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Outline: House Health Policy Committee

Background and Overview

This year the Michigan Osteopathic Association (MOA) will celebrate its 116th year of representing osteopathic physicians and students.

Osteopathic medicine provides all of the benefits of modern medicine including prescription drugs, surgery, and the use of technology to diagnose disease and evaluate injury.

Michigan currently has over 7,000 practicing D.O.s.

There are two types of complete physicians in the United States—D.O.'s and M.D.'s. The fact is that both D.O.'s and M.D.'s are fully qualified physicians licensed to prescribe medication and perform surgery.

While D.O.'s and M.D.'s have many things in common, osteopathic medicine is a parallel branch of American medicine with a distinct philosophy and approach to patient care. D.O.'s can bring an extra dimension to your health care through our unique skills:

- Osteopathic medical schools like Michigan State University College of Osteopathic Medicine, emphasize training students to become primary care physicians.
- D.O.'s practice a "whole person" approach to medicine. Instead of just treating you for specific symptoms or illnesses, they regard your body as an integrated whole.
- Osteopathic physicians focus on preventive health care.
- D.O.'s receive extra training in the musculoskeletal system—your body's interconnected system of nerves, muscles and bones that makes up two-thirds of your body mass. This training provides osteopathic physicians with a better understanding of how an illness or injury in one part of your body can affect other parts.
- Osteopathic manipulative treatment (OMT) is incorporated into the training and practice of osteopathic physicians. With OMT, osteopathic physicians use their hands to diagnose illness and injury and to encourage your body's natural tendency toward good health. By combining all other available

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medical options with OMT, D.O.'s offer their patients the most comprehensive care available in medicine today.

In addition to a strong history of providing high-quality patient care, D.O.s conduct clinical and science research advancing medicine in terms of diagnosis, clinical efficiencies and disease prevention.

The MOA and the Michigan State University College of Osteopathic Medicine work together to promote osteopathic medicine in Michigan by providing education and shaping the health care delivery system to better serve the community.

MSUCOM has 1,272 osteopathic students statewide – Each year more than 400 first- and second-year students are taking classes in East Lansing, and about 100 each at the Detroit Medical Center and Macomb University Center. Third- and fourth-year students are in clinical rotations at partner hospitals across the state.

The MOA and MSUCOM work to ensure Michigan residents have access to quality healthcare and qualified physicians.

MSUCOM continues to expand its curriculum addressing physician shortages, especially in terms of primary care.

MSUCOM and the MOA have built a system to ensure access to graduate medical education programs across the state. MSUCOM's Statewide Campus System is one of the nation's largest graduate medical education consortia with 1,752 physicians-in-training in 224 internship, residency and fellowship programs.

MSUCOM is addressing the physician shortage in Michigan – More than 300 osteopathic students graduate each year as part of a mandate to produce primary care physicians for the state.

MSUCOM:

In 1961 the MOA established the Michigan Osteopathic College Foundation to promote and nurture the growth of an osteopathic college in Michigan, the first new college of osteopathic medicine established in 30 years.

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The current explosion of new osteopathic medical schools at major U.S. universities began with our success at MSU.

In 2014, 83 percent of the entering class was comprised of Michigan residents

Over two thirds of MSUCOM graduates stay in the state, practicing patient-centered care in almost every county in the state.

MSUCOM provides an extensive **graduate medical education** system with 1.4 slots for every graduate at 47 partner hospitals across Michigan.

Research: MSUCOM is the leading osteopathic school in National Institute of Health (NIH) funding and other research funding.

MSUCOM is the first college of osteopathic medicine to be associated with a major research university.

MSU is home to the most expansive imaging capabilities in the U.S.

MSUCOM has high-quality pre- and postdoctoral osteopathic medical education, collaborating with 47 hospitals and 31 Federally Qualified Health Centers throughout our Statewide Campus System. This year 1,752 physicians-in-training are enrolled in 224 SCS residency and fellowship programs. In 2014, 198 MSUCOM graduates entered SCS programs, and MSUCOM has the highest ratio of graduates to available GME slots among all osteopathic schools.

Of these SCS institutions, 20 are identified as "base hospitals" where our third- and fourth-year students take their clinical rotations. The college now has nearly 4,200 osteopathic physicians who have volunteered as clinical faculty to assist in the education of our students.

Closing comment

The MOA and the osteopathic physicians have provided Michigan residents with quality healthcare for over 116 years and we look forward to playing an even greater role and addressing the challenges Michigan faces in the future.

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