



## **CANADA**

### **Summary**

Osteopathic Medicine is defined as a complete system of medical care with a philosophy that combines the needs of the patient with the current practise of medicine, surgery, and obstetrics. Osteopathic Medicine emphasizes the interrelationship between structure and function, and has an appreciation of the body's ability to heal itself. An osteopathic physician in Canada is a person with full, unlimited practise rights who has achieved the nationally recognized academic and professional standards within the United States to diagnose, and provide treatment based upon the principles of osteopathic philosophy. Individual countries establish the national, academic, and professional standards for osteopathic physicians practicing within their countries.

An osteopath is a non-physician practitioner who has achieved the nationally recognized academic and professional standards within her or his country to practise osteopathic manipulative treatment. Individual countries establish the national academic, and professional standards for osteopaths practicing within their countries.

Canada consists of ten Provinces and three Territories. Each Province or Territory governs registration of osteopaths in Canada. There are separate Acts for each jurisdiction regulating osteopathic medicine in Canada. In most provinces, title protection for the osteopathic or D.O. designation lies with these regulatory bodies. The province of Quebec has no title protection.

### **Osteopathic Medicine**

Listed below are the licensure requirements for US-trained D.O.s in the provinces and territories of Canada. All the provinces that have provisions for licensing D.O.s as physicians require that D.O.s be graduates of an osteopathic medical colleges accredited and they be or intend to become Canadian citizens. For the provinces or territories that state, "no provisions exist for licensing US-trained D.O.s," it is suggested the individual contact that regulatory authority. While there may not be a provision, the regulatory agency may consider amending its current policy to include recognition of US-trained D.O.s.

#### **Alberta**

Scope of Practise: unlimited

Requirements: Must have completed at least 2 years of Graduate Medical Education (GME) accredited by the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education or the American Osteopathic Association and must have passed the Universities Coordinating Council Exam, a basic sciences exam, and have passed all three parts of the licensing examination of the Medical Council of Canada (LMCC).

### **Statutes/Regulations**

*Medical Profession Act of Alberta* <http://www.qp.gov.ab.ca/documents/acts/M11.cfm>

#### **Contact:**

**College of Physicians and Surgeons of Alberta**

900 Manulife Place



10180-101 Street  
Edmonton Alberta T5J 4P8  
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(780) 423-4764  
<http://www.cpsa.ab.ca>

### **British Columbia**

Scope of Practise: one licensure pathway provides D.O.s with unlimited practise rights, and another pathway limits D.O.s to practise OMM

Requirements: To be eligible for unlimited licenses: must have completed at least one year of GME approved by the American Osteopathic Association or the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education, completed at least 1 year of Graduate Medical Education in Canada, and passed all three parts of the LMCC. For licenses limited to OMM: must have completed at least 2 years of American Osteopathic Association approved GME and passed all three parts of the NBOME or COMLEX.

### **Statutes/Regulations**

*Medical Practitioners Act of British Columbia*

<http://www.cpsbc.bc.ca/policymanual/mpa/mpa.pdf>

### **Contact:**

#### **College of Physicians and Surgeons of British Columbia**

1807 W. 10th Avenue  
Vancouver British Columbia V6J 2A9  
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(604) 733-7758  
<http://www.cpsbc.bc.ca>

### **Manitoba**

Scope of Practise: unlimited

Requirements: In 2002, the College voted to register U.S.-educated and trained DOs.

### **Contact:**

#### **College of Physicians and Surgeons of Manitoba**

1000-1661 Portage Avenue  
Winnipeg Manitoba R3J 3T7  
CANADA  
(204) 774-4344  
<http://www.cpsm.mb.ca>

### **New Brunswick**

Scope of Practise: unlimited

Requirements: Must have completed at least 2 years of GME approved by the A or the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education and have passed all three parts of the



LMCC. There is also a reciprocity pathway for D.O.s holding a license to practise medicine in Maine.

**Statutes/Regulations**

*College of Physicians and Surgeons of New Brunswick Medical Act and Regulations*

<http://cpsnb.org/english/MedicalAct/med-act-toc.html>

<http://cpsnb.org/english/Regulations/by-laws-toc.html>

**Contact:**

**College of Physicians and Surgeons of New Brunswick**

1 Hampton Road, Suite 200

Rothesay, New Brunswick E2E 5K8

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(506) 849-5050

<http://cpsnb.org>

**Newfoundland**

Scope of Practise: to be determined

Requirements: in 2002, the College committed itself to seeing that the government establishes a registration pathway for U.S.-educated D.O.s. It is anticipated that establishing guidelines may take a couple of years.

**Contact:**

**Newfoundland Medical Board**

139 Water Street, Suite 603

St. John's Newfoundland A1C 1B2

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(709) 726-8546

**Northwest Territories**

Scope of Practise: unlimited

Requirements: While no specific provisions are in place, the American Osteopathic Association has been told the government will grant registration to any physician that qualifies for licensure in any other province.

**Contact:**

**Government of the Northwest Territories**

Centre Square Tower 8th Floor

Yellowknife NWT X1A 2L9

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(867) 920-8058

**Nova Scotia**

Scope of Practise: unlimited



A new regulation was put into effect in 2002 to recognize U.S.-educated osteopathic physicians.

**Statutes/Regulations**

*Chapter 10 of the Acts of 1995-96 of Nova Scotia* <http://www.cpsns.ns.ca/publicset.html>

**Contact:**

**Provincial Medical Board of Nova Scotia**

Sentry Place  
1559 Brunswick Street, Suite 200  
Halifax Nova Scotia B3J 2G1  
CANADA  
(902) 422-5823  
<http://www.cpsns.ns.ca>

**Ontario**

Scope of Practise: Unlimited

In 2002, the Premier of Ontario and the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario (CPSO) announced that changes were being implemented to recognize international medical graduates, including D.O.s who are now recognizing by the CPSO. In addition, the CPSO has created a Fast Track Assessment Program for international medical graduates who wish to practise in Ontario. The Fast Track Assessment is an expedited process designed for doctors with experience. It focuses on an evaluation of practise skills and can be tailored to the individual applicant. By evaluating the practise skills of the individual doctor rather than looking at the grades and training programs, the College acquires a more realistic view of the abilities of the individual physicians. For more recent graduates, there is the Standard Assessment process. It concentrates on examination grades and completion of an approved course of education and residency. All candidates are assessed in the same way. For more information on Ontario's registration, go to [www.cpsso.on.ca/info\\_physicians/applicants/regist.htm](http://www.cpsso.on.ca/info_physicians/applicants/regist.htm)

**Contact:**

**College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario**

80 College Street  
Toronto Ontario M5G 2E2  
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(416) 967-2600  
<http://www.cpsso.on.ca>

**Prince Edward Island**

Scope of Practise: no provisions exist for licensing US-trained D.O.s

**Contact:**

**College of Physicians and Surgeons of Prince Edward Island**

199 Grafton Street  
Charlottetown, PEI C1A 1L2



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(902) 566-3861

**Quebec**

Scope of Practise: unlimited

Requirements: Must have completed at least 1 year of GME approved by the American Osteopathic Association or the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education, must have completed at least 1 year of GME in Quebec, passed the written, oral and clinical board examination of the College of Family Physicians of Canada and must speak French fluently.

**Contact:**

**College des Medecins du Quebec**

2170 Rene-Levesque Blvd West  
Montreal Quebec H3H 2T8  
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(514) 933-4441

<http://www.cmq.org>

**Saskatchewan**

Scope of Practise: limited to OMM

Requirements: Must have completed at least 1 year of American Osteopathic Association approved GME.

**Statutes/Regulations**

*Osteopathic Practise Act, Chapter O-7, Revised Statutes of Saskatchewan*

<http://www.qp.gov.sk.ca/documents/English/Statutes/Statutes/M10-1.pdf>

**Contact:**

**College of Physicians and Surgeons of Saskatchewan**

211 Fourth Avenue South  
Saskatoon, Saskatchewan S7K 1N1  
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(306) 244-7355

<http://www.quadrant.net/cpps>

**Yukon Territory**

Scope of Practise: unlimited

Requirements: While no specific provisions are in place, the American Osteopathic Association has been told the government will grant registration to any physician that qualifies for licensure in any other province.

**Contact:**

**Government of the Yukon**

PO Box 2703



Whitehorse, Yukon Y1A 2C6  
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(867) 667-5257

### **Schools of Osteopathic Medicine**

There are no recognized osteopathic medical schools in Canada.

### **Organisations/Associations**

#### **British Columbia Osteopathic Association:**

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President  
#302, 1990 Fort St.  
Victoria, B.C. V8R 6V4  
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#### **Canadian Osteopathic Association**

Ted Findlay, D.O. President

#### **Canadian Osteopathic Association (and Aid Society)**

P.O. Box 24081  
London, Ontario N6H 5C4  
Phone & Fax 519-681-1500 or Toll Free (All North America) 1-866-294-2503  
E-mail: [coas@rogers.com](mailto:coas@rogers.com)

#### **Federation of Medical Regulatory Authorities of Canada (FMRAC)**

(Formerly Federation of Medical Licensing Authorities of Canada [FMLAC])

Email: [ssmith@fmlac.com](mailto:ssmith@fmlac.com)

Website: <http://www.fmlac.com>

#### **International Federation for Manual/Musculoskeletal Medicine (FIMM)**

Website: [www.fimm-online.org](http://www.fimm-online.org)

#### **Canadian Osteopathic Educational Trust Fund**

Mrs. Patricia Roper  
Secretary/Treasurer  
R.R.#2  
Forest, Ontario N0N 1J0  
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Fax: 786-2915

#### **Ontario Osteopathic Association**

David Fiddler, DO  
President



832 Monarch Rd, RR#1  
Lindsay, Ontario  
K9V 4R1

**Prairie Osteopathic Association**

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President  
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Calgary, Alberta T2M 1G9  
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Fax: 289-8269

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**Alberta**

Scope of Practise: The practise of osteopathy is not regulated in Alberta.

**British Columbia**

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Requirements: N/A

**New Brunswick**

Scope of Practise: The practise of osteopathy is not regulated in New Brunswick  
Requirements: N/A

**Newfoundland**

Scope of Practise: The practise of osteopathy is not regulated in Newfoundland.

**Northwest Territories**

Scope of Practise: The practise of osteopathy is not regulated in the Northwest Territories.  
Requirements: N/A

**Nova Scotia**

Scope of Practise: The practise of osteopathy is not regulated in Nova Scotia.  
Requirements: N/A

**Ontario**

Scope of Practise: The practise of osteopathy is not regulated in Ontario.  
Requirements: N/A



### **Prince Edward Island**

Scope of Practise: The practise of osteopathy is not regulated on Prince Edward Island.

Requirements: N/A

### **Quebec**

Scope of Practise: The practise of osteopathy is not regulated in Quebec.

Requirements: N/A

### **Saskatchewan**

Scope of Practise: The practise of osteopathy is not regulated in Saskatchewan.

Requirements: N/A

### **Yukon Territory**

Scope of Practise: The practise of osteopathy is not regulated in the Yukon Territory.

Requirements: N/A

### **Schools of Osteopathy**

There are no recognized schools of osteopathy in Canada. Additionally, there is no way for graduates of other international schools to have their osteopathic credentials recognized in Canada. To be registered with a provincial College of Physicians and Surgeons, one must be a graduate of an accredited college of the American Osteopathic Association.