



ICOM
Idaho College of Osteopathic Medicine

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Idaho Legislature Update

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An Update on Idaho's First Medical School

Idaho Needs More Doctors

50th

ACTIVE PHYSICIANS
Per Capita*



47TH

RESIDENT PHYSICIANS
Per Capita*

45TH 

PRIMARY CARE PHYSICIANS
Per Capita*

Source: AAMC 2021 Workforce Study

Idaho Needs More Doctors



Idaho needs 1,357 (a 39% increase) additional physicians to meet the national average*



Delayed/unmet care results in sicker populations & higher long-term costs**



Poor access to primary care physicians results in delayed/unmet care**



Economic impact of one physician generates approximately \$1.9M+



30.4% of current physicians are over the age of 60*



Idaho's population grew by nearly 4.9% between 2020-2022

**AAMC State Physician Workforce Data Report 2021*

*** American Journal of Public Health*

+ Idaho Department of Health & Welfare

About ICOM



ICOM was established in February 2016 in partnership with Idaho State University.



ICOM matriculated its first class of 162 students in August 2018.



Students have matriculated to ICOM from 307 colleges & universities across 48 states.



ICOM has matriculated 195 Idahoans since 2018.

About ICOM



ICOM's inaugural class graduated in May 2022.



The Commission on Osteopathic College Accreditation (COCA) granted ICOM full 7-year Accreditation in May 2022.



ICOM is pursuing accreditation with NWCCU (Applicant Status).



ICOM & Idaho State University

PUBLIC/PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP

ICOM located on ISU-Meridian Campus

ISU President and VP of Health Sciences serve on ICOM Board

Treasure Valley Anatomy & Physiology Lab (TVAPL)

Interprofessional Education

Research Collaboratives

DO/MHA/MPH/MSHI Degree Options

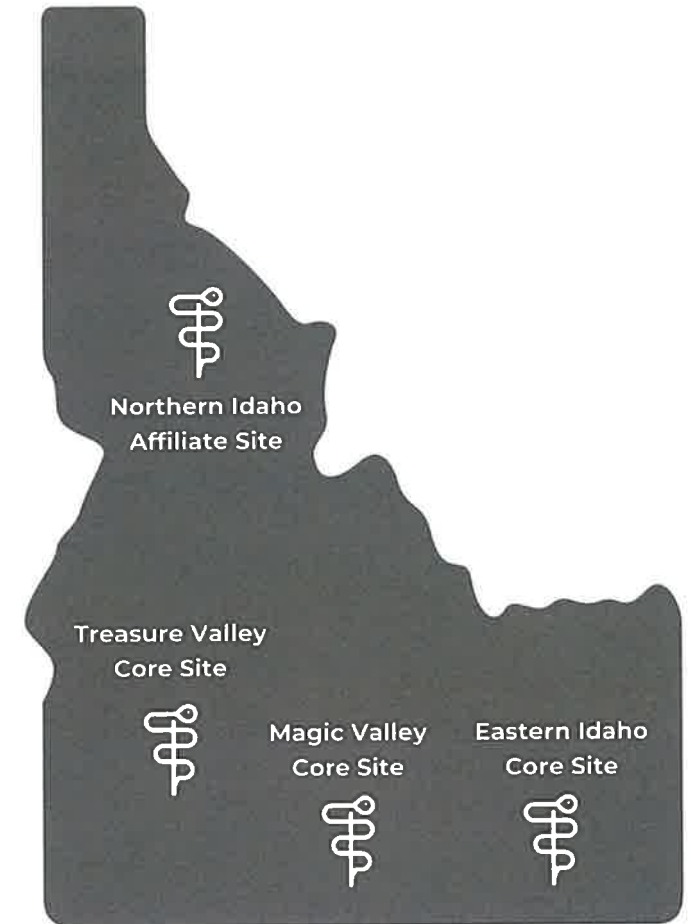
ICOM Partnerships with Idaho Hospitals, Health Systems & Medical Community

Treasure Valley Core Site

Magic Valley Core Site

Eastern Idaho Core Site

Northern Idaho Affiliate Site



ICOM Partnerships Nationwide

Idaho
Montana
Oregon
California
Utah
North Dakota
South Dakota
Minnesota
Wisconsin
New York



It Takes Time to Grow the Physician Workforce



COLLEGE DEGREE

Pre-Medical Training



MEDICAL SCHOOL

Four years total, including 2 years pre-clinical and 2 years clinical






RESIDENCY

3-7 years, depending on the specialty

How Do We Grow the Physician Workforce?

SUPPORT GRADUATE MEDICAL EDUCATION

-  Significantly expand state funding for new residency programs.
 -  Continued support of the 10-year GME Plan.
 -  Idaho ranks 47th in the nation for resident physicians per capita.
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How Do We Grow the Physician Workforce?

MEDICAL SCHOOL TUITION SUPPORT



WWAMI Program



University of Utah



Idahoans attending ICOM

How Do We Grow the Physician Workforce?

THE PRIMARY CARE INITIATIVE



A 501-c-3 non-profit foundation



Established in partnership between ICOM & Blue Cross of Idaho



Scholarships for medical students and loan repayment for physicians

Student Profile

NUMBER FROM IDAHO

Overall, ICOM has admitted **195** (20%) students from Idaho

OVERALL DRAW

48 states are represented, as well as **300+** colleges and universities

IDAHO FEEDER SCHOOLS

- ISU
- BSU
- U of I
- BYU-Idaho
- NNU
- More

Student Academic & Professional Performance

ICOM students continue to score above the national averages on their many board exams.

100% of ICOM graduates placed into residency programs, with 22 in Idaho programs.





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Thank you!

Questions?

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ICOM's Class of 2023

