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Recruitment Area

National
Northeast
OPTI Mission & Vision

NEOMEN is committed to establishing and sustaining programs of osteopathic medical education, faculty development and research that exemplify the highest standard of quality through a partnership of health care organizations to address the health care needs of the people of the communities served by the partners.

**Vision**

NEOMEN will be known for:

- The highest standard of educational excellence for pre and postdoctoral trainees
- The promotion of collaboration to share resources, expertise, knowledge, facilities, faculty development, research capability and finance
- Enhanced, efficient, cost effective delivery of osteopathic educational programs
- Coordination and facilitation of scientific research that fosters osteopathic contributions to the advancement of knowledge
- The provision of programs and curricula to develop physician leaders and educators to lead the profession into the future.

OPTI Strategic Objectives
OPTI Services

Faculty and Resident Development

• NEOMEN offers faculty development conferences four times a year.

Research

• **Annual Research Forum, Research Mentor Program, online research methodology modules** for residents-- working across all of the OPTI members for optimal educational and research opportunities for residents.

Osteopathic Principles & Osteopathic Manipulative Treatment (OMT)

• NEOMEN offers 4 days of Osteopathic Manipulative Medicine instruction per year by board-certified Neuromusculoskeletal Medicine specialists, augmenting curricular requirements in OMM.

New Program Development

• NEOMEN likes to help early in the process and supply developmental consulting to programs at the start of their journey.

Statement that applies to this OPTI

• This OPTI prefers to assist new programs EARLY in the formation process

Special or Unique Services Provided by this OPTI

• Ensure all OPTI-affiliated institutions have JCAHO, BHFA or comparable accreditations

• Include opportunities for osteopathic student clerkship experiences

• Ensure that each training institution accepts and recognizes the certifying boards of the AOA in their bylaws

• Allow governance input from all institutional members of the OPTI

• Track and ensure the completion of internal reviews at the midpoint between accreditation reviews for every OGME program in all member institutions

• Complete and publish a brochure of program offerings for each member institution so that intern and resident candidates can make informed choices about application

• Confers, with its partner institutions, certificates of completion on those interns and residents who have satisfactorily completed the requirements for their residency

• Reviews and oversees the postdoctoral training program at each institution through its OGME Committee. Curriculum review and improvements are facilitated by cross-district sharing of information.

• Reviews corrective action plans submitted by partner training institutions and stewards them through the AOA process to ensure success.
• Reviews each partner institution’s core competency institutional plan and annual updates to ensure an appropriate progression of education and evaluation methodologies

• Provides a confidential process for intern and resident evaluation and problem resolution.

• Provides access to basic science and clinical research mentorship and support publication in peer review journals for both faculty and students.

• Appoints and reappoints teaching and research faculty to its COM and OPTI faculty.

• Evaluates faculty and assesses faculty and provides appropriate feedback assessments.

• Monitors and intervenes as needed in regard to credit policies for individual interns and residents

• Oversees resident work hours to ensure member institution compliance.

• Advice and guidance on AOA Standard Compliance.

• Pre-survey and mid-term mock inspections to ensure preparation for program inspection.

• Networking for residents and faculty

• National marketing of your residency at hospital days and on the NEOMEN website, saving you the cost of travel

• Provides prepared and skilled physician trainees for programs looking to “grow their own” physician pool. NEOMEN OPTI physicians stay at or near their residency when continuing practice.

• Professorial appointments for qualified faculty to UNECOM and to NEOMEN

• UNECOM library access

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**Number of Residencies**

Primary Care is defined as Family Medicine, Internal Medicine and Pediatrics

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**COM Partners**

University of New England College of Osteopathic Medicine

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**Hospital Partners**

Albany Medical College - Albany, NY
Berkshire Medical Center - Pittsfield, MA
Central Maine Medical Center - Lewiston, ME
Eastern Maine Med Ctr - Bangor, ME
Kent Hospital - Warwick, RI
Maine-Dartmouth Family Medicine Program - Augusta, ME
Manchester Memorial Hospital - Manchester, CT
St Elizabeth's Hospital - Utica, NY
St Joseph's Hospital & Med Ctr - Paterson, NJ
St Michael's Hospital - Newark, NJ
University CT HC - Farmington, CT
University MA (Fitchburg) Family Medicine Program - Fitchburg, MA
University New England COM - Biddeford, ME