



## ORION PRACTITIONER QUESTIONNAIRE

### Osteopathy practitioner characteristics

1) What is your age in years? \_\_\_\_\_

2) What is your gender?

- Male
- Female

3) Are you currently in private osteopathy practice?

- No
- Yes, how many years: \_\_\_\_\_

4) What is the highest level of osteopathy professional qualification that you hold?

- Diploma
- Advanced Diploma
- Bachelor (or Double Bachelor) Degree
- Masters Degree
- PhD
- Other (please specify): \_\_\_\_\_

5) Are you a member of any of the following professional organisations? (select all that apply)

- OA
- CA (formerly COCA)
- SMA
- Other(s) (please specify): \_\_\_\_\_

6) Indicate all the roles in which you have been involved as an osteopath over the last 12 months: (select all that apply)

- University teaching
- Clinical supervision
- Professional organisations
- Private practice
- Research
- Volunteer work
- Other(s) (please specify): \_\_\_\_\_

## Practice characteristics

7) How many of the following would you provide on average, per week?

- a) Patient care hours: \_\_\_\_\_  
b) Patient visits: \_\_\_\_\_

8) Do you practice in more than one location?

- ( ) No  
( ) Yes (how many in total): \_\_\_\_\_

9) Do you work with other health professionals in the same practice location(s)?

- ( ) No  
( ) Yes

**Please indicate all other health professionals working in your practice location(s): (select all that apply)**

- Another Osteopath  
 GP  
 Medical Specialist  
 Podiatrist  
 Physiotherapist  
 Exercise Physiologist  
 Occupational Therapist  
 Psychologist/Counsellor  
 Massage therapist  
 Acupuncturist  
 Naturopath  
 Dietician  
 Nutritionist  
 Other(s) (please specify): \_\_\_\_\_

10) Do you send referrals to other health professionals?

- ( ) No  
( ) Yes

**Please indicate all other health professionals you send referrals: (select all that apply)**

- Another Osteopath  
 GP  
 Medical Specialist  
 Podiatrist  
 Physiotherapist  
 Exercise Physiologist  
 Occupational Therapist  
 Psychologist/Counsellor  
 Massage therapist  
 Acupuncturist  
 Naturopath  
 Dietician  
 Nutritionist

Other(s) (please specify): \_\_\_\_\_

**11) Do you receive referrals from other health professionals?**

No

Yes

**Please indicate all other health professionals you receive referrals: (select all that apply)**

Another Osteopath

GP

Medical Specialist

Podiatrist

Physiotherapist

Exercise Physiologist

Occupational Therapist

Psychologist/Counsellor

Massage therapist

Acupuncturist

Naturopath

Dietician

Nutritionist

Other(s) (please specify): \_\_\_\_\_

**12) In which State/Territory do you practice? (select all that apply)**

NSW

VIC

QLD

WA

SA

TAS

NT

ACT

**13) Which of the following best describes your practice location(s)? (select all that apply)**

Urban

Rural

Remote

**14) How frequently do you refer your patients for diagnostic imaging?**

Never

Rarely

Sometimes

Often

**15) For what reason(s) do you refer your patients for diagnostic imaging? (select all that apply)**

Investigation of unknown pathologies

Investigation of suspected diagnosis

Investigation of potential fractures

- Rule out risk factors prior to treatment
- General screening of the spine
- Other(s) (please specify): \_\_\_\_\_

**16) Which of the following techniques do you use to assist in clinical diagnosis? (select all that apply)**

- Orthopaedic testing
- Clinical assessment algorithm
- Neurological testing
- Screening questionnaire
- Cranial nerve testing
- Other(s) (please specify): \_\_\_\_\_

**17) Indicate when you use electronic records: (select all that apply)**

- Initial history
- Examination findings
- Subsequent patient visits
- Never

**If you do use electronic records, what software do you use? (select all that apply)**

- Cliniko
- Mindbody
- Front desk
- eAlth
- TM2
- Other(s) (please specify): \_\_\_\_\_

**18) How frequently do you share your patient records with the government's eHealth system?**

- Never
- Rarely
- Sometimes
- Often

**19) How frequently do you use a HICAPS terminal?**

- Never
- Rarely
- Sometimes
- Often

**20) How frequently do you use Medicare Easyclaim for chronic disease management patients?**

- Never
- Rarely
- Sometimes
- Often

## Clinical management

21) How frequently do you discuss the following in your care/management plans?

	Never	Rarely	Sometimes	Often
Diet/Nutrition	( )	( )	( )	( )
Smoking/Drugs/Alcohol	( )	( )	( )	( )
Physical activity/Fitness	( )	( )	( )	( )
Occupational health and safety	( )	( )	( )	( )
Pain counselling	( )	( )	( )	( )
Stress management	( )	( )	( )	( )
Nutritional supplements (including vitamins, minerals, herbs)	( )	( )	( )	( )
Medications (including for pain/inflammation)	( )	( )	( )	( )
Other(s)	( )	( )	( )	( )

Please specify the "other(s)": \_\_\_\_\_

22) How frequently do you treat patients that present with the following conditions?

	Never	Rarely	Sometimes	Often
Neck pain	( )	( )	( )	( )
Thoracic pain	( )	( )	( )	( )
Low back pain	( )	( )	( )	( )
Hip musculoskeletal disorders	( )	( )	( )	( )
Knee musculoskeletal disorders	( )	( )	( )	( )
Ankle musculoskeletal disorders	( )	( )	( )	( )
Foot musculoskeletal disorders	( )	( )	( )	( )
Shoulder musculoskeletal disorders	( )	( )	( )	( )
Elbow musculoskeletal disorders	( )	( )	( )	( )
Wrist musculoskeletal disorders	( )	( )	( )	( )
Hand musculoskeletal disorders	( )	( )	( )	( )
Postural disorders (including lordosis, thoracic kyphosis, scoliosis)	( )	( )	( )	( )
Degenerative spine conditions (including spondylolisthesis)	( )	( )	( )	( )
Headache disorders (including cervicogenic, tension)	( )	( )	( )	( )

Migraine disorders	( )	( )	( )	( )
Spinal health maintenance or prevention	( )	( )	( )	( )
Chronic or persistent pain	( )	( )	( )	( )
Tendinopathies	( )	( )	( )	( )
Temporomandibular joint (TMJ) disorders	( )	( )	( )	( )
Non-musculoskeletal disorder(s)	( )	( )	( )	( )
Other	( )	( )	( )	( )

Please specify the "non-musculoskeletal disorder(s)":

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Please specify the "other":

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23) How frequently do you treat the following patient subgroups?

	Never	Rarely	Sometimes	Often
Children (up to 3 years)	( )	( )	( )	( )
Children (4 to 18 years)	( )	( )	( )	( )
Older people (65 years or over)	( )	( )	( )	( )
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people	( )	( )	( )	( )
Pregnant women	( )	( )	( )	( )
People with sports-related injuries	( )	( )	( )	( )
People with work-related injuries (covered by Workers' Compensation Scheme)	( )	( )	( )	( )
People with work-related injuries ( <i>not</i> covered by Workers' Compensation Scheme)	( )	( )	( )	( )
People with traffic-related injuries (covered by MAA/SIRA, TAC, MAIC, MAC, ICWA, MAIB, TIO)	( )	( )	( )	( )
People with traffic-related injuries ( <i>not</i> covered by MAA/SIRA, TAC, MAIC, MAC, ICWA, MAIB, TIO)	( )	( )	( )	( )
People receiving post-surgical rehabilitation	( )	( )	( )	( )
Non-English speaking ethnic group(s)	( )	( )	( )	( )

Other	( )	( )	( )	( )
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Please specify the "non-English speaking ethnic group(s)":

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Please specify the "other":

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**24) How frequently do you employ the following Techniques/Methods in your patient management?**

	Never	Rarely	Sometimes	Often
Strain/Counterstrain	( )	( )	( )	( )
Muscle energy techniques	( )	( )	( )	( )
HVLA (high velocity low amplitude)/Spinal manipulation	( )	( )	( )	( )
Peripheral joint manipulation	( )	( )	( )	( )
Soft tissue	( )	( )	( )	( )
Myofascial release	( )	( )	( )	( )
Cranial techniques	( )	( )	( )	( )
Facilitated positional release	( )	( )	( )	( )
Needling techniques (eg. dry needling, acupuncture)	( )	( )	( )	( )
Visceral techniques	( )	( )	( )	( )
Lymphatic pump	( )	( )	( )	( )
Autonomic balancing	( )	( )	( )	( )
Biodynamic techniques	( )	( )	( )	( )
Functional techniques	( )	( )	( )	( )
Balanced ligamentous tension/Ligamentous articular strain	( )	( )	( )	( )
Exercise prescription	( )	( )	( )	( )
Chapmans reflexes	( )	( )	( )	( )
Shockwave therapy	( )	( )	( )	( )
Ultrasound therapy	( )	( )	( )	( )
TENS or other electrotherapy	( )	( )	( )	( )
Instrument-assisted manipulative techniques	( )	( )	( )	( )
Instrument-assisted soft tissue mobilisation	( )	( )	( )	( )

Trigger point therapy	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Sports taping	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Other technique(s)/Method(s)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Please specify the "other technique(s)/method(s)":

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**25) Do you think osteopathy practice should include the following aspects in the future?**

	No	Unsure	Maybe	Definitely
Prescribing rights	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Expanded referral rights to an Orthopaedic Surgeon	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Expanded referral rights to a Paediatrician	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Expanded referral rights to a Sports Medicine Specialist	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Expanded referral rights to a Rheumatologist	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Expanded referral rights to other Medical Specialists	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Expanded diagnostic imaging rights	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

## Research

**26) To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statements?**

**a) Research is useful to help patients understand the benefits of osteopathy for their health.**

- Strongly Disagree
- Disagree
- Neutral
- Agree
- Strongly Agree

**b) Research is useful to help GPs and other conventional health professionals understand the role of osteopathy in health care.**

- Strongly Disagree
- Disagree
- Neutral
- Agree
- Strongly Agree



**c) Research is useful to provide scientific evidence for what I do as an osteopath.**

- Strongly Disagree
- Disagree
- Neutral
- Agree
- Strongly Agree

**d) Research is irrelevant to the professional development of osteopathy in Australia.**

- Strongly Disagree
- Disagree
- Neutral
- Agree
- Strongly Agree

**27) What impact does evidence from research have on your current practice?**

- No impact at all
- Minimal impact
- Moderate impact
- High impact