

Starfield Summit

ACOFP Plan for Input

Background:

The **ACGME** has announced that they will be undertaking major revisions for Family Medicine residency training in 2021. As part of this critical project, a coalition of groups focused on Family Medicine training is planning a **national summit** to have dialogue about this topic and provide input to the ACGME as they undertake this revision. The ACOFP has been asked to be at this table to represent both osteopathic and family medicine interests. We are one of the **major organizations developing these opinions** that will inform the ACGME as they make these changes. To this end, the ACOFP has engaged national practitioners from different aspects of primary care to work on providing innovative, relevant and concrete perspectives on the future of family medicine. This input will be an important element of the **Starfield Summit** which will bring together leaders from all representative stakeholders (including the ACOFP) to discuss the perspectives shared by member groups and develop a broad body of ideas and thoughts to inform the ACGME as they undertake the largest revision of Family Medicine Training Standards in over a decade.

Strategy:

The ACOFP quickly worked to develop **6 focus groups** that would each be tasked with having meetings to discuss the **6 core questions** that have been provided by the Starfield Summit Leadership Committee. Each group was developed by the ACOFP with the intent of ensuring the broadest possible perspective on the training, teaching and practice of Family Medicine for the future. Each group was given at least 2 questions to discuss and provide opinions on. These opinions will be collated by the ACOFP and submitted for entry to the Starfield Summit's growing collection of data. The groups identified were:

- 1) Osteopathic Family Medicine residents
- 2) Osteopathic students with an interest in Family Medicine
- 3) Faculty Members of Family Medicine residencies
- 4) Osteopathic practicing family physicians
- 5) The Osteopathic Certifying body for Family Medicine (AOBFP)
- 6) Colleges of Osteopathic Medicine

Status:

As of September, all of the ACOFP focus groups have met once to start discussing the core questions. Out of this robust discussion, summary papers have been drafted. The focus groups plan to meet at least one (and possibly two) more times to further discuss and refine information. These meetings will continue through mid-October, at which time the ACOFP leadership (comprised of the Summit Representatives, Governors and Focus Group Leaders) will review the provided inputs and draft summary statements to send to the summit. This input will be provided by the end of November, with the summit occurring in early December.

Outcomes:

We believe the Starfield Summit and subsequent ACGME revisions of FM training guidelines will be one of the most significant in the history of medical education. As paradigms of care have shifted due to internal advancements (such as new technologies, novel teaching approaches and the expansion of both medical and business knowledge) and external factors (globalization of health, movement to value-based care systems and pandemic-induced challenges), Family Medicine continues to be one of the most important cogs in the 'medical machine' that cares for the world. It is essential that the guidelines which govern training within the specialty are responsive to these factors – and the American College of Osteopathic Family Physicians is proud to be a major contributor to that process.

For The Starfield Summit Website:

The ACOFP represents the largest collection of Osteopathic Family Physicians within the country. The focus of this organization is to provide education and advocacy in family medicine with the goal of enhancing patient care through our mission. As paradigms of care have shifted due to internal advancements (such as new technologies, novel teaching approaches and the expansion of both medical and business knowledge) and external factors (globalization of health, movement to value-based care systems and pandemic-induced challenges), Family Medicine continues to be one of the most important cogs in the 'medical machine' that cares for the world. It is essential that the guidelines which govern training within the specialty are responsive to these factors – and the American College of Osteopathic Family Physicians is proud to be a major contributor to the training guidelines revision process that the ACGME will be undertaking within the next year.

The ACOFP quickly worked to develop 6 focus groups that would each be tasked with having meetings to discuss the 6 core questions that have been provided by the Starfield Summit Leadership Committee. These groups represent distinct, important stakeholders the ACOFP believes should provide input, including: students, residents, faculty, clinicians, our certifying body and our osteopathic colleges. Since August, these focus groups have been soliciting input and meeting to discuss the core questions that will help to define the rapidly changing role of Family Medicine within the larger spectrum of health care. By Mid-October, these focus groups will have met multiple times and the ACOFP will collate and provide this relevant input to the member groups participating in the Starfield Summit in December of 2020.