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Recruitment Area

National
OPTI's Mission & Vision

The mission of A-OPTIC is to promote and enhance the quality and capacity of health professional education to meet the needs of Frontier, Rural, and other medically underserved areas of the United States, with an emphasis on graduate medical education to ensure an adequate supply of primary care physicians. The Goals of A-OPTIC are: • To facilitate the establishment and provide maintenance of graduate medical education programs to meet the needs of A-OPTIC Members; • To provide Faculty Development programming to supplement local Member resources; • To provide Curriculum programming to supplement local Member resources; • To provide Research resources to supplement local Member resources; • To establish and maintain a learning environment that values meaningful scholarly activity; • To enhance health, improve healthcare, and improve affordability for the public at large.

OPTI Strategic Objectives

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OPTI Services

**Faculty and Resident Development**
Monthly “DME Open Forum” Monthly Live OMM Grand Rounds (CME 1A) Faculty Development modules on a-optic.org (CME 1B) On-site and web-based faculty development OPTI Annual Meeting Teachingphysician.org subscription for faculty members and residents Access to Sleep Alertness and Fatigue Education in Residency (SAFER) Program Research support through the Frontier Rural Innovations Network (FRIN) Initial and ongoing accreditation support

**Research**

**Osteopathic Principles & Osteopathic Manipulative Treatment (OMT)**
Monthly Live OMM Grand Rounds (CME 1A) OMT-specific video curriculum available 24/7 online On-site OMM presentations

**New Program Development**
“Program Startup” packet for GME base institutions Facilitation of meetings between A-OPTIC and partnering training institutions Communication with the AOA/ACGME and their educational review committees on behalf of developing programs

**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**
A-OPTIC is the operator and administrative headquarters for the Frontier Rural Innovations Network, which is a national Practice-Based Research Network based on the "Triple Aim" of Better Health, Better Healthcare, and Lower Costs. Members of A-OPTIC, as well as outside organizations, have access to various funding and research opportunities through participation in the Innovations Network.

**Number of Residencies**
Primary Care is defined as Family Medicine, Internal Medicine and Pediatrics

- Primary Care Residencies: 9
- Non Primary Care Residencies: 2

**COM Partners**
University of Pikeville/Kentucky College of Osteopathic Medicine
William Carey University College of Osteopathic Medicine

**Hospital Partners**
Alaska Family Medicine Residency/Providence - Anchorage, AK
East Central Health Net Regional Rural - Decatur, MS
East Kentucky Osteo Hosp - Hazard, KY
ETSU/Quillen College of Medicine - Johnson City, TN
Fort Wayne Medical Ed Program - Fort Wayne, IN
Lake Cumberland Regional Hosp - Somerset, KY
The Medical Center - Bowling Green, KY
Methodist Hospital (KY) - Henderson, KY
Pikeville Medical Center - Pikeville, KY
Shenandoah Valley - Front Royal, VA
St Claire Regional Medical Center - Morehead, KY
UK/Albert B. Chandler Medical Center - Lexington, KY
University of Mississippi MC - Jackson, MS