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Recruitment Area

Southeast
OPTI's Mission & Vision

The mission of TOMEC is to promote, support, and contribute to the continuum of osteopathic medical education with excellence in postdoctoral training.

OPTI Strategic Objectives

TOMEC will achieve its mission by:

- Contributing to the osteopathic profession by building and retaining osteopathic graduate medical education programs in Tennessee and beyond
- Contributing to the community by providing distinctive osteopathic health care
- Promoting osteopathic opportunities through partnerships and collaborations among member organizations, constituents and potential partners
- Promoting evidence-based education, scholarship and research throughout the continuum of osteopathic medical education
- Supporting programs with the highest level of resources essential to meet and exceed accreditation standards
- Supporting the best interest of trainees with qualified faculty, facilities and clinical experiences
Faculty and Resident Development

TOMEC works closely with the LMU-DCOM Office of CME and Preceptor Development http://www.lmunet.edu/dcom/cme/precdev.shtml. The CME office offers the following resources:

- Educational resources for community-based teaching
- Teaching manuals and training workshops to meet the learning needs of adjunct teaching faculty
- Residents can benefit from CME resources to increase their educational experience and to assist them in working with rotation students

Research

Mini grant awards are budgeted and awarded as applications are received and vetted. Research workshops for residents are held yearly on various topics:

- Tips and Techniques for Rural Research
- Library resources
- Research modules
- Periodic survey to assess resident’s needs

We have entered an affiliation agreement with DeRoyal, Inc to sponsor resident and faculty research. We are also hosting a virtual poster competition at the upcoming Rural Health Association of Tennessee Annual Meeting (2nd year).

Osteopathic Principles & Osteopathic Manipulative Treatment (OMT)

Provides two annual OMT/OPP hands-on workshops at each residency site. An innovative, longitudinal rotation and clinic rotation for the family practice program is offered. OPP videos on the TOMEC website supplement educational goals. We are re-tooling our OMM sub-committee to assist programs with receiving Osteopathic Recognition.

New Program Development

- As of March 15, 2016, LMU-DCOM has created a fully-funded new position and hired a full-time executive staff member under the Department of Graduate Medical Education and TOMEC. Jeffrey J. LeBoeuf, CAE, MHA, MBA serves as Chief of Graduate Medical Education & Rotations to assist in new GME program development opportunities and support of ACGME transition for existing affiliated program. His leadership, expertise, and administrative skills have provided our affiliated programs and developing hospitals confidence in moving forward with GME development;
- LMU-DCOM became a member of the Tennessee Osteopathic Medical Education Consortium (TOMEC) on September 14, 2012. TOMEC is accredited by the American Osteopathic Association’s Council on Osteopathic Postdoctoral Training Institutions and has been a supportive partner in the development of osteopathic graduate medical education programs which provides the continuum of osteopathic education for LMU-DCOM graduates.
- LMU-DCOM has experienced great success in placing students into GME programs. Approximately 82% of the members of the graduating class at Lincoln Memorial University-DeBusk College of Osteopathic Medicine (LMU-DCOM) will enter their first year of residency training in a primary care track, including family medicine, internal medicine, pediatrics, OB/GYN, emergency medicine, osteopathic manipulative medicine and transitional year/traditional rotating internship. The members of the Class of 2017 will be practicing in 16 different specialties in 175 different residency programs in 35 states.
- LMU-DCOM has worked closely with our OPTI partner, TOMEC, to establish a relationship to facilitate the development, growth and maintenance of graduate medical education. To accomplish this, LMU-DCOM has several important initiatives and activities to ensure adequacy:
  - Formation of a GME committee chaired by Jeffrey LeBoeuf that brings together the resources of LMU-DCOM with the regional leaders in graduate medical education in preparation of becoming an ACGME institutional sponsor;
  - Development of key partnerships. LMU-DCOM has identified hospitals within Tennessee, Virginia, Kentucky and West Virginia without graduate medical education as potential key partners to develop new GME. Although LMU-DCOM has consulted with subject matter experts in the past on non-strategic matters, LMU-DCOM engaged Germane Solutions in the Fall of 2014 as their strategy partners to assess the current environment and to provide a “blueprint” for Graduate Medical Education activities for the future. Methodical visits have occurred on numerous occasions with the essential administrators and physician leaders at each of these hospitals and educating them about opportunities to develop GME. Concurrently, we are working with several of these hospitals and health systems (i.e., Covenant Health, Appalachian Regional Health and Blount Memorial Hospital) to develop similar relationships as was created by LMU-DCOM with Wellmont Health System-Holston Valley Medical Center Orthopedic Program. This program was established because of the strong partnership and support provided by LMU-DCOM. In particular, the three hospital systems were
chosen as areas of focus based on the Germane report and continued relationships with these hospitals; • Funding half of the salary for the position of the Vice President-Graduate Medical Education, Virginia, Assistant Dean for Clinical Affairs and Senior Director of Medical Education to support the efforts of Mountain States Health Alliances to develop the new GME programs in Virginia and development and maintenance of the existing GME programs under Mountain States Health Alliance. The other portion of the salary was covered by Virginia College of Osteopathic Medicine (VCOM) and the new programs established in Virginia are under VCOM’s count; • Establishment of monthly meetings with Mountain State Health Alliance Executive Team to discuss the effects of the ACGME transition on their programs and maintaining continued support of current programs while planning future new program options; • Initial discussions with Adventist Health for students and future GME development; • Facilitation of ACGME application submission for all TOMEC members and support in preparation for site visits; • Hosted the Rural Career Day in collaboration with the Tennessee Rural Partnership at LMU-DCOM on Monday, July 31, 2017. Ten different vendors met with the first and second year classes of LMU-DCOM. A presentation on becoming a teaching hospital or clinic was provided by the LMU GME office during the vendor luncheon. • Meeting on June 30, 2016 with Bill Jolley, Vice President, Rural Health Issues, of the Tennessee Hospital Association to discuss primary care GME development at Critical Access Hospitals or rural hospitals; • Development of Resident Research Day at TOMEC affiliated sites to ensure the maintenance and growth of the GME program toward meeting and exceeding accreditation standards; • Meetings with FQHC facilities, Mountain Comprehensive Health Center, Pineville, KY and Servolution, Harrogate, TN about the possibility of seeking funds together when and if the Teaching Health Center Graduate Medical Education granting opportunity became available; • Discussions to expand the LMU Health-Medical Clinic infrastructure in preparation for the development of a family medicine residency program sponsored by LMU-DCOM; and • Continued presentations and meetings with affiliated clinical hospitals and interested parties of other health care systems about the possibilities for GME development.

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

TOMEC has two Osteopathic College members—Lincoln Memorial University College of Osteopathic Medicine, located in Harrogate, TN and Arkansas College of Osteopathic Medicine in Ft Smith. This allows us to be a regional OPTI that can share resources and talents.

Number of Residencies

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

- Primary Care Residencies: 2
- Non Primary Care Residencies: 1

COM Partners

Arkansas College of Osteopathic Medicine
Lincoln Memorial University-DeBusk College of Osteopathic Medicine

Hospital Partners

Mercy Hospital Fort Smith - Fort Smith, AR
Norton Community Hospital, Inc - Norton, VA
Wellmont Holston Valley MC - Kingsport, TN
Wellmont Lonesome Pine Hosp - Big Stone Gap, VA