



UNITED KINGDOM

Osteopathic Medicine

The General Osteopathic Council (GOsC) and the General Medical Council (GMC) regulate the practise of osteopathic medicine under the terms of the Osteopaths Act 1993 and statement from the GMC. A person cannot practise unless they register with the General Medical Council and GOsC. The General Osteopathic Council has a statutory duty to promote, develop and regulate the profession of osteopathy in the UK. It fulfils its duty to protect the interests of the public by ensuring that all osteopaths maintain high standards of safety, competence and professional conduct throughout their professional lives.

In order to be registered with the General Osteopathic Council an osteopathic physician must hold a recognized qualification that meets the standards as set out by law in the GOsC's Standard of Practise. This Act provides for "protection of title" A person who, whether expressly or implication describes himself as an osteopath, osteopathic practitioner, osteopathic physician, osteopathist, osteotherapist, or any kind of osteopath is guilty of an offence unless he is registered as an osteopath.

Osteopathic physicians, who are also registered with the General Medical Council, hold both a full medical practise and osteopathic license. Each applicant will have to pass the Professional Linguistic Assessment Board (PLAB) examination and work for one supervised year in the National Health Service (NHS). Following that year, the applicants will be able to apply for full registration (unsupervised practice or private practice). For registration as a specialist, postgraduate training will need to be separately recognized by the Postgraduate Medical Education and Training Board (PMETB).

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Statutes/Regulations

The Osteopaths Act 1993: "An Act to establish a body to be known as the General Osteopathic Council; to provide for the regulation of the profession of osteopathy, including making provision as to the registration of osteopaths and as to their professional education and conduct; to make provision in connection with the development and promotion of the profession; and for connected purposes." http://www.legislation.hmsso.gov.uk/acts/acts1993/Ukpga_19930021_en_1.htm)

Standards of Osteopathic Training and Practise http://www.osteopathy.org.uk/about_gosc/about_standards.php

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