ACOFP Activity Update – January 10-12, 2019

The ACOFP represents 21,000 osteopathic physicians, residents and students. Key initiatives are the transition to the Single Accreditation System; developing resources for MACRA compliance including quality reporting, population health management and merit-based incentive payment requirements; FMAHealth implementation; and expanding CME opportunities.

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Single Accreditation System (SAS)
In 2017, there were 262 Osteopathic Family Medicine residency programs – 78% of which have achieved or have applied for ACGME accreditation. ACOFP and AOA tracked 150 of these programs that previously were accredited only by AOA regarding the status of their transition to the SAS – they had until December 31, 2017 to submit the ACGME pre-accreditation application or be ineligible to accept trainees in 2018.

Thru December 15, 2017, approximately 35 programs still were expecting to submit their applications, and an update will be provided at the January 2018 Working Party meeting. ACOFP and AOA continue to offer assistance through the application process.

For Osteopathic Recognition status, 95 of the 143 applications are from Family Medicine residencies, followed by 21 applications from Internal Medicine. Several applications are from FM residencies that were formerly accredited by ACGME only.

The ACOFP recorded two 1-hour webinars for on-demand access by Students, explaining the Single Accreditation System, and the value of training in a Family Medicine program with Osteopathic Recognition. You can access these webinars at:


ACOFP Resources for Osteopathic Distinctiveness
ACOFP is developing resources to help PDs evaluate an MD’s skills for acceptance into the OR track, and to provide ACGME programs with osteopathic training curriculum. A pilot formative exam will be conducted in 2018, targeting DO and MD residents in the osteopathic education track of Family Medicine residency programs with Osteopathic Recognition status.

Somatic Dysfunction in Osteopathic Family Medicine: Second Edition was written under the auspices of the ACOFP and published by Wolters Kluwer. The 500-page textbook explains the osteopathic philosophy and principles of patient care, and application to specific patient populations and clinical conditions.

From the textbook, we have developed ACOFP Education/Video Resources for Teaching OMT Procedures as curriculum to be used by medical schools and residencies for all specialties. The videos demonstrate 150 Osteopathic Manipulative Techniques. Sample curriculum and videos are available at http://www.acofp.org/ACOFPIMIS/Acofporg/Apps/OMT/OMT_Sample.aspx and videos are offered as an app through iTunes and Google Play stores at ACOFP DO OMT.

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