



The American Osteopathic Information Association Digital Health Innovation (DHI) Steering Committee Charter

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Background

Due to the fluidity of the healthcare landscape and the pivotal role that digital health technologies and innovation has on shaping its future, the American Osteopathic Information Association (AOIA) has established the *Digital Health Information Community of Practice (DHI CoP)*, previously known as the *Judicious Osteopathic Innovation Network Transformation System (JOINTS)*. JOINTS was intended to explore the possibility of bridging innovative start-ups with the expertise of DOs and OMSs, emphasizing products and services aligned with osteopathic principles.

The DHI CoP is grounded in the mission to facilitate continuous learning opportunities, create avenues for collaboration and pooling of osteopathic medical community resources, and to provide thought leadership around emerging and digital health initiatives. It is a forum to convene, contribute, and inform how the osteopathic philosophy and its practice will influence the future of medicine.

Purpose of the Digital Health Innovation (DHI) Community of Practice

AOIA's vision is ***to serve as the premier catalyst for health care transformation and innovation by the osteopathic community*** – to fully realize this vision, we need this community to come together and have organized dialogue and learning around the latest emerging artificial intelligence (AI) and digital health technologies, address challenges, and share best practices to move the osteopathic community forward.

The purpose of the Digital Health Information Community of Practice (DHI CoP) is to serve as a neutral forum for AOIA members and strategic partners to engage in meaningful discussion, exchange knowledge, and facilitate innovative thinking and approaches to how the osteopathic community leverages, influences, and interacts with digital health technology. By harnessing the collective expertise and insights of AOIA members, along with strategic partnerships with organizations such as AOA, AOF, DiME, AACOM, COCA, NBOME, and others, the DHI CoP aims to inform and catalyze the osteopathic medical profession's engagement and leadership within the digital health landscape.

Digital Health Innovation (DHI) Steering Committee

While the DHI CoP serves as the umbrella entity including the entire osteopathic educational continuum, the DHI Steering Committee will be the entity that serves as the strategic voice and informs the agenda of the broader osteopathic community pertaining to information technology and digital health. This leadership group will set the priorities and foundation elements that inform the strategic efforts of AOIA's Digital Health Innovation Ecosystem, including its four pillars: Knowledge, Awareness, Data and Marketplace. General requirements for this leadership committee can be referenced in **Appendix A**.

The DHI Steering Committee will report directly to AOIA's Board of Directors and will be supported by AOIA program staff.

DHI Steering Committee: Areas of Focus and Outputs

The DHI Steering Committee actively pursues several areas of focus to advance its mission of enabling osteopathic collaboration and innovation within the digital health sector. It will embark on identifying and describing its strategic priorities and the foundational elements of how osteopathic philosophy can enrich the use and innovative development around digital health technologies.

All deliverables developed will inform the CoP's strategic direction while ensuring its effectiveness within the healthcare ecosystem. Through these concerted efforts, the DHI CoP will advance digital health innovation, enable collaboration, and directly contribute to how the osteopathic medical community is actively engaged with shaping the future of healthcare.

Initial outputs from the DHI Steering Committee include:

1. Develop, publish, and advance AOIA's Digital Health Information Community of Practices Strategic & Foundational Priorities.
2. Directly contribute to dialogue and lead efforts that promote the osteopathic voice and its intersection with emerging and digital health technologies.
3. Participate in policy-related matters that involve state, federal and judicial dialogue, and the role of the osteopathic physician in the future of medicine.
4. Contribute and amplify the need to educate and train future osteopathic physicians and strategically embed the foundational elements of the DHI Committee into the evolving educational and policy landscape.

Life Cycle

The Digital Health Information Steering Committee operates through a structured life cycle to ensure the effective execution of its objectives and the continual evolution of its initiatives. The life cycle is composed of distinct phases, each contributing to the overall growth and impact of the DHI Steering Committee, CoP and aligned with AOIA's strategic and fiscal planning process (AOIA/AOA Fiscal year runs from June 1-May 30).

Phases and Timeframes

The DHI Steering Committee will work collaboratively with AOA, AOIA, and AOF, along with other strategic osteopathic entities and initiatives (e.g., Joint Osteopathic Organizational Leadership/JOOL) to ensure direct alignment and mitigation of redundant efforts. The Steering Committee will be led by two Co-Chairs who are leading voices in the osteopathic profession

and have a strong understanding of how digital health technologies are developed, used, and implemented.

#	Phase Aim	Description	Timeframe
1	Define and establish the strategic priorities and the foundational elements of the DHI Steering Committee.	During this initial phase, the DHI Steering Committee will identify the foundational elements of digital health priorities, explain why they matter and their direct alignment with the osteopathic philosophy. These foundational elements will serve as a conceptual framework to guide the advancement of its priorities, how to engage in matters of advocacy and educational policy, and how to strategically prioritize future work efforts.	FY25
2	Identify and engage in key initiatives that intersect with digital health technology and medicine, and where there is an immediate opportunity to infuse the osteopathic voice.	During this phase, the DHI Steering Committee will leverage the DHI Environmental Scan that was compiled by AOIA, to establish a strategic approach. By leveraging members' expertise and collaborative spirit, opportunities to spread and advocate for the foundational elements of the DHI Steering Committee will become common practice, driving more awareness and interest in the work that the DHI CoP is doing.	FY25-FY26
3	Development of key educational documentation to advance the DHI priorities.	As the DHI CoP is established and the Steering Committee work is ongoing, gaps and opportunities to create educational resources and training to advance the osteopathic profession and its intersection with emerging and digital health technologies will be uncovered. This work must build on the two prior phases to ensure the DHI Steering Committee has established sound strategic priorities, engaged the necessary voices to garner and build continued awareness of this forum amongst the healthcare community.	FY26

Operating Principles

The DHI Steering Committee adheres to the following principles:

- Transparency in all activities and decision-making processes
- Inclusion of diverse perspectives and needs
- Prioritization based on practical experience and potential impact
- Honoring established priorities and scope
- Neutrality towards vendors, providers, and technologies

Composition, Responsibilities and Meeting Frequency

The DHI Steering Committee comprises diverse members and strategic partners responsible for actively contributing to discussions, sharing expertise, and supporting the achievement of deliverables. The Committee will be comprised of diverse viewpoints that span the entire osteopathic profession. Refer to **Appendix A** for a comprehensive list of the general requirements to be a member of the DHI Steering Committee.

The DHI Steering Committee will meet in a virtual forum (meeting frequency TBD by Co-Chairs and AOIA Sr. Leadership), with additional educational and networking opportunities at OMED, specialty conferences and one Steering Committee in-person meeting of each fiscal year.

Responsibilities

Members of the DHI Steering Committee are responsible for maintaining active involvement, respecting confidentiality, supporting CoP activities publicly, contributing expertise to deliverables, and accepting task assignments in between meetings.

Leadership and Staffing

The DHI Steering Committee is facilitated and organized by AOIA staff. Every two years, new Co-Chairs will be appointed to be strategic advisors, lead work efforts, ensure balanced participation and osteopathic perspectives, and to support the identification and engagement of the necessary stakeholders to bring credibility to the DHI Steering Committee and the broader DHI Ecosystem effort.

Decision-Making and Relationship to the AOIA

The DHI Steering Committee aims to reach consensus on decisions, capturing diverse views and prioritizing practical solutions. It operates in alignment with the AOIA and ensures compliance with the AOA.

Appendix A: General Requirements for DHI Steering Committee Member

- Digital health Expertise:
 - Demonstrated expertise in one or more areas of digital health, including digital therapeutics, telehealth, care at home, Generative AI and clinical informatics.
 - Understanding of the current landscape of digital health innovation, technology in development, and their potential applications in healthcare
 - Understanding of how the osteopathic principles can apply to and lead digital health and AI innovation.

- Strategic thinking and leadership in digital health:
 - Strong leadership skills and experience in advising or serving on boards or committees at local institutions, health tech companies or nationally as it relates to digital health innovation.

- Advocacy and communication skills:
 - Ability to effectively advocate for the adoption and integration of digital health technologies within the osteopathic and greater healthcare community.
 - Experience in engaging with and influencing key stakeholders, including but not limited to policymakers, healthcare administrators, investors, founders, and patient advocacy groups.

- Innovation and change management:
 - Demonstrated track record of driving innovation and leading change within healthcare institutions at the education and/or practice level.
 - Understanding of the challenges and barriers to the adoption of digital health technologies, and the ability to develop strategies to overcome them.

- Commitment to patient-centered care aligned with the osteopathic philosophy:
 - Dedication to improving patient outcomes and enhancing the patient experience through the responsible, ethical, equitable, and use of digital health technologies.
 - Understanding of the regulatory and ethical considerations surrounding the use of digital health tools

- Continuous learning and adaptation:
 - Demonstrate the ability to stay up to date with the rapidly evolving digital health and AI landscape and the ability to design and adapt strategies accordingly.

- Willingness to engage in ongoing education and professional development in the field of digital health and AI.