A Non-OPTI Osteopathic GME Consortium
Strategies for the SAS

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History of the OPTI

• Established in 1995
• Community-based training consortium including at least one COM and at least one hospital with GME program(s)
• Objectives:

By building medical education partnerships, OPTIs enhance educational quality, facilitate sharing of educational resources, provide faculty development, foster cooperative training programs, support community-based medical education, encourage clinical research, and create strong linkages among medical schools, teaching hospitals and ambulatory training facilities.
Requirements

• Every osteopathic GME program must be in an OPTI
• Every COM must be part of an OPTI
• Every OPTI must obtain AOA Accreditation
  • Annual $30,000+ fee
  • Routine inspections and reports
  • OPTI is the academic sponsor for all GME programs
1. Appalachian Osteopathic Postgraduate Training Institute
   Consortium Inc (A-OPTIC Inc), Pikeville, Kentucky
2. Centers for Osteopathic Research and Education
   (CORE), Athens, Ohio
3. Nova Southeastern University College of Osteopathic
   Medicine Consortium for Excellence in Medical Education
   (CEME), Fort Lauderdale, Florida
4. Health Education and Residency Training Network
   (HEARTland), Des Moines, Iowa
5. Kansas City University of Medicine and Biosciences
   College of Osteopathic Medicine Educational Consortium
   (KCU-MEDCOM), Missouri
6. Lake Erie Consortium for Osteopathic Medical Training
   (LECOMT), Erie, Pennsylvania
7. Midwestern University/OPTI (MWU/OPTI),
   Downers Grove, Illinois, and Glendale, Arizona
8. Mountain State OPTI (MSOPTI), Lewisburg,
   West Virginia
9. New York Colleges of Osteopathic Medicine Educational
   Consortium (NYCOMECS), Old Westbury
10. Northeast Osteopathic Medical Education Network
    (NEOMEN), Biddeford, Maine
11. OPTI—West Educational Consortium, Pomona, California
12. Osteopathic Medical Education Consortium of Oklahoma
    (OMECO), Tulsa
13. Osteopathic Medical Network of Excellence in Education
    (OMNEE), Blacksburg, Virginia
14. Still OPTI, Kirksville, Missouri
15. Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine (PCOM)
    MEDNet, Pennsylvania
16. Statewide Campus System/Michigan State University
    College of Osteopathic Medicine (SCS/MSUCOM OPTI),
    East Lansing
17. Texas OPTI, Fort Worth
18. Rowan School of Osteopathic Medicine OPTI
    of New Jersey (RowanSOM OPTI), Stratford
19. Rocky Mountain OPTI (RM OPTI), Parker, Colorado
20. Tennessee Osteopathic Medical Education Consortium
    (TOMEC), Harrogate
Problems with OPTIs

• Little consistency despite accreditation
  • Robust services versus minimal services
  • Regional footprint versus expansive geography
  • Focus on new program development vs existing programs

• Expensive and time consuming
  • Shifted work of accrediting body to the OPTI
  • Many required COM financial support (student tuition $$)

• Little evidence of improved outcome metrics
  • Higher quality GME programs
  • Increased retention of DO graduates
  • Improved perception of AOA GME programs
**OPTIs in the SAS**

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### New Consortia with ACGME Accreditation

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One OPTI Case Study

- **Hospital is new ACGME SI**
  - Pueblo, Colorado

- **Hospital is new ACGME SI**
  - Lone Tree, Colorado

- **Was Dually Accredited**
  - Casper, Wyoming

- **Was Dually Accredited**
  - Pueblo, Colorado

- **Was Dually Accredited**
  - Cheyenne, Wyoming

- **Hospital was already Accredited**
  - Englewood, Colorado

- **Joined other OPTI as SI**
  - Colorado Springs, Colorado

- **Uncertain**
  - Blackfoot, Idaho

- **Program to Close**
  - Colorado Springs, Colorado
COCA Standard

• GME addressed in new Standard 10
  • Still out for comment and not approved
  • Likely will still encourage GME development
    • Previously said “Demonstrate Planning and Progress”
  • Likely will remove requirement for OPTI
    • May still require a GME Consortium
      • What does that mean?
See one GME Consortium....

Focus on GME Development

versus

Focus on consolidated oversight
GME Needs Assessment #1

Focus on New GME Development

• Hospitals and clinics do not have educational infrastructure to set up new residency programs
• Hospitals concerned about costs
• Hospitals concerned about academic expertise
• Hospitals concerned about creating a new class of employees (i.e. residents)
• Hospitals mired in corporate compliance issues concerned about contracting with faculty
• University has desire to start Teaching Health Centers, Rural Programs and non-hospital-based programs
Texas Institute for Graduate Medical Education and Research

- Established by UIWSOM in 2015 as 501(c)3 nonprofit
- UIW is sole corporate member of the Board
- UIW manages financial accounts
- ACGME Initial Accreditation as Institutional Sponsor
Position of GMEC

- Participating Sites (Local GMECs)
- TIGMER Board of Directors
  - Affiliation Agreements & PLAs
  - Graduate Medical Education Committee
    - Chair: DIO – UIWSOM Associate Dean for GME
      - Members Include:
        - UIWSOM Dean
        - TIGMER Executive Director
        - UIWSOM Chair of OPP
        - Reps from each host institution
        - GME Program Directors
        - Quality and Safety Officer
        - GME Office Administration
        - Peer elected residents
  - DIO/Associate Dean for GME: Thomas Mohr, DO FACOI
  - Residency/Fellowship Programs
  - TIGMER GME Office
    - Administrative Director
    - GME Manager of Finance and Administration (Future)
    - Administrative Assistant (Future)
- Osteopathic Principles and Practices Subcommittee
- Patient Safety and Quality Subcommittee
- Institutional Review Subcommittee
- Duty Hours, Fatigue Management & Mitigation Subcommittee
- Transitions of Care Subcommittee
Organizational Chart

TIGMER Board of Directors

DIO/Associate Dean for GME
Thomas Mohr, DO FACOI

Graduate Medical Education Committee

GME Manager of Finance and Administration (Future)

Administrative DIO
Director of GME
Marsha Sellner

Administrative Assistant (Future)

Baptist Health System
Program Directors
Asst. Program Directors
Core Faculty

CommuniCare
Program Directors
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Future TIGMER Members
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Laredo Medical Center
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Design and Structure

• TIGMER provides structure as Institutional Sponsor and provides initial feasibility studies, accreditation leadership, curriculum design, GMEC.

• TIGMER shares costs of DIO’s office and provides cost-sharing with UIWSOM. Obtains grants also.

• TIGMER set up to employ residents and faculty for varied programs

• TIGMER developing Teaching Health Center programs, Rural programs, and non-hospital based programs in association with hospital partners.
Note: All AOA programs have already started the process of Applying for ACGME accreditation and all will apply for Osteopathic Recognition. All new programs are applying Directly with the ACGME.
GME Needs Assessment #2

**Focus on consolidated oversight**

- System with 77 hospitals in 3 states
- No coordination of policies and procedures or communication between programs
- Multiple requests to collaborate with other outside training programs
- No centralized mechanism to envision growth
- Concern about compliance and risk with trainees
- Desire to create a pipeline for recruiting
- Desire to promote specialties of need
Multiple Existing Partnerships

• Baylor College of Medicine
• Pontificia Universidad Catolica de Chile
• University of Incarnate Word
  • School of Osteopathic Medicine
  • School of Nursing & Health Professionals
  • Pastoral Institute
• Texas A&M University
• Texas College of Osteopathic Medicine
• William Carey University – College of Osteopathic Medicine
• St. George’s University School of Medicine
Christus Health System Programs

**Christus Sponsored Programs**

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**Training and Financial Support from Christus**

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Many resident rotations from other programs at these and other Christus Hospitals
Christus’ Plan

• Hired corporate VP for Education and Research
  • Corporate DIO for all sponsored programs
• Consolidate approval and policies for all residents
• Establish GME Advisory Board with all partners
• Accredited as ACGME Institutional Sponsor for the entire system
• Create plan to share resources between programs
• Establish plan for new GME growth
OPTI Legacy

• GME Consortial education will continue
  • Continuation of OPTI’s in their current form with AOA accreditation structure will have to change

• GME consortia have solid niches
  • Osteopathic recognition
  • Pipelines for COM graduates
  • Sustainable student rotations
  • Development of new GME programs
  • Teaching Health Centers
  • Rural Health
Questions?