #CommunityTEAMSAct aims to solve this by expanding rotations in underserved areas. Urge Congress to pass this important bill! #AACOMAdvocates #MedEd
- Federally Qualified Health Centers & Rural Health Clinics serve 30M+ patients and train nearly 10K #medstudents. The #CommunityTEAMSAct will expand these opportunities, addressing the physician shortage where it's needed most. Support H.R. 7258, S. 3968! #AACOMAdvocates
- The #CommunityTEAMSAct is essential for exposing future physicians to the unique needs of rural & underserved communities. Urge Congress to support this vital legislation! #AACOMAdvocates #MedEd

[Advocate for the Community TEAMS Act](#)

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Increase Osteopathic Research Funding at the National Institutes of Health (NIH)

- Osteopathic medicine is vital to our healthcare system, yet DO medical schools receive only 0.1% of NIH grants, compared to 40% for MD schools. Congress must push for increased funding to bolster osteopathic medical research. Advocate for NIH COM funding today! #AACOMAdvocates
- With nearly 37,000 osteopathic medical students across the U.S., it's crucial to increase NIH research funding for DO medical schools. This will help address health disparities and advance primary care research. Tell Congress to act now! #AACOMAdvocates
- Congress acknowledged the need for increased NIH funding for osteopathic #medschools in FY25 appropriations bills. It's time to turn words into action! Support NIH funding for DO medical schools to advance healthcare for all. #AACOMAdvocates
- Increasing NIH funding for osteopathic research will address health disparities in rural and underserved communities. Advocate for greater NIH funding of osteopathic research and increased representation of DOs in NIH councils and study sections. #AACOMAdvocates
- Osteopathic medical schools play a key role in healthcare, but face historic NIH funding disparities. Only two DOs fill the 462 NIH National Advisory Council positions, compared to 213 MDs. It's time for change. Urge Congress to support increased osteopathic representation across NIH! #AACOMAdvocates

[Advocate for osteopathic research at the NIH](#)

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