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Empathy is fundamental to patient care. Studies have found a statistically significant decrease in empathy levels by the third year of allopathic medical school; however, empathy levels in osteopathic medical students have not been investigated. The authors sought to determine whether there were differences according to year of schooling in mean levels of empathy among osteopathic medical students, as assessed with the Jefferson Scale of Physician Empathy–Student Version.

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For some counterstrain tender points, the body area that is physically examined does not always match the body region in which somatic dysfunction is diagnosed. Therefore, it is not always clear which evaluation and management service codes should be used for billing physician services. The authors assess the attitudes of osteopathic physicians toward the billing and coding of these incongruent counterstrain tender points.

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