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Osteopathic and Allopathic
Partnerships for GME

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**University of
North Texas
Health Science
Center**

**Texas College of Osteopathic
Medicine**

**Graduate School of
Biomedical Sciences**

School of Public Health



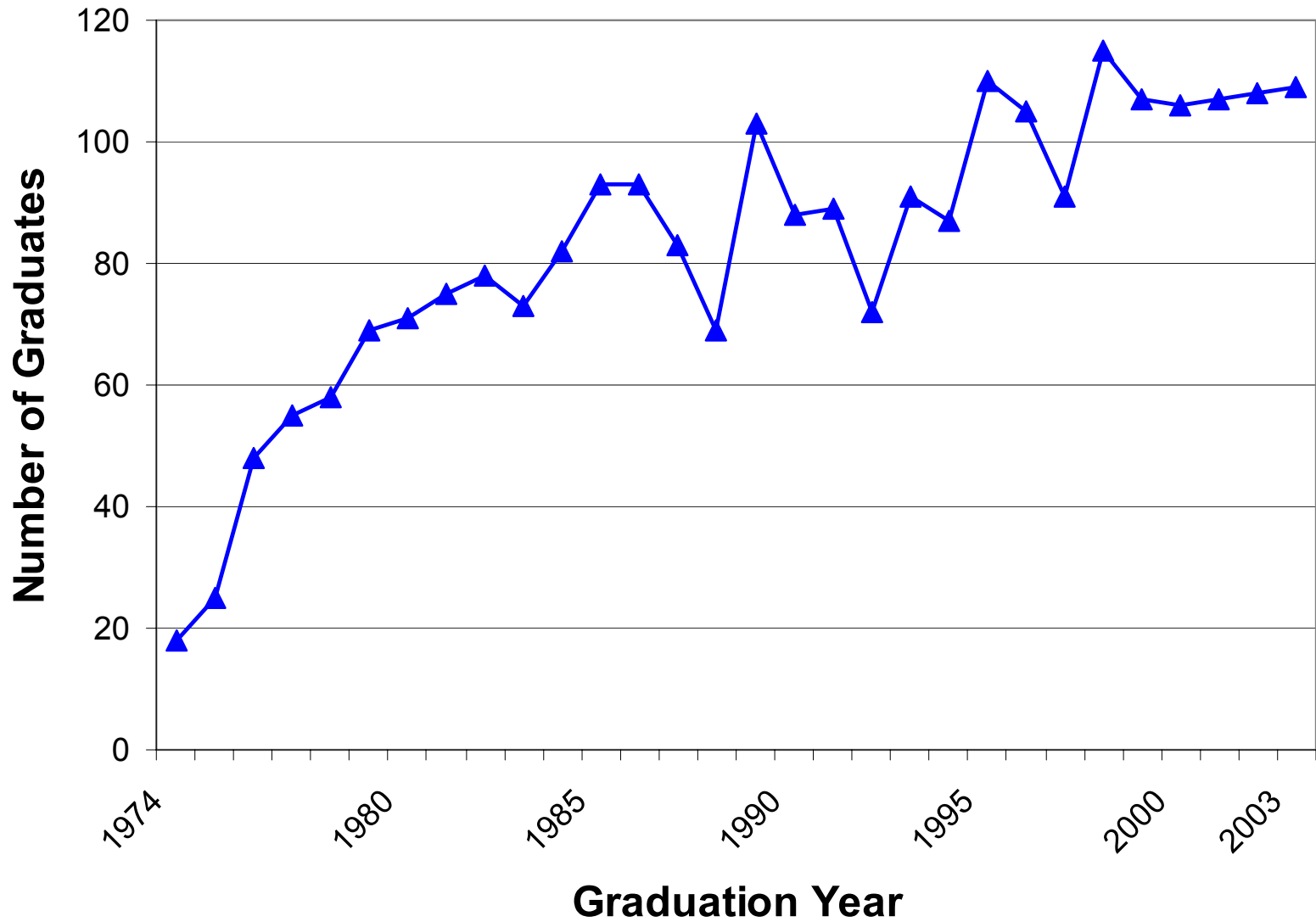
Milestones

- **1969** Founded as Texas College of Osteopathic Medicine, a private medical school.
- **1970** Accepted first class of medical students.
- **1975** Became state institution.
 - Affiliated with University of North Texas.
- **1993** Designated a Health Science Center.
- **1993** Added Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences.
- **1997** Added Physician Assistant Studies Program.
 - Started as undergraduate degree program.
- **1999** Added School of Public Health.
 - PA program moves to masters degree.

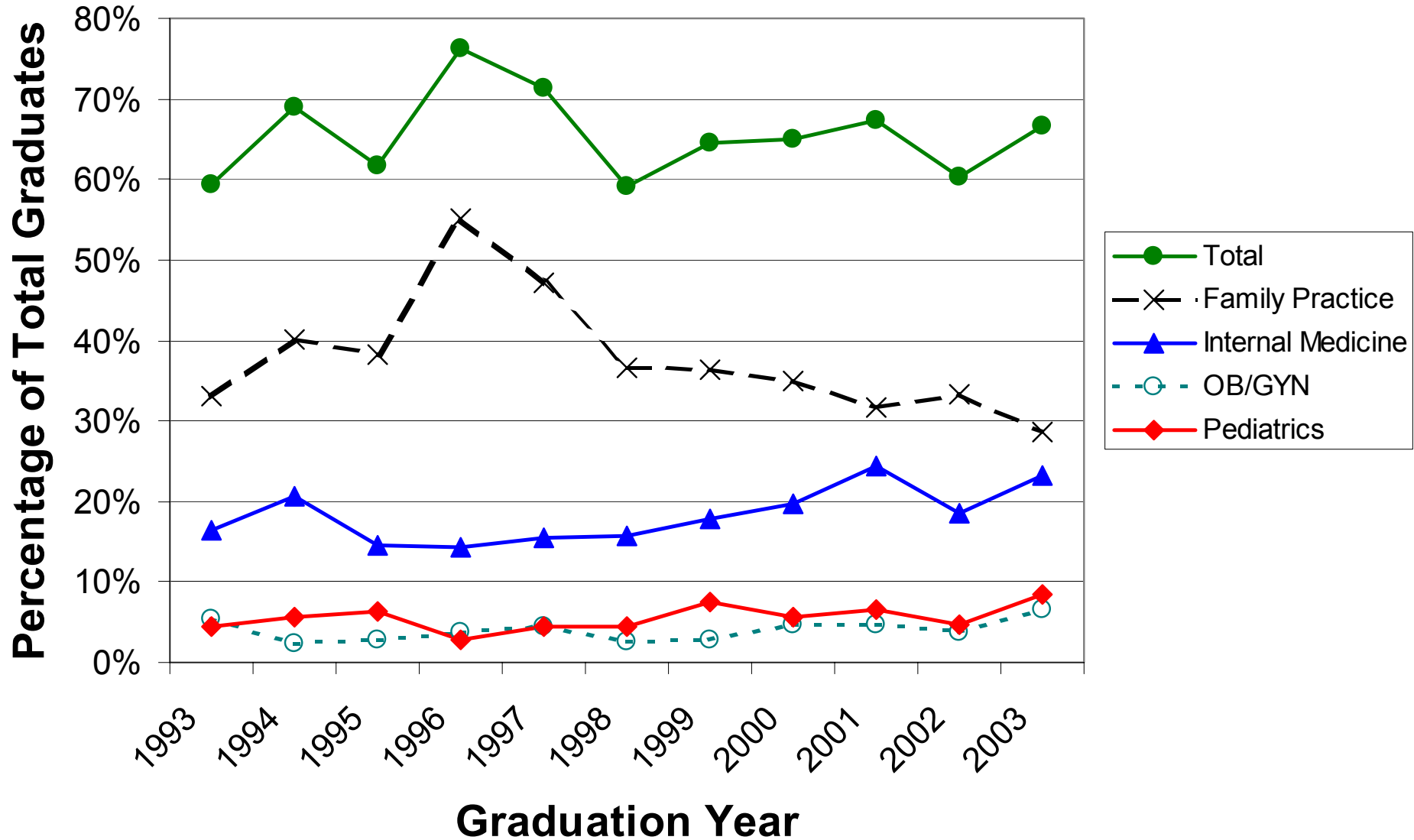
Texas College of Osteopathic Medicine

- 491 osteopathic medical students.
- Ranked #20 by *U.S. News & World Report* among top medical schools in *Primary Care*.
 - ~70% enter primary care GME programs.
- Honored 10 times by the Texas Academy of Family Physicians.
 - More than 25% enter family practice residencies.
- More than 30% of graduates practice in Texas towns with fewer than 25,000 people.

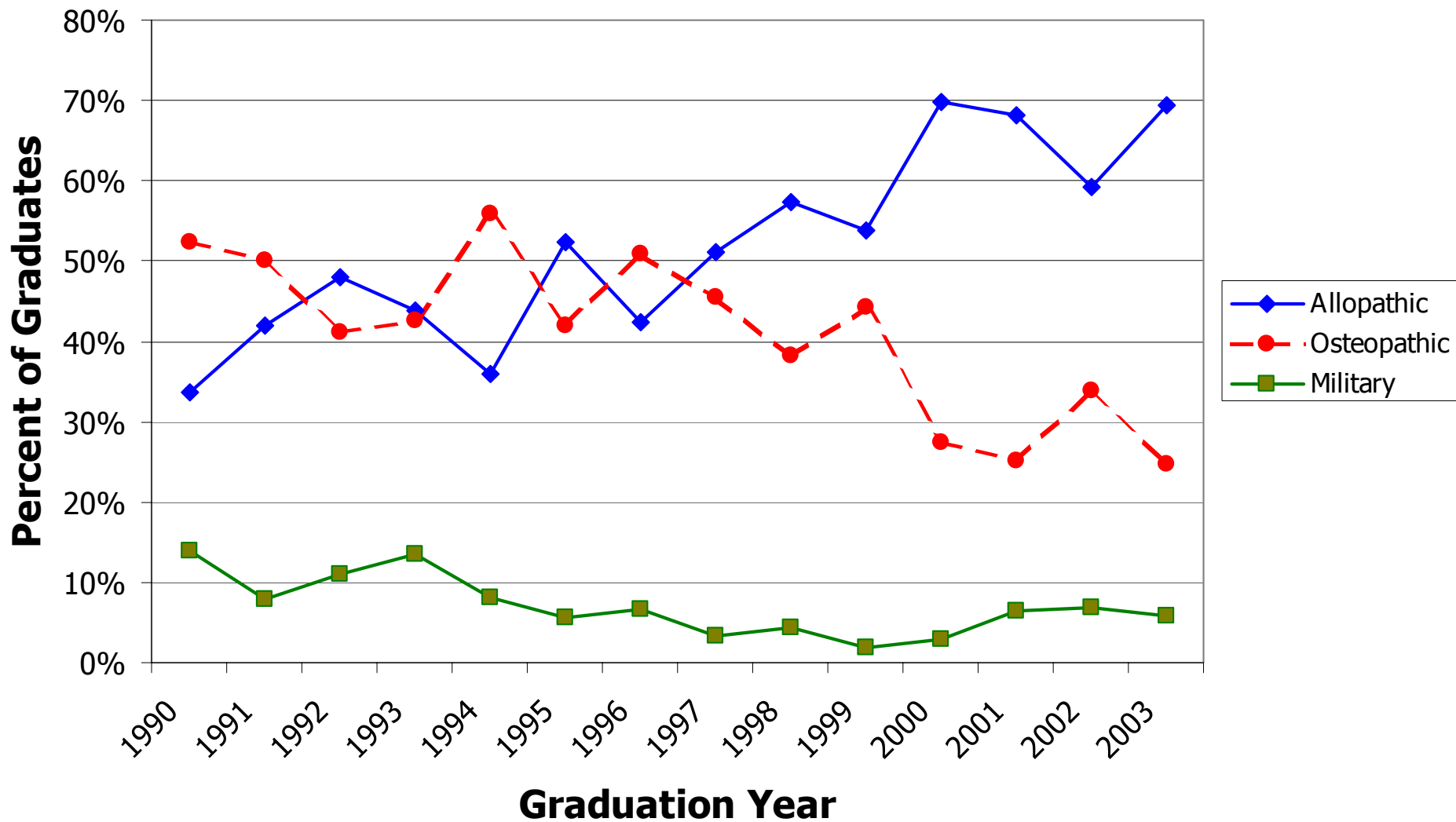
Number of TCOM Graduates Over Time



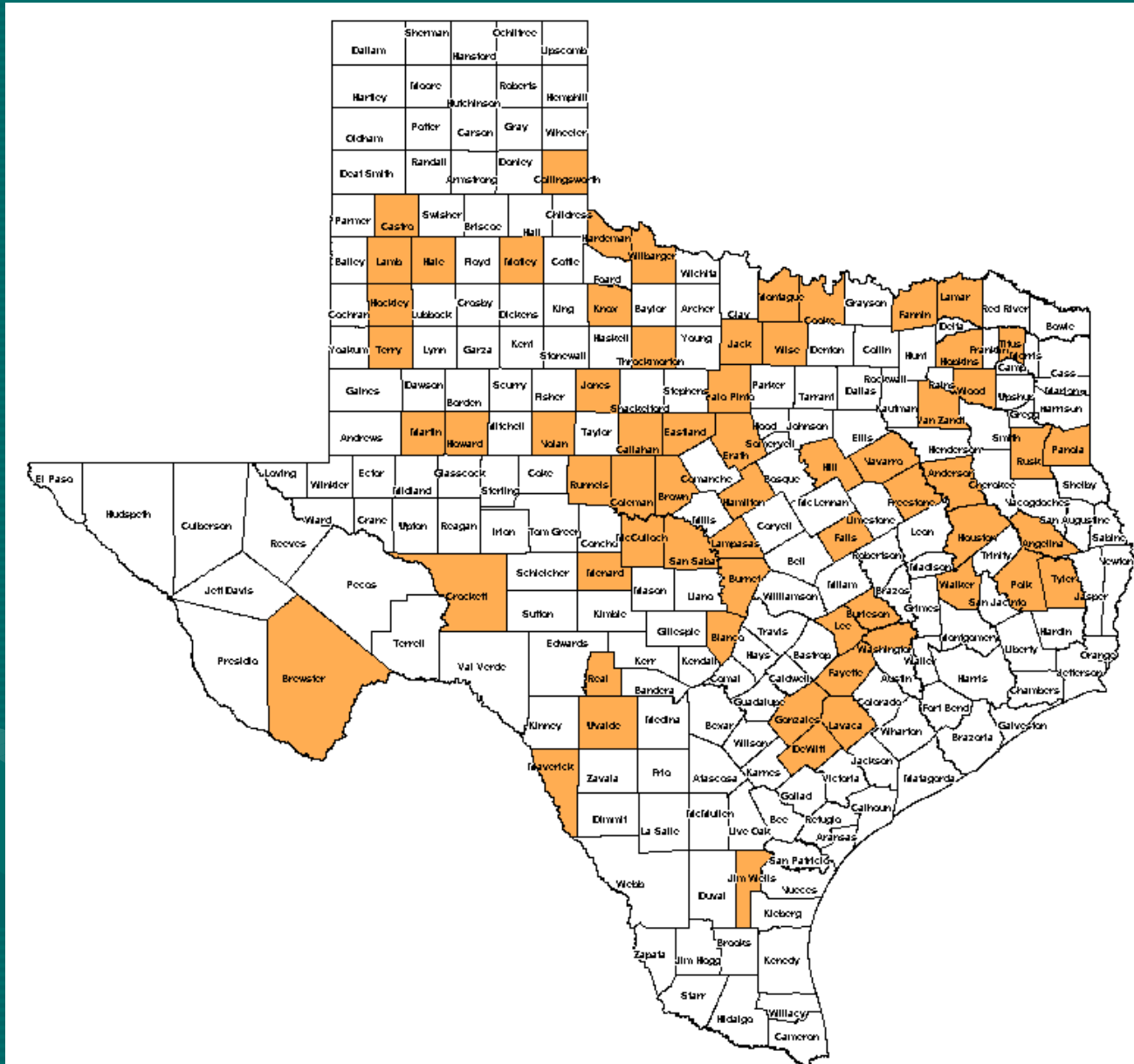
TCOM % Graduates Choosing Primary Care GME Training



Graduates by GME Program Affiliation



TCOM Graduates Practicing in Rural Texas Counties Designates as Medically Underserved Areas





**OSTEOPATHIC – ALLOPATHIC
COLLABORATION
for
GRADUATE MEDICAL
EDUCATION**

Collaborative Graduate Medical Education

Mission:

- The Texas College of Osteopathic Medicine seeks to provide postgraduate training programs in the state of Texas that will allow its graduates to maintain their osteopathic identity and encourage the inclusion of osteopathic philosophy in medical practice.

Collaborative Graduate Medical Education

The Texas Experience:

- Level I – Faculty Crossover
- Level II – Facility Crossover
- Level III – Dual Accreditation

Collaborative Graduate Medical Education

- Level I – Faculty Crossover
 - Established AOA or ACGME accredited programs use combined faculty.

Examples:

- Osteopathic physicians serve as residency directors for ACGME accredited programs.
 - Texas Tech University – Lubbock
 - University of Texas Medical Branch – Galveston
- Allopathic trainers/supervisors in AOA accredited programs.
 - Osteopathic Medical Center of Texas

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- Level II – Facility Crossover
 - Facilities with historically few osteopathic physicians establish AOA accredited programs.

Examples:

- Plaza Medical Center of Fort Worth.
 - Five osteopathic training programs with 42 residents and 85% allopathic faculty.
- John Peter Smith Hospital – TCHD
 - AOA emergency medicine residency in development.

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- Level III – Dual-Accredited Programs
 - Established AOA or ACGME accredited training programs now seeking both.

Examples:

- Texas Tech University – Lubbock
- Methodist Medical Center of Dallas – Charlton
 - Internships and Family Medicine residencies.
- John Peter Smith Hospital – TCHD
 - Application for dual accreditation of Psychiatry.

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Challenges:

- Limited funding for new programs.
- CMS cap at established training sites.
- Limited resources for identification and development of academic faculty and program directors.
- Continued loss of uniquely osteopathic institutions.
- Closer working relationship between ACGME and the AOA council on post-graduate training.