

Research/ Scholarship

- Actively pursue basic, clinical, and education research
- Develop new strategies of health care delivery with an emphasis in rural and underserved Oklahoma
- The COM will participate in and enable scholarly activity to advance knowledge of health care, osteopathic medicine / osteopathic manipulative medicine and in the sciences and technologies that will shape medicine, science, and education.

Service

- Improve the health and well-being of rural and underserved populations
- Work with the community and clinical affiliates to promote and provide distinctive osteopathic health care, including osteopathic manipulative medicine

B. History

Founded in 1972 to train primary care physicians to small towns and rural areas of Oklahoma, the Oklahoma State University College of Osteopathic Medicine continues to fulfill this mission. A 1971 study confirmed the feasibility of an osteopathic medical college, and the Oklahoma College of Osteopathic Medicine and Surgery was created on March 10, 1972. In the spring of 1988, the Oklahoma legislature adopted House Bill No. 1801, repealing the law that established the Oklahoma College of Osteopathic Medicine and Surgery and declaring the College of Osteopathic Medicine to be an agency of Oklahoma State University. According to this new bill, the College will “continue to give emphasis to the preparation of doctors of osteopathic medicine in the field of general practice.” The merger became official on July 1, 1988, when the OSU College of Osteopathic Medicine became Oklahoma State University’s ninth college. OSU College of Osteopathic Medicine students began study in 1974, and the first class of 34 students graduated in 1977. Since then, the college has graduated more than 2,000 students. The entering class size has increased from 36 in 1974 to its current 115 students. The college is governed by the Board of Regents for Oklahoma Agricultural and Mechanical Colleges, which also governs OSU, Langston University, Oklahoma Panhandle State University, Connors State College, and Northeastern Oklahoma A&M College. An advisory board advises the President of OSU Center for Health Sciences as well as the Dean of the College of Osteopathic Medicine, the administration of OSU, and the Board of Regents for the A&M Colleges, regarding the education of osteopathic physicians at OSU College of Osteopathic Medicine.

C. Code of Ethics

Administration, faculty, and staff of the OSU-College of Osteopathic Medicine adhere to the American Osteopathic Association’s Code of Ethics, adopted by the College in 2008. As student members of the osteopathic profession, OSU-COM students are expected to comply with the AOA Code of Ethics, which can be <http://www.healthsciences.okstate.edu/com/codeofethics.php>.

D. Accreditation

The university is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools. The medical school is accredited by the Commission on Osteopathic College Accreditation (COCA) of the American Osteopathic Association, the recognized accrediting agency for institutions that train osteopathic physicians (Commission on Osteopathic College Accreditation, American Osteopathic Association, 142 East Ontario Street, Chicago, IL 60611; telephone 312-202-8000; predoc@osteopathic.org). The Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education are empowered by the Oklahoma Constitution to prescribe standards for higher education applicable to each institution in the Oklahoma State System of Higher Education.

E. OSU Physicians Clinics

The OSU Physician system covers a wide variety of specialties with more than 100,000 patient visits each year. The community-based Tulsa clinics serve as a teaching model for OSU medical students. They are staffed by medical residents and faculty physicians. Each clinic provides essential health care to the community, including caring for the underserved population in Tulsa and northeastern Oklahoma.

OSU Health Care Center

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(OMM, Family Medicine, Women’s Health, Take Charge! Program, Radiology))

OSU Physicians – Houston Center

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