Part 1: The Osteopathic Health Policy Fellowship – Getting Involved
The Osteopathic Health Policy Fellowship

- Based on the principles of the Robert Wood Johnson Health Policy Fellowship
- Objective 1: Prepare emerging osteopathic leaders (DOs and non-DOs) to engage in Health Policy
  - Discussions
  - Analysis
  - Formulation
- Objective 2: Support a prepared leadership bench and network for important roles in the future of healthcare
- Inaugural Class – 1994-1995
- More than 250 alumni
- Spin-off programs
The Osteopathic Health Policy Fellowship Today

• Who We Are
• Emphasis on Fellowship
• Audiences Beyond Governmental Politics
  • Business
  • Academia
  • Professional Associations
• Underlying Programmatic Tenets
  • Health and wellbeing of populations
  • Professional leadership development
  • An OPP perspective on policy
Primary Emphases

• The policy “high ground”
  • Focus on populations and well-being
  • Minimize stakeholder bias
  • Not bearing someone else’s agenda

• Consequences
  • Intended
  • Unintended

• Stakeholders
  • A person with an interest or concern in something (Oxford)
  • Problematic when stake represents personal interests
  • Stakeholders may also benefit while advocating at the high ground
  • Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) example
Health Policy
- At the High Ground -

- Health of Populations
- Equity
- Transparency
- Stakeholder bias
- Bearing someone else’s agenda
- Monetary or other Incentives
Fellowship Components

- 11 Meetings
  - Facilitated Sessions
  - Connect to policy leaders vested in Fellowship objectives
- Reading Assignments
- Effective Policy Writing
- Successful Advocacy
- Preparation and Presentation of Two Policy Briefs
A Typical Day in the Life of a Fellow

- Life Goes On
- Following the Policy World
- Engaging with Your Colleagues
- Staying in Touch with OHPF Staff
- Homework
- Sessions
  - Discussion vs didactic
  - Experiential
  - Outside the meeting room
  - Fellow project updates
  - Formal presentations
Apply to the Fellowship...

- Visit the OHPF site at AACOM
- Stay up to date with the latest information
- Applications open early January and close March 31
- Online process
  - Information about you
  - Brief statement of why you want to be a Fellow
  - Names and contact info for two references
  - Commitment statement
- Costs

https://www.aacom.org/reports-programs-initiatives/leadership-institute/osteopathic-health-policy-fellowship/become-a-fellow
Please join us for two more AOGME sessions...

- October 6, 2021
  - Policy and Graduate Medical Education
- November 3, 2021
  - Advocacy with Emphasis on the State Level