

2027 ACOFP Annual Convention and Scientific Seminars Call for Content

ACOFP is seeking **timely, practical, engaging education that addresses the evolving needs of osteopathic family physicians and the patients they serve**. Educational content at the convention will be held Thursday, April 1 through Saturday, April 3 in Louisville, Kentucky and on-demand.

Session Dates and Formats

Concurrent Sessions

Thursday, April 1; Friday, April 2; and Saturday, April 3, 2027

- **Didactic Sessions (45 minutes)**
Designed for larger audiences in theater-style seating. Sessions should actively engage learners through approaches such as case-based learning, audience response, facilitated discussion, reflection, question and answer, or other active-learning strategies.
- **Interactive Sessions (60 or 90 minutes)**
Designed for deeper learner engagement and interaction. Formats may include expert-led panels, facilitated discussions, roundtables, collaborative problem-solving, hands-on training, or other interactive approaches.

On-Demand Sessions

Released in early April 2027

- **Didactic Sessions (30, 45 or 60 minutes)**
On-demand sessions should incorporate opportunities for learners to apply or reflect on the content through cases, questions, reflection activities, or other appropriate engagement strategies.

What Makes a Session Strong?

The most successful sessions:

- Address a current and relevant educational or practice need in family medicine;
- Reflect current evidence, guidelines, and best practices;
- Provide practical strategies, tools, or take-home messages that can be applied in practice;
- Incorporate meaningful attendee participation through discussion, reflection, audience response, case-based learning, and/or question and answer; and
- Follow a clear agenda and session description aligned with the stated learning objectives.

Based on the proposal and overall Convention program, the ACOFP Annual Convention Work Group may recommend a different session format to create a balanced program and accommodate attendee interest. For example, highly rated topics proposed as roundtable discussions may be offered in a format that allows participation by a larger audience.

Accepted titles and descriptions may be edited for clarity and alignment with ACOFP style and will be published on the Convention website. Please ensure all information is complete and accurate before submitting.

Proposal Checklist

Note: All proposals go through a blind review and selection process. Do not include personal identifiers in the title, plan, description, or objectives.

Have the following available before starting your proposal:

1. Bios, headshots, and presenting experience for all faculty.
2. Contact information for each faculty member, including name, degree(s), email, institution, job title, work address, and work and mobile phone numbers. The individual submitting the proposal will receive confirmation and selection notifications. Following acceptance, all faculty will receive additional information.
3. Preferred session format.
4. Title – limit 90 characters, including spaces.
5. Session plan – briefly describe the session flow, use of time, and learner engagement; limit 1,500 characters, including spaces.
6. Learning objectives – provide two to three learning objectives; limit 1,500 characters, including spaces.
7. Description – one paragraph; limit 1,500 characters, including spaces.
8. Identify up to three recommended topic areas that best align with the proposed content.

Important Information

Proposals Changes

Proposals may be edited through the submission portal until Monday, September 7, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. Central.

Changes to Accepted Proposals

Faculty, titles, and descriptions should not be changed following acceptance. If a change becomes necessary, ACOFP must be notified in writing at elarning@acofp.org, and approval must be received before the change is made. No changes will be permitted after Monday, October 19, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. Central.

Faculty Agreement and Financial Disclosure

All faculty, including in-person, virtual, and on-demand presenters, must complete ACOFP's faculty agreement and disclose required financial relationships from the previous 24 months.

Timeline

- August 12, 2026: Call for Proposals opens.
- September 7, 2026: Call for Proposals closes (6:00 p.m. Central).
- September 8 – September 20, 2026: Proposals will be reviewed and selected by the ACOFP Annual Convention Work Group or other appropriate committee.
- Starting the week of September 28, 2026: email notification for selected and non-selected proposals will be sent to the first faculty listed in the submission; selected proposals will receive next steps.
- October 2026: Content goes live on the convention website and faculty are notified of their session's scheduled date and time.
- October 19, 2026 (6:00 p.m. Central): Deadline to make any changes to the faculty line-up.
- November 2026: Faculty receive emails with their faculty portal link and next steps.

Submission Deadline

Monday, September 7, 2026 6:00 PM CT

Recommended Topics

ACOFP welcomes creative, engaging proposals that advance the practice of osteopathic family medicine. We are especially interested in education that addresses emerging evidence, evolving standards of care, clinical challenges and controversies, and the application of osteopathic principles to whole-person care.

For the 2027 Annual Convention and Scientific Seminars, areas of interest include the following. This list is intended to inspire, not limit, proposal submissions.

The Osteopathic Approach

- Osteopathic principles and practice
- Integrating OMT into everyday family medicine
- Osteopathic approaches to musculoskeletal care
- Whole-person approaches to complex and chronic conditions
- Applying osteopathic principles across the lifespan

Clinical Care

- Diabetes
- Obesity and weight management
- Cardiovascular health & hypertension
- Asthma and COPD
- Mental & behavioral health
- Infectious disease
- Dermatology
- Rheumatology
- Cognitive health
- Women's health
- Sleep health

Practice & Professional Development

- Artificial intelligence and emerging technologies
- Digital health and technology in practice
- Health literacy
- End-of-life and serious illness care
- Physician well-being
- Physician leadership
- Research and scholarly activity
- Practice management and healthcare delivery

Recommended Topics for Students/Residents

- Exploring Diverse Clinical Pathways in Family Medicine
- Financial Planning and Managing Student Debt
- Financial Talk for Residents and New Physicians
- Contract Negotiations
- Building a Competitive Residency Application
- The Match
- Networking and Mentorship: Building Professional Relationships
- Understanding Healthcare Systems and Policies
- Managing Stress and Preventing Burnout in Medical School
- Navigating Clinical Rotations

ACOFP Faculty Guidelines

- Faculty must meet all deadlines established by ACOFP.
- ACOFP retains the copyright to all accepted proposals.
- All faculty are subject to ACOFP approval.
- Faculty must notify ACOFP by **Monday, December 7, 2026**, whether they will register for the full Convention or participate as guest faculty. Failure to respond may result in removal from the program.
- Changes to faculty, titles, or descriptions following acceptance require prior ACOFP approval. No changes will be permitted after **Monday, October 19, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. Central**.
- Proposal and faculty information, including titles, names, degrees, bios, headshots, descriptions, and target audiences, may be used on ACOFP and Convention websites, social media, the mobile app, program materials, signage, and other promotional materials. ACOFP reserves the right to edit this information as needed.
- Faculty are responsible for the accuracy, integrity and appropriate attribution of all submitted content, including content developed with the assistance of artificial intelligence.
- Faculty must review and accept ACOFP faculty and attendee policies during registration, including permission for ACOFP to use their name, position, voice, likeness, image, and recorded presentation for educational purposes. Some sessions may require advance recording, and applicable faculty must work with ACOFP to schedule the recording.
- All presentations, slides, visuals, and handouts must be submitted to ACOFP by **Friday, March 12, 2027**. ACOFP reserves the right to review and approve materials for compliance with CME requirements and standards.
- There is no guest pass or guest fee. Anyone entering Convention space must be registered, even if attending only one session.
- Educational content must remain independent of commercial interests and should not promote or endorse any products or services.