



Memorandum of Understanding

Between

American Academy of Medical Acupuncture (AAMA)

And

American Society of Acupuncturists (ASA)

This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is entered into between the American Academy of Medical Acupuncture (AAMA) and the American Society of Acupuncturists (ASA) for the exchange of scholarly activity and dissemination of learning, collaborative efforts relating to legislative and political endeavors, and mutual collaboration for promotion and development of acupuncture and associated medical modalities or procedures. This MOU describes the good faith intentions of the AAMA and the ASA, on which both plan to rely; this MOU is not a binding legal contract.

The American Academy of Medical Acupuncture (AAMA) is the professional organization of allopathic and osteopathic physicians that advances the evidence-based integration of the practice of medicine and acupuncture to serve our patients.

The American Society of Acupuncturists (ASA) is a national professional society comprised of member state associations representing the Licensed Acupuncturist (or state equivalent) group. It promotes the highest standards of practice among this group in the United States.

1. Both parties agree to collaborate on education as well as on the exchange of health, political, medical system, and scholarly information in the field of acupuncture for its promotion and development as an evidence based medical practice.
2. Both parties agree to collaborate on fostering mutually beneficial relationships and partnerships between universities, healthcare systems and/or all related organizations in respective regions pursuant to #1.
3. The AAMA and ASA will each independently offer programs, activities, events, communications, and publications to their respective members.
4. The AAMA and ASA will endeavor to work together on joint programs, activities, events, communications, and publications of mutual interest. Each such mutual endeavor will be subject to separate written understandings between the AAMA and ASA.

5. The AAMA and ASA will share information and collaborate regarding legislative, policy, advocacy, or lobbying initiatives to further the acupuncture practice community. We recognize that there are ongoing lobbying initiatives that affect all practitioners of acupuncture. We also acknowledge that the interests of all practitioners of acupuncture will not always be completely aligned.
6. We recognize that there may be other areas of mutual benefit not conceived of or included in this initial document. We pledge to seek out ongoing opportunities for collaboration and to work toward continued cohesiveness between our represented memberships, leadership, efforts, and interests as we move the understanding, integration, and practice of acupuncture forward.
7. Representatives of the leadership of AAMA and ASA will meet periodically, either in person or virtually, when, and where mutually convenient, and no less frequently than annually to review the terms of this MOU and to update it as needed.
8. This MOU is effective as of the date of the last signatory and is for a term of one year.
9. Any changes to this MOU require at least 30 days' written notice to the other party, as well as the other party's written approval.
10. Either the AAMA or the ASA may terminate this MOU upon at least 30 days' written notice to the other party.

Accepted and approved:

American Academy of Medical Acupuncture (AAMA)

By: Freda L. Dreher, MD, FAAMA

Title: President

Signature

Freda L. Dreher, MD, FAAMA

Date: 11/14/20

American Society of Acupuncturists (ASA)

By: Olivia Hsu Friedman, DACM, L.Ac.

Title: Chair

Signature:



Date: 11/13/2020