



SCHOOL of  
OSTEOPATHIC  
MEDICINE

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| <b>Policy Title:</b>    | Support for Graduate Medical Education |
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| <b>Responsible Office:</b>    | Office of Graduate Medical Education |
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**Purpose:** The purpose of this policy is to provide a mechanism for the SOM to assist new and existing graduate medical education (GME) programs in meeting the requirements for accreditation through the Accreditation Council on Graduate Medical Education (ACGME) and to assist in meeting the requirement for ACGME Osteopathic Recognition (OR).

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## Policy Statement

- 1) Description
  - a) In order to meet the mission and to serve the South Texas community, the SOM must endeavor to graduate physicians who will remain in the region. Given the relative shortage of postgraduate training positions in South Texas, it is imperative to develop new GME programs and support quality improvement of existing programs. This strengthens the SOM's clinical clerkships and provides additional opportunities for both students and residents. In order to continue to train these residents in the philosophy and techniques unique to the profession, the SOM must assist affiliated programs with obtaining Osteopathic Recognition.
- 2) Primary goals
  - a) Develop new GME programs in the region
  - b) Provide leadership, academic infrastructure, and financial support to new and existing GME programs
  - c) Assist affiliated GME programs in obtaining Osteopathic Recognition
- 3) Secondary goals
  - a) Expand opportunities for future graduates to continue their training in the region
  - b) Continue education of osteopathic principles and practices in trainees after graduation
  - c) Address issues of access for primary care in underserved areas
- 4) Participants
  - a) Office of Graduate Medical Education (OGME)
  - b) Office of Clinical Affairs (OCA)
  - c) Department of Clinically Applied Science Education (CASE)
  - d) UIWSOM Administration
  - e) Community Partners

5) Resources

- a) Texas Institute for Graduate Medical Education and Research (TIGMER)
- b) Office of GME
- c) UIWSOM Faculty
- d) UIW Finance Department
- e) UIW Office of Contracts and Grants
- f) Library Services
- g) Faculty Development Services
- h) UIWSOM Facilities (Classrooms, offices, technology, OPP Lab, Sim Center, etc)

6) Methods

- a) The Texas Institute for Graduate Medical Education and Research (TIGMER) is a 501c3 GME consortium developed by UIWSOM for the express purpose of developing high quality GME programs in the region with Osteopathic Recognition.
- b) TIGMER provides financial and academic feasibility studies for interested clinical institutions and consults with hospital staff and administration on GME development.
- c) TIGMER actively seeks federal, state, local, and private sources of funding for GME development.
- d) TIGMER is an ACGME accredited Institutional Sponsor and the Associate Dean for Graduate Medical Education is the Executive Director and the ACGME Designated Institutional Official (DIO).
- e) TIGMER contracts with hospitals and clinics, employs residents, staff, and faculty for the GME programs.
- f) TIGMER works with all affiliated residency programs to obtain Osteopathic Recognition
- g) UIWSOM provides funding, personnel, library services, Human Resources, financial auditing, offices, technology, and infrastructure to support TIGMER.
- h) UIWSOM provides, when appropriate, start-up funds or in-kind services for new programs.
- i) UIWSOM faculty will collaborate with TIGMER residency programs to meet the requirements of Osteopathic Recognition.
- j) UIWSOM Chair of Osteopathic Principles, Practices and Integration (or designee) is a standing member of the TIGMER Graduate Medical Education Council.

7) Guidelines

- a) N/A

8) Procedures.

- a) As an ACGME accredited Institutional Sponsor, TIGMER maintains its own policy and procedures which can be found at [www.TIGMER.org](http://www.TIGMER.org) .
- b) See next page for the GME update for the 12/10/2020 Self-Study.

**UIWSOM/TIGMER GME Development Update for the COCA Self-Study 12/10/2020:**

UIWSOM continues to partner with the new programs being developed by TIGMER. Therefore, the SOM has direct oversight over the accreditation standards of the TIGMER programs through the Assistant Dean for GME, who is the ACGME Designated Institutional Official.

Three programs were initially accredited by the AOA under the Memorandum of Understanding with the ACGME. One of these programs has ACGME continued accreditation, and two of these programs have ACGME initial accreditation.

Subsequently, all programs submitted de novo applications to the ACGME, which includes the Psychiatry residency program and the Sports Medicine Fellowship, both which launched in 2019. The Internal Medicine Residency program along with the Hand Surgery Fellowship have ACGME initial accreditation. The Hand Surgery Fellowship will begin in July 2020. The Internal Medicine residency program will launch in July 2021.

The Assistant Dean for GME will give the COCA site visitors the latest information about the Family Medicine Residency Program under development in Abilene, TX, which has stalled because of the sudden sale of the hospital system to another local hospital.