

# Osteopathic Advantage

*The Science of Medicine*  
*The Art of Caring*  
*The Power of Touch*

**Cost Effectiveness** -- It should be noted that the concept of the cost effectiveness of Osteopathic Manipulative Treatment (OMT) is and always has been based on the fact that OMT is performed after a separate and identifiable E&M service. There is no predetermined treatment plan.

In a variety of studies across the country, Worker's Compensation, closed claim studies have confirmed the cost effectiveness of Osteopathic physicians.

*The Osteopathic physician evaluates the patient prior to initiating treatment on each visit. This process results in a greatly reduced number of osteopathic manipulative treatments and shortened course of recovery. In containing health care costs, the total cost of the treatment of a patient's condition should be of the utmost importance, not the cost of a single encounter.*

<b>Closed Claim Workers' Compensation Cases support the cost-effective practice style of Osteopathic Physicians</b>					
Study	Year	Osteopathic Physician	Chiropractor	Non-Surgical MD	Physical Therapy
Colorado <sup>1</sup>	1996	\$1007	\$2775	\$2895	\$2457
Colorado <sup>2</sup>	1995	\$761	\$2451	\$2628	\$2605
Colorado <sup>2</sup>	1994	\$676	\$3156	\$2542	\$2298
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Hawaii <sup>2</sup>	1993	\$1649	\$6387		
Ohio <sup>3</sup>	1992	\$286	\$971		
Colorado <sup>2</sup>	1991	\$953	\$3588	\$1304	\$2309
Oregon <sup>4</sup>	1989	\$242	\$703	\$284	\$585
Florida <sup>5</sup>	1988	"Patients treated by osteopaths had the lowest average cost..."			
<sup>1</sup> Milliman and Robertson		<sup>3</sup> Price Waterhouse		<sup>5</sup> Foundation for Chiropractic Research	
<sup>2</sup> Tillinghast		<sup>4</sup> SAIF			

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