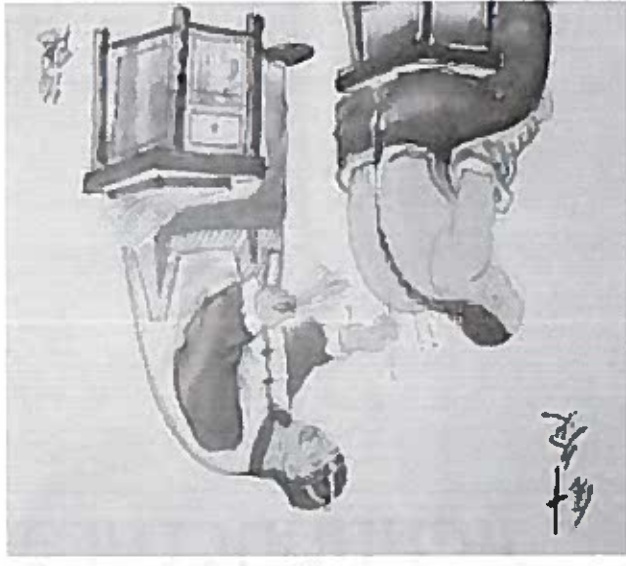


Acupuncture Licensure and the future of Integrative Medicine in Michigan - HB 4710

Michigan Association of
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Ancient Medicine for Today

- Part of East Asian healthcare for thousands of years
- Introduced to Europe and North America in 1800's
- First US state practice act in 1974. Now 46 out of 50 states license acupuncture



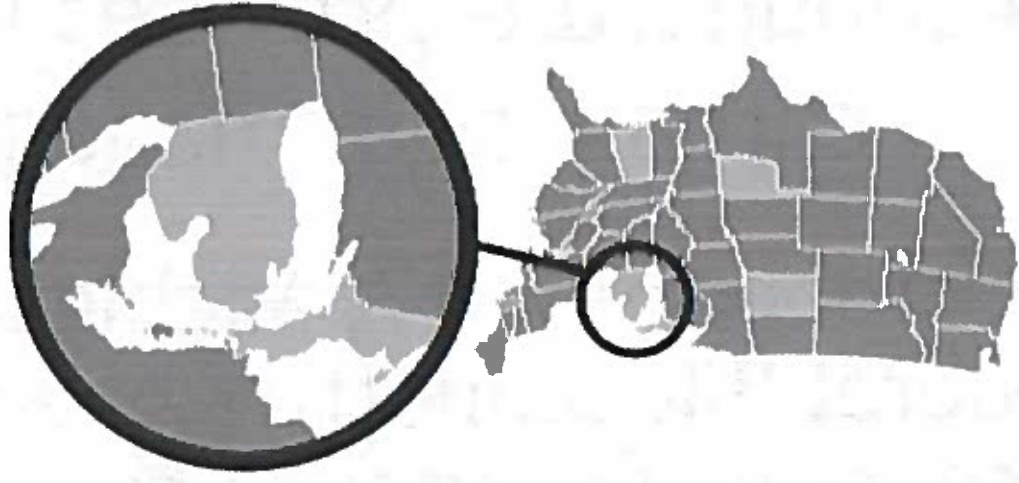
Acupuncture provides non-opioid chronic pain management

- In October of 2017, Michigan Attorney General Bill Schuette signed a letter encouraging insurance coverage for non-opioid pain management.
- The letter specified four professions: *physical therapy, acupuncture, massage, and chiropractic.*

ineffective and can be life-threatening. When patients seek treatment for any of the myriad conditions that cause chronic pain, doctors should be encouraged to explore and prescribe effective non-opioid alternatives, ranging from non-opioid medications (such as NSAIDs) to physical therapy, acupuncture, massage, and chiropractic care.

46 states license the profession of acupunctur

- In the past two years Kansas and North Dakota passed practice acts for Acupuncture.
- The remaining states are Oklahoma, South Dakota, Alabama, and Michigan.



US Dept of Labor ranks Acupuncture as a high growth occupation

- Bright Outlook occupations are expected to grow rapidly in the next several years, will have large numbers of job openings, or are new and emerging occupations.
- Every Bright Outlook occupation matches at least one of the following criteria:
- Projected to **grow much faster than average** (employment increase of 14% or more) over the period 2014-2024
- Projected to **have 100,000 or more job openings** over the period 2014-2024
- New & Emerging occupation in a high growth industry

Growth and job openings source: Bureau of Labor Statistics 2014-2024 employment projections. Projected growth represents the estimated change in total employment over the projections period (2014-2024). Projected job openings represent openings due to growth and replacement.



Bright Outlook

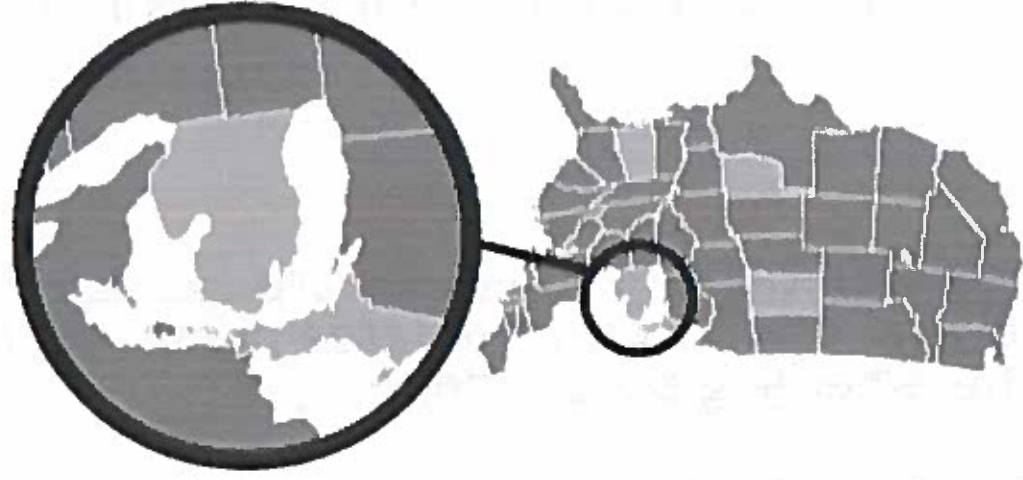


O*NET OnLine

Michigan is falling behind other Great Lakes States

- Michigan struggles to attract and retain professionals in this industry

- The city of Chicago alone has 4x as many acupuncturists as the entire state of Michigan



Regulatory Barriers to the profession in Michigan

- Regulatory restrictions on business entities
- Barrier to insurance reimbursement
- Poor integration into healthcare system
- Lack of legal rights and protections
- Outdated delegation and supervision requirements

LARA Guidelines for Regulation

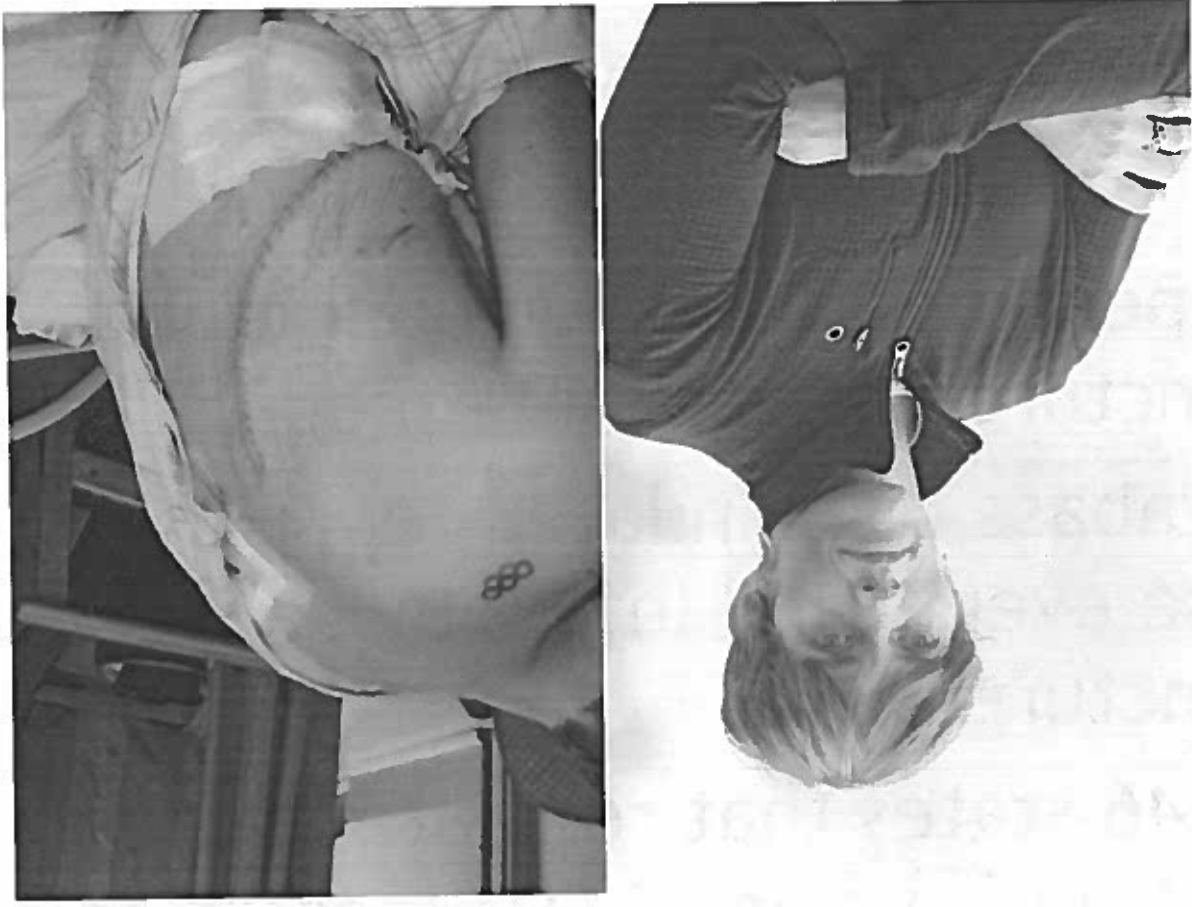
- There must be a substantial harm to public health as a result of unregulated practice.
- The practice of the occupation must require highly specialized education or training.
- The cost to state government of regulating the occupation must be revenue neutral.
- There must be no alternatives to state regulation of the occupation which adequately protect the public.
- The scope of practice must be clearly distinguishable from other licensed, certified, and registered occupations.

Safety

- When performed by an Acupuncturist, acupuncture is a very safe medical procedure.
- No database or mandated reporting of data on adverse events and injury by non-acupuncturists.
- In the 46 states that regulate acupuncture, graduation from an ACAOM-accredited program and passage of the NCCAOM certification exams are considered to be minimum standards for safe practice of acupuncture.

Canadian Olympian's 'nightmare' after acupuncture needle collapses her lung

'I had six knee surgeries. Doctors counted me out so many times, told me to quit. They were frustrated I wouldn't stop... But this thing actually beat me'



Glenn Lowson photo for National Post

Torin Yater-Wallace bounces back from collapsed lung with top run

Rachel Axon, USA TODAY Sports Published 10:43 p.m. ET Dec. 13, 2013 | Updated 1:21 a.m. ET Dec. 14, 2013



(Photo: Russ Isabella, USA TODAY Sports)

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BRECKENRIDGE, Colo. – Two weeks ago, Torin Yater-Wallace had one functioning lung. On Friday, the 18-year-old freeskier had the best halfpipe run of the day.

A favorite to make the U.S. Olympic team, Yater-Wallace put down the best run of the night in qualifying at the Dew Tour ION Mountain Championship less than two weeks after a collapsed lung landed him in the hospital for five days and off skis for a week.

"I'm motivated to ski really well and not let that hold me back. Trying to get back into it really quick," said Yater-Wallace. "During my run it was fine (breathing). After my run I was definitely out of breath."

Yater-Wallace scored a 93 on a first run that included a double cork 1260 and a 1080 to climb atop the leader board in qualifiers. The competition is serving as the first of five selection events that the U.S. Ski and Snowboard Association will use to pick the Olympic team.

OTHER ACTION: Shaun White returns to top of slopestyle in qualifying

STORY HIGHLIGHTS

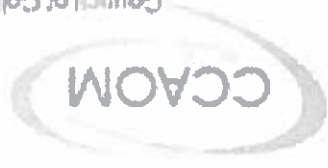
- Torin Yater-Wallace scored a 93 on his first run of halfpipe qualifying
- Yater-Wallace suffered a collapsed lung just two weeks ago
- The competition is the first of five selection events being used to pick the Olympic team

Yater-Wallace got himself into the finals despite missing a week of practice. He guesses he collapsed the lung receiving dry needling therapy. He said he did not have any crashes that he could pinpoint in causing it.



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- # Minimum Training/Certification Standards for State Licensure
- ACAOM-accredited Masters degree program in Acupuncture or Oriental Medicine
 - NCCAOM certification exams
 - Clean Needle Technique exam (administered by CCAOM)



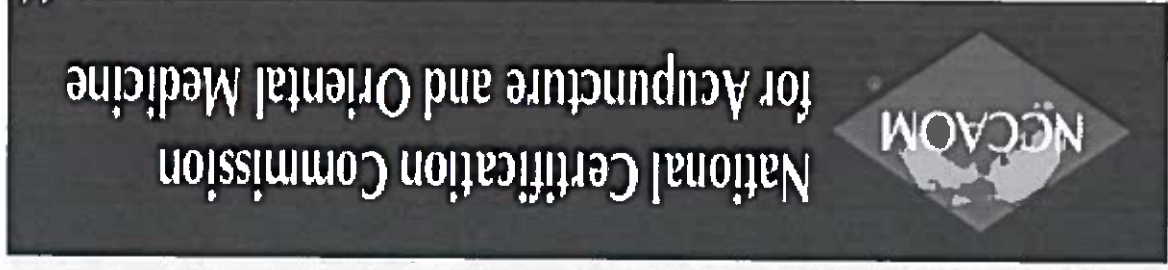
Minimum Training Standards

- United States Department of Education (USDE) accreditation agency for acupuncture: ACAOM
- Accreditation Commission for Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine (ACAOM) accredits:
- 94 Masters and Doctoral programs in Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine at 56 colleges in the US (total enrollment 7,000+)



Minimum Training Standards in US - 1905 hours, 3-Year Master Degree

Minimum 3-Year Master degree, 1905 Hours/ 105 Credits		Acupuncture Program
705 Hrs. / 47 credits	Oriental Medicine/Acupuncture Theory	
660 Hrs. / 22 credits	Acupuncture Clinic	
450 Hrs. / 30 credits	Biomedicine	
90 Hrs. / 6 credits	Counseling, Communications, Ethics, Practice Management	



450 hours in Biomedical Sciences

- Primary goal is to recognize “red flag” situations and know when to refer to medical physician.

Please note: In regards to Clean Needle Technique (CNT), the Biomedicine module focuses on universal precautions and emergency situations in comparison to the Acupuncture with Point Location module which focuses on actual needling and its emergencies (e.g., needle angle and depth).




DOMAIN I: Biomedical Model (90% of Total Exam)

A. Clinical Application of Biomedical Sciences (including anatomy, physiology, pathology, pathophysiology, etc.), Pharmacology, and Nutrients and Supplements (30%)

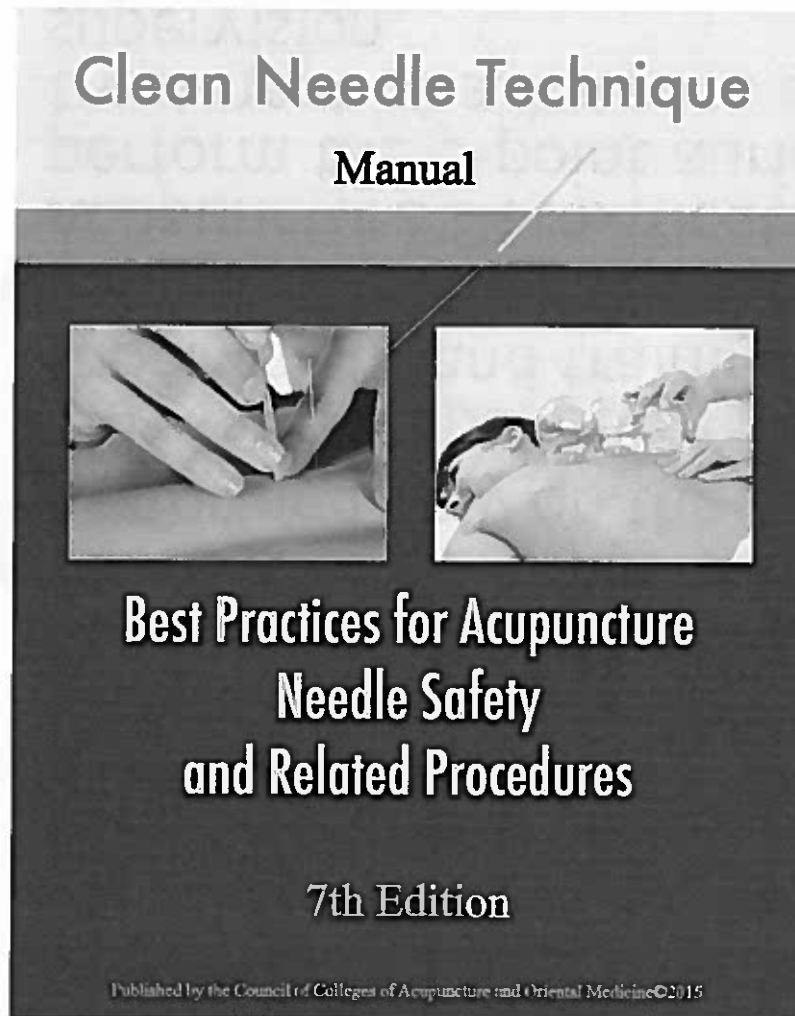
1. Biomedical sciences

- Differentiate normal and abnormal structures and functions of the body systems from the conventional biomedical perspective
- Recognize signs, symptoms, and morbidities associated with common medical conditions

State Licensure 46 states is based on NCCAOM certification exams

Requirements		School Transcript		From the School		Foundations of Oriental Medicine		Acupuncture with Point Location		Blomediine		Chinese Herbolgy		From CCAOM		Eligibility Routes*
Board Exams Required																
 Certification Acupuncture	Required	Required	Required	Required	Required	Required	Required	Required	Required	Required	Required	Required	Required	Required	Required	Route 1, Route 2, Route 3, Route 4, Route 5, Route 6
	 Certification Chinese Herbolgy	Required	Required	Required	Required	Required	Required	Required	Required	Required	Required	Required	Required	Required	Required	Route 1, Route 2, Route 3, Route 4, Route 5, Route 6
		 Certification Oriental Medicine	Required	Required	Required	Required	Required	Required	Required	Required	Required	Required	Required	Required	Required	Required

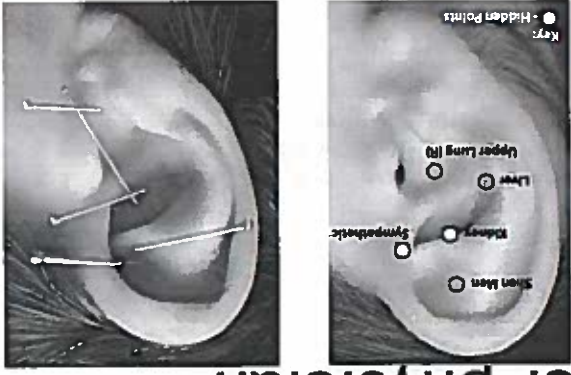
Clean Needle Technique Exam



- The CNT exam is administered by the Council of Colleges of Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine.
- The basic rationale upon which the CCAOM's CNT course is premised is that there is a need for a *national standard* in the area of clean needle safety to ensure public safety by preventing clinical accidents.
- The CCAOM offers between 50 and 60 CNT courses annually in various cities throughout the United States, and once or twice a year in China and Korea.

Short-term training and Safety

- In the 46 states that regulate acupuncture, NCCAOM certification and state licensure is required to perform the full scope of acupuncture.
- There is one exemption: a limited acupuncture protocol, performed only on the ears, is permitted in 21 states.
- This safe acupuncture protocol is limited by scope, supervision, and training.
- Individuals who have completed the National Acupuncture Detoxification Association training may perform the 5-point auricular (ear) protocol for the treatment of substance abuse under physician supervision.



Acupuncture performed safely by other healthcare professionals

- Physicians may perform acupuncture and use the restricted titles with 300 hours of systematic acupuncture education.
- The Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy (FSBPT) states that an entry-level Doctor of Physical Therapy has completed 86% of KSA's to perform a limited form of acupuncture known as "dry needling." The additional 14%* must be completed in post-graduate training.
- (**note that 14% is approximately equivalent to 420 hours*)



American Academy of Medical Acupuncture

fsbpt

Promoting Safety and Competence

Revenue-Neutral Regulation of the profession

- Annual license fee of \$200 and initial processing fees of \$75 is supported by the Bureau of Professional Licensing
- This fee structure is in line with LARA's legislative priority of making regulatory programs more self-sufficient

Distinct scope of practice

- The use of sterile filiform (acupuncture) needles for therapeutic purpose is unique to the profession.
- The full scope of a Licensed Acupuncturist contains areas that overlap with physicians, physical therapists, and licensed massage therapists.
- It also contains areas that overlap with unregulated professions such as naturopaths, life coaches, dieticians, etc.
- At the suggestion of LARA, language was included to clarify the scope, and to prevent loss of business for unregulated professions.

The Future of Integrative Medicine

- Since 2015 the Joint Commission has required that accredited hospitals provide non-pharmacologic strategies for pain management, including acupuncture.
- In 2017 the American College of Physicians issued new guidelines recommending acupuncture as a first-line treatment for acute and chronic low back pain.
- Starting January 1, 2018, Ohio Medicaid covers acupuncture for low back pain and migraine when performed by a Licensed Acupuncturist (LAc).

*We no longer consider it “alternative treatment”...
now, we simply classify it as “safer than opioids”!!!*



