

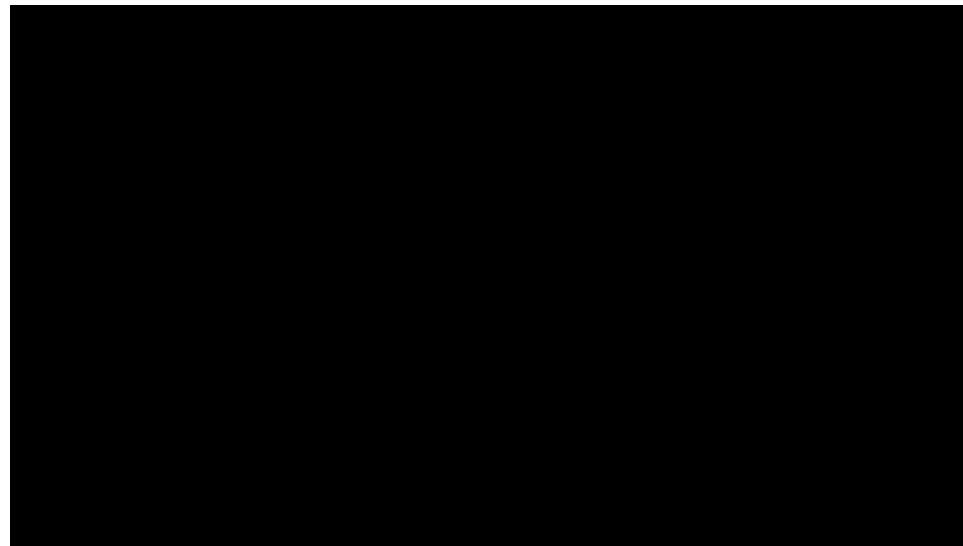
**“You don’t know what
you’ve got ‘til it’s gone”**

Preserving Osteopathic Identity
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Big Yellow Taxi

- ▶ “Don’t it always seem to go, That you don’t know what you’ve got ‘til it’s gone, They paved paradise and put up a parking lot.”

– Joni Mitchell



Our Program

- ▶ 38 Internal Medicine Residents
- ▶ Community teaching hospital with several other residencies and fellowships
- ▶ Located in Warren, Michigan, a largely working class community
- ▶ Recently received ACGME initial accreditation

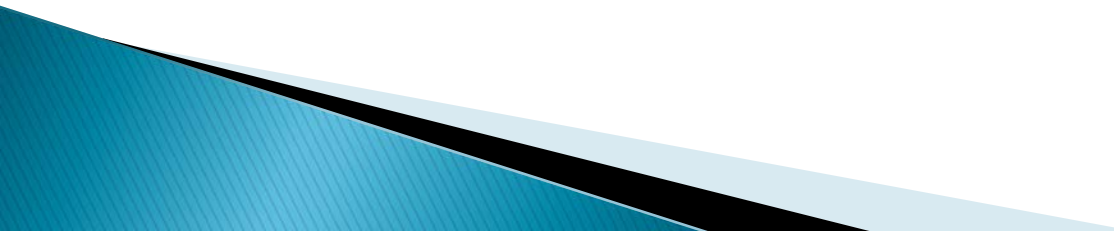


Why Osteopathic Recognition

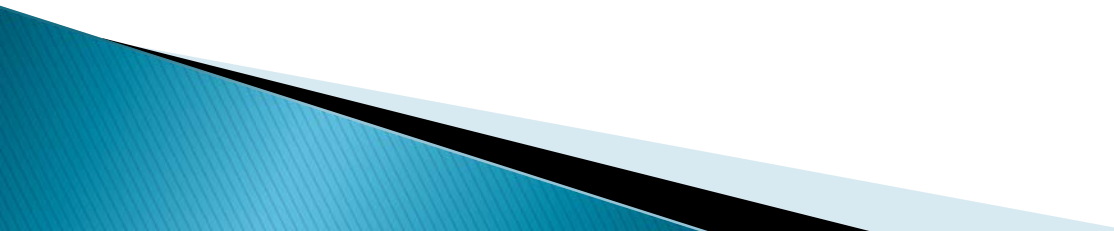
- ▶ To preserve our profession, identity, and unique way of providing care
- ▶ Osteopathic medical students are seeking such programs to add to their physical diagnosis and treatment skills



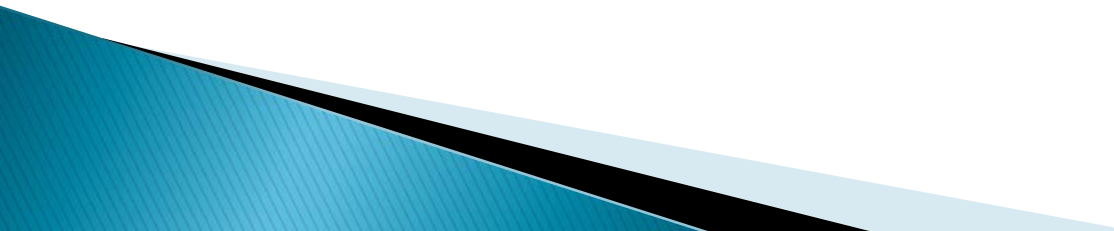
The Approach

- ▶ Just like the ACGME process, we had a small group of dedicated teaching physicians and residents
 - ▶ We divided and conquered
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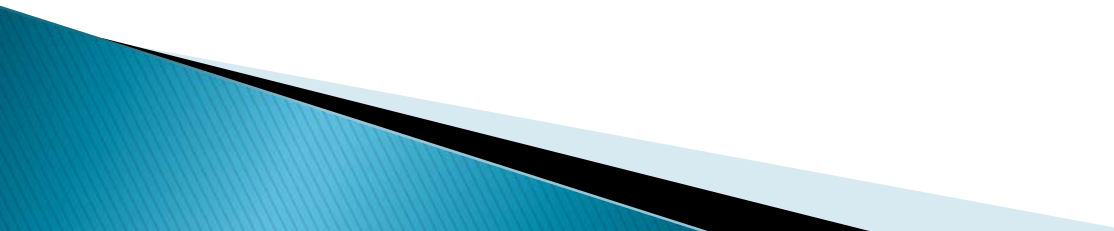
Challenging Areas

- ▶ Providing excellent accessible faculty development in OPP/OMT
 - ▶ Assembling excellent research articles for our monthly journal club
 - ▶ Recruiting skilled faculty in Internal Medicine who practice OMT on a regular basis
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Changes We Had to Make

- ▶ Regularly including OPP/OMT articles for journal club
 - ▶ Making OPP/OMT a much more visible and dynamic part of our curriculum through didactics
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Ways to Improve, Advance, and Integrate OPP/OMT into Our Residency

- ▶ Webinars
 - ▶ OPTI – in Michigan SCS
 - ▶ Traveling “road shows”
 - ▶ Encouraging more and better OPP/OMT research and publication
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Andrew Taylor Still



"I have no desire to be a cat, which walks so lightly that it never creates a disturbance."

Andrew Taylor Still