



South Carolina's HEALTH IS OUR PRIORITY

Monthly Newsletter

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OMED 2023

Dr. Timothy J. Kowalski, AOA Trustee and SCOMS Past President, personally invites you to attend [OMED23](#), which will be held in Orlando, October 6-8. OMED is the AOA's premier educational event, produced in collaboration with the specialty college affiliates. [OMED23](#) will feature terrific educational tracks, influential, thought-provoking keynote speakers, and fun social events. Visit the event website where you will find [registration information](#) as well as the [Digital Program](#) that is updated weekly with event news.



Retail IV Therapy Businesses Raise Concern

The IV therapy business is booming across South Carolina- on every corner there seems to be a new IV/hydration/wellness storefront or mobile clinic advertising hangover cures and wellness improvement. But not all IV therapy businesses are created equal, and South Carolina licensing boards have started paying attention. [Read the joint advisory opinion](#) issued by the South Carolina Board of Medical Examiners, the South Carolina Board of Pharmacy, and the South Carolina Board of Nursing.

2023 Osteopathic Medical Profession Report (OMP)

Coast to coast

While the numbers vary from state to state, DOs can be found in almost every community across the nation. It is not uncommon for DOs to practice near the institutions where they completed their education and training, leading many to provide care in the underserved and rural regions where osteopathic medical schools are typically located.



Total DOs in practice, by state:

5,000+	1,001 - 4,999	>1,000
CA: 11,707 (8.3%)	IL: 4,931 (3.5%)	MS: 872 (0.6%)
FL: 11,190 (7.9%)	AZ: 4,020 (2.9%)	ID: 832 (0.6%)
PA: 9,187 (6.5%)	MO: 3,972 (2.8%)	AR: 729 (0.5%)
MI: 9,221 (6.5%)	VA: 3,443 (2.4%)	NH: 554 (0.4%)
NY: 9,098 (6.4%)	OK: 3,153 (2.2%)	NM: 537 (0.4%)
TX: 8,614 (6.1%)	CO: 2,912 (2.1%)	DE: 518 (0.4%)
OH: 7,270 (5.2%)	NC: 2,821 (2.0%)	HI: 506 (0.4%)
NJ: 6,033 (4.3%)	WA: 2,714 (1.9%)	LA: 490 (0.3%)
	IA: 2,377 (1.7%)	NE: 468 (0.3%)
	GA: 2,322 (1.6%)	MT: 430 (0.3%)
	IN: 2,227 (1.6%)	RI: 406 (0.3%)
	TN: 2,050 (1.5%)	AK: 368 (0.3%)
	WV: 1,882 (1.3%)	SD: 298 (0.2%)
	OR: 1,805 (1.3%)	WY: 270 (0.2%)
	WV: 1,802 (1.3%)	DC: 166 (0.1%)
	SC: 1,790 (1.3%)	VT: 165 (0.1%)
	KY: 1,765 (1.3%)	ND: 142 (0.1%)
	MA: 1,608 (1.1%)	
	AL: 1,546 (1.1%)	
	MD: 1,469 (1.0%)	
	MN: 1,422 (1.0%)	
	UT: 1,359 (1.0%)	
	NV: 1,343 (1.0%)	
	KS: 1,335 (0.9%)	
	ME: 1,335 (0.9%)	
	CT: 1,011 (0.7%)	



Review the latest demographics and trends related to the practice of osteopathic medicine in the U.S. In 2023, the total number of osteopathic physicians reached almost 149,000- a 30% increase over the past five years. Over the past three decades, the number of DOs and osteopathic medical students has more than quadrupled to reach 186,871 in 2023! The AOA's [2023 Osteopathic Medical Profession \(OMP\) Report](#) includes a table (page 7) that lists the total DOs in practice by state.

Save the Date for the 2024 Winter CME Conference

Make plans now to join SCOMS on the Grand Strand for the [2024 Winter CME Conference](#), a premier medical event designed to provide physicians, residents, and medical students with essential updates on medical topics and therapeutic advancements. The conference will be held February 16-18 at the Marriott Myrtle Beach Resort & Spa at Grand Dunes. Announcements will be coming soon on agenda, speakers, and more!



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FEBRUARY 16-18, 2024

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Join or Renew your SCOMS Membership now at a special rate!

Special Physician Price: \$160 per year, or \$325 for 3-years.

With your membership fee comes certain benefits but it also helps SCOMS to advocate for the profession, promote DOs across the state, and funds the yearly SCOMS Scholarship to an outstanding medical student who plans to practice medicine in South Carolina.

Please join or renew today!

A Rundown of Where the 2024 Presidential Candidates Stand on Healthcare



See where the [White House hopefuls stand on issues](#) like abortion, prescription drug prices, mental health access and the fentanyl crisis.

New Partnership to Help More S.C. Seniors Access Healthcare in Rural, Underserved Communities

A new partnership between the South Carolina Department of Aging and the nonprofit Palmetto Care Connections will help more S.C. seniors access healthcare in rural, underserved communities by putting telehealth carts in 18 senior centers and councils on aging across the state. Using these carts, staff at the centers will be able to assist seniors with telehealth visits with their primary and specialty care doctors without physically needing to be at the doctor's office.



**Thank you for all you do on behalf of the
osteopathic profession every day!**



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