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# Specialty Survey on DO and IMG Applicants

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specialties are just as likely to (N=15)

## Interview DO Applicants

- 33% Agree
- 33% Neutral
- 33% Disagree

## Match DO Applicant

- 33% Agree
- 33% Neutral
- 33% Disagree

# Osteopathic Applicants

## Advantages

- Increased training in hands on manipulation and physical exam skills
- Diversity of experience and perspective
- Holistic approach to patient care
- Grit and determination (seeking out experiences and mentorship)

## Challenges

- Unclear level of clinical exposure and experience
- Lack of exposure to certain specialties and associated mentorship, research, and LORs
- Trouble interpreting COMLEX scores and other forms of evaluation

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### Interview IMG Applicants

- 20% Agree
- 33% Neutral
- 47% Disagree

### Match IMG Applicant

- 7% Agree
- 26% Neutral
- 67% Disagree

# IMG Applicants

## Advantages

- Prior clinical experience (practicing in another country)
- Diverse life experience and possibility maturity
- Unique perspective
- Often very motivated

## Challenges

- Variable quality of clinical education
- Difficulty in assessing performance and evaluations in medical school
- Language and cultural barriers possibly leading to communication issues
- Possible gaps in clinical practice