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# AOA CME Sponsor Overview

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## AOA CME Sponsor Overview

*Submit your questions.*

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On-Demand access.*



# Welcome

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# AOA Physician Education & CME Staff

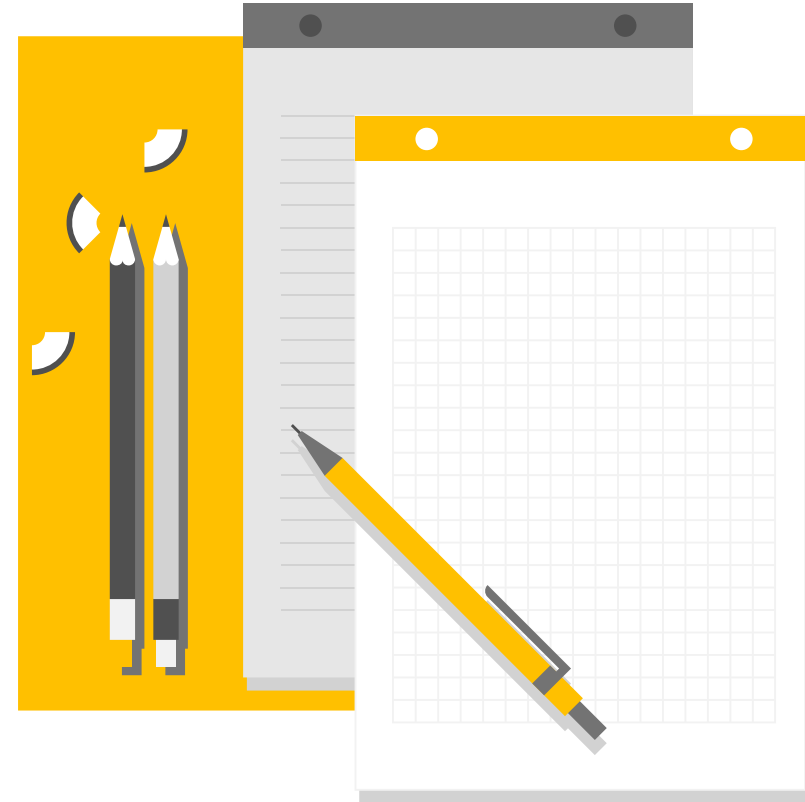
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- Jeff Fraler, Associate Vice President
- Delores Rodgers, Director of CME Policy and Accreditation
- Tina Espina, Director, CME
- Amanda Weir, Senior Manager
- Ron Levon, Specialist
- Kathy Moreno, Customer Service Coordinator
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# Agenda

- AOA policies and procedures
  - General terms and information
  - Requirement for CME Sponsors
- CME Categories & Activity Descriptions
  - Quality Guidelines for CME Activities
  - CME basics & specialty-specific CME
- TraCME essentials
- Joint Providership Program
- Task Force update
- Open discussion





# AOA Policies and Procedures

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# General Requirements for CME Sponsors

- Requirements:
  - Produce at least one 3-credit activity or a series within its accreditation cycle.
    - *3 credit activity is defined as, one 3-hour activity or a series of lectures totaling 3 credits pertaining to a single theme.*
  - Sponsors must maintain their files for a minimum of 6 years and at least two full 3-year CME cycles.



# Administrative Requirements for CME Sponsors

- Administrative Requirements:

- Maintain & Track attendance records. Additionally, provide evidence physicians attend educational activities and report CME and specialty credits.
  - Provide participants with a certificate or documentation attesting to the satisfactory completion of the CME activity.
- Use of accreditation statements
- Provide a minimum of 0.25 credits to be eligible for CME credit. CME credits will be applied in  $\frac{1}{4}$  (0.25) credit increments.
- Additional requirements can be referenced in the [AOA CME Sponsorship Manual](#).

	Credits
10-23 (minutes)	0.25
24-37	0.50
38-52	0.75
53-69	1.00





# Quality Guidelines for CME Activities

- CME activities must meet the following requirements:
  - Core Competencies (include one or more of the competencies)
    - Osteopathic Principles and Practice;
    - Medical Knowledge and Its Application into Osteopathic Medical Practice;
    - Osteopathic Patient Care;
    - Interpersonal and Communication Skills in Osteopathic Medical Practice
    - Professionalism in Osteopathic Medical Practice
    - Osteopathic Medical Practice-Based Learning and Improvement
    - System-Based Osteopathic Medical Practice
- Practice Gap Analysis – Sponsors systematically identify the practice gaps of prospective participants and information in planning CME activities.
- Educational Objectives – CME Sponsors shall develop learning objectives, based on identified gaps in knowledge.
- Outcome Measurement – A measurement regarding the effectiveness of an activity shall be conducted.
- Commercial Support - The decision regarding funding for CME activities is the responsibility of the CME Sponsor.



# AOA Policies and Procedures - What's New?

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CME Sponsors now have up to one year to report activity completion data to TraCME.

- The AOA recommends submitting it as soon as possible so physician transcripts are up to date.
- Share with attendees that you will report data to TraCME on their behalf.



# AOA Policies and Procedures - What's New?

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## Osteopathic Core Competencies

- Align at least one learning objective per activity with an osteopathic core competency
  - There is a template linked on page three of [2022 AOA CME Sponsors Manual](#).
  - This information will be requested if an activity is selected for evaluation when a sponsor is up for reaccreditation.
    - For current evaluation methods, see pages 11-13 of Sponsors Manual
    - Contact Delores Rodgers at [drodgers@osteopathic.org](mailto:drodgers@osteopathic.org) for more information on document surveys/reaccreditation.



# AOA Policies and Procedures – What's New?

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## ACCME Standards for Integrity and Independence

- Designed to ensure that accredited continuing education serves the needs of patients and the public, is based on valid content, and is free from commercial influence.
- Released in December 2020 and are required for use by all ACCME accredited providers as of January 1, 2022.
- AOA acceptance of standards, implementation by January 1, 2023.
- Additional information will be sent to Sponsors regarding how this will affect AOA CME Policies (minimally, but importantly).





# CME Categories & Activity Descriptions

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# CME Basics and Specialty-specific CME

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CME category & activity descriptions – The AOA assigns CME credit to four categories: 1-A, 1-B, 2-A and 2-B.

- Category 1: Typically, designates osteopathic CME
- Category 2: Typically, designates non-osteopathic CME
- Category A: Usually designates a live activity
- Category B: Typically, is not a live activity (with a few exceptions)
- [View Activity Descriptions](#)
- [CME Self-Reporting Tool](#)

2022-2024 Physician Guide: <https://osteopathic.org/cme/cme-guide/>





# TraCME Essentials

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# Osteopathically Distinct CME Task Force

Tina Espina, Director of CME



# Task Force Update – Defining Osteopathically Distinct CME

Evaluate the current CME system and make recommendations for AOA accredited CME to reflect the distinctive practice of osteopathic medicine more adequately.

- Develop a definition for osteopathic CME
- Implementing this definition into AOA accredited CME
- Strengthening the current faculty requirement to ensure osteopathic distinction

- First meeting held January 2022
- Definition
  - Content
  - Faculty
- 2022 Revisions
  - Implementation of documenting a selection of Osteopathic Core Competencies.





# Joint Providership Program

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# **AOA Online Learning – Activity Hosting**

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# Resources

# Resources

- [Specialty Specific Requirements](#)
- [CME Activity Descriptions](#)
- [CME Self-Reporting Tool](#)
- [Osteopathic Continuous Certification](#)
- [2022-2024 CME Guide](#)
- [Blooms taxonomy action verbs](#)
- [\(Joint Providership\) ACCME Accreditation Requirements](#)
- [\(Joint Providership\) ACCME FAQs](#)





# Open Discussion