



**PENNSYLVANIA OSTEOPATHIC MEDICAL ASSOCIATION**  
**STATEMENT**  
**June 5, 2020**

The Osteopathic Oath states in part,

“I will be ever vigilant in aiding in the general welfare of the community, sustaining its laws and institutions, not engaging in those practices which will in any way bring shame or discredit upon myself or my profession.”

The Pennsylvania Osteopathic Medical Association (POMA) is an association rich in heritage of inclusion since its foundation in 1903. The Osteopathic Profession is built on a strong sense of community and family. Communities have been unraveled by recent events and POMA recognizes the mind and spirit of our communities are in pain. At this difficult time in our country and the world, we at the POMA will continue our role as healers, assisting in any and every way possible to treat those affected by recent events, whether it be physically or emotionally.

As osteopathic physicians, we will continue to care for our communities regardless of ethnicity, gender, age, sexual orientation, ability, or race. POMA stands firmly against racism in any form and will continue to educate our members on unconscious bias, health care disparities and multicultural communication.

Osteopathic medicine is built on listening, touching, and the power of the body, spirit and mind to heal. We offer our continued and unwavering commitment to *all* we have the privilege to care for to be inclusive, compassionate, equitable and just.

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**About the Pennsylvania Osteopathic Medical Association**

*Founded in 1903, the Pennsylvania Osteopathic Medical Association promotes the distinctive philosophy and practice of osteopathic medicine in Pennsylvania, for our members and their patients. POMA represents more than 8,500 osteopathic physicians, residents and medical students in Pennsylvania and is headquartered in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.*