



## **GERMANY**

### **Osteopathic Medicine**

The scope of practise for a licensed physician in osteopathic medicine in Germany is unlimited. A foreign physician may apply for licensure with the regional medical authorities, the Health Ministry, which represents the state in which the applicant intends to work. The regional state health ministry has information regarding the types of medical providers needed in that area and therefore grants work permits to licensed physicians depending on the specialty of the foreign physician.

Osteopathic Physicians in Germany are fully licensed with at least 6500 hours in medical school 6 years, at least 7000 hours in specialty training, which is 3 to 6 years, plus at least 710 hours of training in manual medicine and osteopathy before attaining their degree. German physicians who have obtained the degree designation Dr. med., and who have completed their medical education and specialty training in areas such as general practise, orthopaedics, neurology, internal medicine, etc. can earn a Diploma in Osteopathic Medicine, either a D.O.-DAAO from the DAAO German American Academy for Osteopathy, a (D.O.M.) from the DGOM German Society of Osteopathic Medicine or from the SAGOM (Swiss Society of Osteopathic Medicine) if they meet additional educational requirements. The additional education includes a 320-hour program in Manual Medicine, and a course in osteopathic medicine including a minimum of 390 additional hours. The osteopathic medicine course is limited to physicians only.

#### **General Contact for Physicians:**

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#### **Statutes/Regulations:**

There are presently no statutes or regulations defining the practise of osteopathic medicine or osteopathy in Germany. Regulations are currently being developed in both professional areas. The federal ministry has determined that the regulation of osteopathic medicine falls under the responsibilities of the states' medical societies.

#### **Schools of Osteopathic Medicine**

There are no recognized schools of osteopathic medicine as exist in the USA presently in Germany. Osteopathic medicine is an additional qualification that a physician in Germany attains after completion of his/her medical school, specialty and manual medicine training. The following schools grant the additional qualification:

**Degrees:** Diploma in Osteopathic Medicine (D.O.-DAAO) or (D.O.M.); “Diploma in Osteopathic Therapy (D.O.T.)”

**Deutsche Amerikanische Akademie für Osteopathie (DAAO):** part of the Deutsche Gesellschaft für manuelle Medizin-MWE (DGMM-MWE) teaches osteopathic medicine to M.D.'s in over 400 hours. The program is open to M.D.s only and leads to the D.O.-DAAO degree.



**Deutsche Gesellschaft für Osteopathische Medizin (DGOM):** offers a modular course curriculum for physicians over about 450 hours leading to the DOM degree and for physiotherapists in 398 hours leading to the DOT degree.

**Organisations/Associations:**

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