



## NORWAY

### **Osteopathic Medicine**

Professionals educated in the US-model of osteopathic medicine are able to obtain a license to practise only manipulation in Norway. They are not permitted to use the title “doctor” and all osteopathic services are not covered for payment under Norway's socialized medicine system. Their scope of practise is limited to manipulation. The osteopathic physicians would have the possibility to apply for recognition as medical doctors in Norway.

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### **Statutes/Regulations:**

Today anyone may call themselves an osteopath and practise as such, because there is no legal act protecting the patients' interests through an authorization of osteopaths. Therefore the Norwegian Association of Osteopathy is working hard to obtain recognition of osteopathy in Norway.

Because osteopathy is not recognized the Act of Alternative Professions forms the regulatory framework for osteopathy in Norway.

*Act of 2 July 1999 No. 64 relating to Health Personnel etc. (The Health Personnel Act)*  
(with amendments made previous to 1 July 2002)

<http://odin.dep.no/hod/engelsk/regelverk/p20042245/042051-200005/dok-bu.html> (English)

*Act of 2 July 1999 No. 64 relating to Health Personnel etc. (The Health Personnel Act)* (Norwegian)

### **Schools of Osteopathic Medicine:**

There are no recognised schools of osteopathic medicine in Norway.

### **Additional Information:**

Please see the Norway's Osteopathy link: [www.osteopati.org](http://www.osteopati.org)