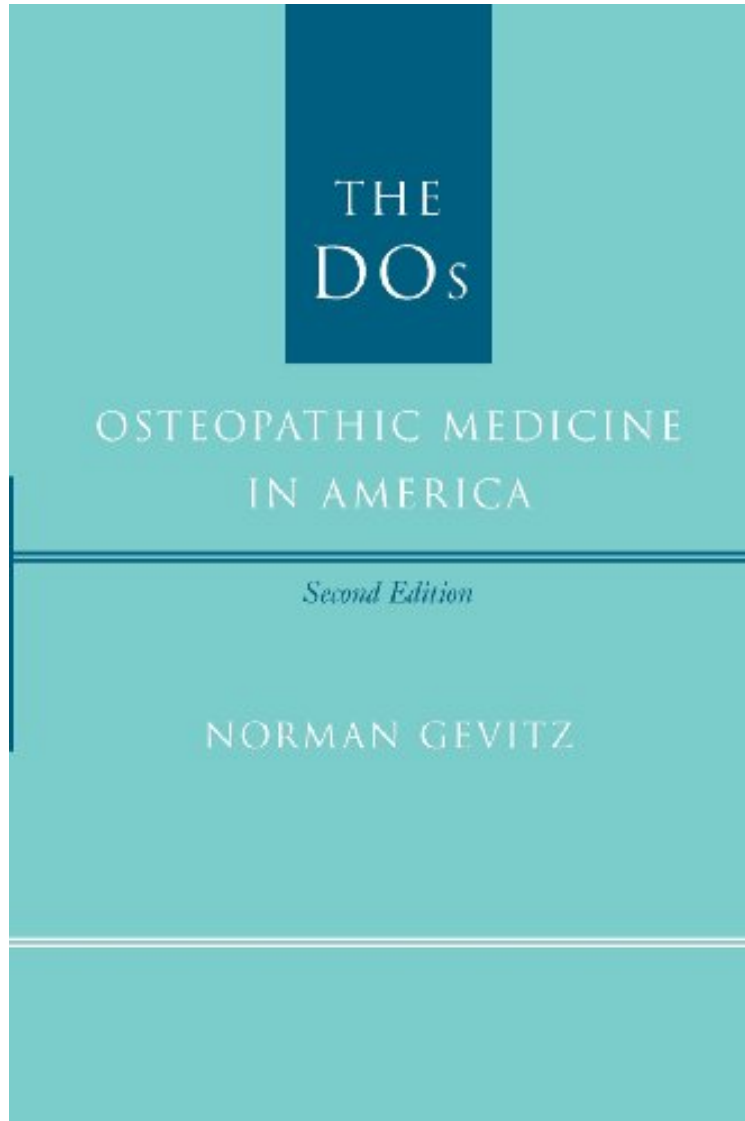


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1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. A MUST-READ for any D.O. ApplicantBy deepsoul13I read this book through 5 times. I was convinced to pursue an osteopathic education after the first read. The first few chapters cover the origins of osteopathic medicine in the United States by following Dr. A.T. Still. The book concludes with how osteopathic medicine has progressed ever since, how it is today, and where the future may lead us.Take caution with the end of the book since it was published in 2004. However, I consider this book a must-read for any student

applying to D.O. schools. This book will give you a much deeper understanding of what osteopathic medicine is really about. Part of the "What is Osteopathic Medicine" packet give out at LECOM-Erie actually contains an excerpt from this book. 4 of 4 people found the following review helpful. Consider it required if applying to DO medical schools. I will be applying to medical schools (MD and DO) shortly and was recommended to read this book by a friend. Applying to DO schools you will inevitably be asked "What is a DO" and "why do you want to be a DO and not an MD". This book 100% should allow you to make your own answers to these questions. What I love about this book is that A.T. Still, the founder of osteopathy is not made out to be some god-like character. The author describes Dr. Still and the entire osteopathic history from a (minimally) non-biased standpoint. For example, did you know that Dr. Still used to practice medicine for the Shawnee Indians, and then at night go to their sacred burial grounds and steal their dead bodies so he could study anatomy? Interesting...eh? Anyway, osteopathy in 2013 is not the same as it was during the 19th century. Osteopathy in 2013 is an amalgamation of the reforms, trials and tribulations both within the osteopathic profession and with other medical establishments (the AMA), and needs of the health profession. This book gives a thorough explanation of this history and by the end, the reader should know about the subject and its history. Only giving 4 stars because the field of osteopathy is rapidly changing and even in the years since the second edition of this book was completed, there are a bunch of changes in the field (specifically, merging of ACGME and AOA residencies in 2015). There were also some grammar errors which I wished the editor had caught before the book was published. 2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Great Overview of Osteopathic Medicine By Zachary Zimko This book is a thoroughly enjoyable history of osteopathic medicine and its evolution through the past 100 years. The book is written in very clear and concise language and is a far cry from a dry history book. It presents the information in a highly unbiased way, and gives a comprehensive review of both the principles of osteopathic medicine and how the world has seen this branch of medicine. It is wonderful that books like this are available to dispel many of the myths that surround osteopathic medicine. As an Osteopathic Medical Student, I would consider this book a must read for anyone who is interested in going into osteopathic medicine or interviewing at an osteopathic medical school. It would also be a great book for anyone who is interested in medical history or the politics surrounding healthcare.

Overcoming suspicion, ridicule, and outright opposition from the American Medical Association, the osteopathic medical profession today serves the health needs of more than thirty million Americans. *The DO's* chronicles the development of this controversial medical movement from the nineteenth century to the present. Historian Norman Gevitz describes the philosophy and practice of osteopathy, as well as its impact on medical care. From the theories underlying the use of spinal manipulation developed by osteopathy's founder, Andrew Taylor Still, Gevitz traces the movement's early success, despite attacks from the orthodox medical community, and details the internal struggles to broaden osteopathy's scope to include the full range of pharmaceuticals and surgery. He also recounts the efforts of osteopathic colleges to achieve parity with institutions granting M.D. degrees and looks at the continuing effort by osteopathic physicians and surgeons to achieve greater recognition and visibility. In print continuously since 1982, *The DO's* has now been thoroughly updated and expanded to include two new chapters addressing recent and current challenges and to bring the history of the profession up to the beginning of the new millennium.

"An outstanding second edition,... bringing his history into the present and giving the reader a remarkably insightful understanding of osteopathic medicine and the challenges it faces today... A superbly written book, well researched, thoughtful, and enjoyable to read. Gevitz has made an important contribution to the canon of medical literature" (JAMA) "Lucid, thorough, and judicious... Gevitz has produced an excellent study." (Bulletin of the History of Medicine) "The best historical study of the subject to date." (American Scientist) "Gevitz provides what may well be the definitive study." (Journal of the American Medical Association) "A refreshing and balanced view of the osteopathic profession." (Osteopathic Annals) "The most meticulous and careful study of the profession ever written by an outsider, and it is very useful." (The DO) "Entertaining, thoughtful, and interesting to read... Gevitz's history reminds us once again of the many factors that influence the division of labor in health care. For the illumination it provides on these matters, this well-written account should take its place as a major sourcebook on a small but important occupation." (Journal of Health Politics, Policy and Law) "Gevitz has written an invaluable brief history of osteopathic medicine... An indispensable book that will be useful to any scholar in the field." (Charles E. Rosenberg Isis) About the Author Norman Gevitz is professor of the history of medicine at Ohio University. He is the editor of *Other Healers: Unorthodox Medicine in America*, also available from Johns Hopkins.