Good Afternoon:

AOA has identified five research priorities it believes have the greatest potential to impact patient care and evidence-based medicine, and demonstrate the value DOs and their approach to care bring to the medical profession. Please forward this opportunity to those that you feel are interested.

1. **Osteopathic Philosophy**
   a. *RFA 1: Cost Effectiveness and Value-Based Care:* The AOA is seeking applications for research studies rooted in the osteopathic philosophy and directly focused on cost effectiveness and value based care.
   b. *RFA 2: Osteopathic Philosophy and Differences in Communication, Compassion/Empathy or Patient Satisfaction:* The AOA is seeking applications for research studies rooted in the osteopathic philosophy to determine if this distinctive approach to patient care translates into better outcomes. Specific focus on compassion/empathy, patient/physician provider communication or patient satisfaction.

2. **Chronic Diseases & Conditions**
   a. *RFA: Osteopathic Approach to Diabetes: Pathophysiology, Treatment, Outcomes and Complications:* The AOA is seeking applications for research studies that address the unique osteopathic approach to address diabetic related disorders. Both clinical and basic science proposals are eligible for this RFA.

3. **Osteopathic Manipulative Medicine/Osteopathic Manipulative Treatment (OMM/OMT):**
   a. *RFA 1: OMT Effect on Inflammation:* The AOA is seeking applications for research studies that address the effect of OMT on inflammation, through clinical, in vitro, or basic science research, which shows clear relevance to disease states including, but not limited to the following: acute or chronic musculoskeletal pain, chronic fatigue, fibromyalgia, asthma/COPD, infectious diseases, or other clinical conditions.
   b. *RFA 2: The Osteopathic Approach & Parkinson’s Disease:* The AOA is seeking applications for research studies that address the effect(s) of the osteopathic approach on Parkinson’s disease (gait improvement, tremors, medication use, etc.).

4. **Musculoskeletal Injuries and Prevention**
   a. *RFA: Osteopathic Medicine Applied to Musculoskeletal Injuries and Prevention:* The AOA is seeking applications for research studies that address osteopathic medicine applied to musculoskeletal injuries and
5. **Pain Management**

a. **RFA: Chronic Pain Management:** The AOA is seeing applications for research studies examining the osteopathic approach to chronic pain management and its effect on patient outcomes. **Chronic pain** is defined as pain that lasts more than three (3) months.

Please visit [www.osteopathic.org/research](http://www.osteopathic.org/research) “Funding Opportunities” to learn more about the guidelines and to apply.

Thank you.

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