



Dear colleagues and friends,

After careful consideration and consultation with partnering osteopathic specialty colleges, the AOA Board of Trustees has made the decision to convert OMED21 to a virtual-only format. The virtual conference will be held during the same dates, Oct. 22-24, with extended access to all OMED CME sessions and programming through Nov. 25.

Though we've been eagerly anticipating a reunion with many of you in person during this year's OMED conference, we've also been very closely monitoring the COVID-19 pandemic trajectory and trend in communities across the nation as impacted by the Delta variant. Our top concern has been and remains protecting you and the health and welfare of our osteopathic family, patients and the general public. The current state of the pandemic simply poses too great a risk to warrant conducting this meeting in person.

Building on the success of last year, the virtual conference will offer the same top-quality education, networking and inspirational keynote addresses you've come to expect from OMED—all delivered via an easy-to-use online platform you can access anytime, anywhere. Attendees may earn up to 50 credits of AOA or *AMA PRA Category 1 Credit™*, choosing from more than 200 hours of programming across 17 specialties.

If you already registered for the in-person conference in Phoenix, your registration will be automatically converted to the virtual conference. As the registration fee for in-person and virtual registrations were the same, no fee adjustments will be necessary. Please [contact us](#) with any questions regarding your registration.

We look forward to the day when we can gather in person for the osteopathic "homecoming" we hoped to enjoy this Fall. In the meantime, we can't wait to join you for the virtual conference, where we'll celebrate the distinctiveness of osteopathic medicine. If you haven't already registered, [save your spot](#) today!

We thank you and send best wishes to you and your families.

Sincerely,

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