

THE OKLAHOMA STATE BOARD OF OSTEOPATHIC EXAMINERS
GUIDELINES FOR RE-ENTRY INTO MEDIC

These practice guidelines are for physicians who have not participated in any active patient care for at least two (2) years and who wish to return to some form of clinical practice.

Medical practice will be classified as cognitive medical specialties (i.e. internal medicine / family practice) or surgical / procedure based medical specialties (i.e. surgery / surgery subspecialties).

The physician shall forward to the state osteopathic board staff a full explanation of his or her time out of clinical practice, CME activities during absence from clinical practice, and a concise plan for re-entry to clinical practice. Including but not limited to the proposed practice site, whether sole practice or in a group, status of hospital privileges, qualifications as an approved provider by any insurance company or third-party payer, immediate family situation, malpractice claim history criminal history, other litigation history, current status with any specialty board, OBND and DEA registration status, Oklahoma health provider program status, and any academic appointments or medical administrative positions.

The board's case review committee (CRC) will examine all the information and personally interview the physician, The CRC will determine, on a case-by-case basis the specific requirements to be met by the physician re-entering active clinical practice in Oklahoma, The recommended plan will be presented to the full board at the appropriate regularly scheduled board meeting for consideration of the physician's plan and subsequent medical licensure.

*Recommendations may include but not limited to:

1. Further CME as assessed by the Board CRC;
2. A Board approved clinical skills assessment program and report;
3. Refresher structured training or mini-residency type of program;
4. A structured mentorship and monitoring process;
5. Passage of special exams, i.e. COMLEX exam.
6. A fellowship completed in a Board approved facility;
7. Passage of ABMS/AOA Board Certification or Recertification exam.
8. Physical examination and /or psychiatric examination and/or cognitive testing.

Any physician re-entering a skills-based medical specialty after 5 years of absence of active patient care practice will require a MINIMUM of #1 and 2.

Any physician re-entering clinical practice but who is requesting a change from one specialty to another must have additional requirements based on a case-by-case basis.

These guidelines were adopted by the Oklahoma State Board of Osteopathic Examiners on March 12, 2020.