The Geometry of Global Osteopathy

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In the beginning was the perfect form,
Still’s dream of osteopathy as a reformative,
total approach to medicine with a DO degree
Diploma of Osteopathy – Doctor of Osteopathy
Booth 1905
The problem of dis-similarity, non-compatibility

Littlejohn “Classical Osteopath”
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American Osteopathic Physician

European Osteopathy

With several years of work

Littlejohn "Classical Osteopath"
Osteopathic International Alliance

Organization of organizations
Recognized by legislation in home country
Representative group
World Osteopathic Health Organization

Organization of individuals graduated from competent schools

Diverse Information and cooperative collaboration
WHO Guidelines on basic training and safety in osteopathy
WOHO ↔ OIA

- Communication
- Understanding
- Cooperation
Respectful complementarity
So, what is this?

There arose, due to legislative circumstances a third fourth form

Respectful complementarity
• Government grouping of health professions
  • France
  • Spain
  • Australia

Government Definition of osteopathy for regulatory purposes
• Government grouping of health professions
  • France - prior to 2007, osteopathy and chiropractic

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  • Le Syndecate Nationale des Kinesiotherapeuutistes Osteopathiques
  • Ministry approved school

Government Definition of osteopathy for regulatory purposes
- Government grouping of health professions
  - France - Decrees in 2007
  - Osteopath - limited license
  - Ministry approved school - no standard criteria

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• Government grouping of health professions
  • Spain, Catalonia, tandem developments
  • Natural therapies: Homeopathy, Naturopathy, Traditional Chinese Medicine and Manual Therapies (osteopathy is included in this group, as an advanced profession with Shiatsu and kinesiotherapy).
  • Not a separate profession
  • Accreditation health ministry, exam plus 300 hours proposed
  • Barcelona school and others promoted
• Government grouping of health professions
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  • DOGC (Diari Oficial de la Generalitat de Catalunya) ; Num. 4812 (1-2-2007) pg. 3758 - 3900 contact hours
  • In June 2007, the Health Ministry (together with the collective of the physiotherapist Association and other medical associations and some pharmacy associations) achieved that the Tribunal Superior de Justicia de Catalunya (TSJC) (High Court) stopped the decree.
• **Government grouping of health professions**
  
  • Spain,
  
  • July ‘08, the Ministry of Science and Innovation (in charge of regulating the university training), has recognised in a decree, a degree in Physiotherapy including in the scope of physiotherapy education, the teaching of “understanding and realize the specifics methods and techniques referred to the musculoskeletal system including the manual therapies, osteopathy and chiropractic”. (Orden Cin/ 2135/ 2008 de 3 de Julio).

• **Ongoing Appeals**
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http://www.escuelaosteopatiamadrid.com/
• So what, it’s only Spain

Defining the word Osteopatia
• Brazil

• Escuela de Osteopatia de Madrid
• Escola Brasiliera de Osteopatia e terapia Manual
• Instituto Brasileiro de Osteopatia

Government Definition of osteopathy for regulatory purposes
• Osteopathy, a different flavor
Where is the Geometric fit?
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- Government grouping of health professions
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- Extension of prescribing, referral and procedural rights
- Allied health professional
- Common university base of biomedical education possible
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Questions and issues:

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• How can we bridge the cultural divide to project global unity? What is the incentive?
• How can we exchange resources across borders?
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