**Course Description:**
This Intermediate Course is part of the Osteopathic Cranial Academy’s Core Curriculum. The 21 hours of Category 1-AOA CME (approval is currently pending) will include over 13 hours of practical/lab time with a 1:4 faculty to student ratio. This will provide ample table training to guide students to a better understanding of their role in assisting the inherent forces of health within the Primary Respiratory Mechanism.

Our diverse faculty will explore multiple approaches to treatment, including specific bony articulation techniques, approaches emphasizing the forces within fascia and membranes (BMT and BLT), approaches that utilize forces within the fluid matrix and approaches based on an understanding of embryonic patterns of development.

Attendees should be prepared to participate in all the sessions, both as practitioners and patients. Individuals for whom this would create a problem should discuss alternative arrangements with the Course Director or Executive Director before enrolling.

**Prerequisites for Enrollment:**
Successful completion of two (2) Osteopathic Cranial Academy Approved Introductory Courses. Permitted substitutes for a second Introductory Course are:
• Three (3) years clinical practice (80% cranial or greater, as listed in the OCA directory)
• Completion of OMM residency (2 yr. or “+1”)
• OMM undergraduate fellowship
• FCA, FAAO, or current Osteopathic Cranial Academy Proficiency (Competency) Certificate
• One approved Intermediate Course from the Osteopathic Cranial Academy elective curriculum and/or SCTF Intermediate Courses

**Hotel Information:**
A block of rooms are available at The Hilton Norfolk Hotel until August 31, 2017 at the rate of $129.00 per night plus applicable taxes. Please make your reservations through our website link at: http://cranialacademy.org/events/cme/ or call the hotel at 757-763-6200 and mention the Osteopathic Cranial Academy Base Course to obtain our negotiated rate.

**Course Description:**
The Cranial Base

**Course Director:** James W. Binkerd DO
**Associate Director:** Paul E. Dart, MD, FCA

**Senior Faculty in Formation**

**Course Schedule**

**Friday, September 15, 2017**

8:00-8:30am Introduction
8:30-9:30am Lab: Palpation
9:30-9:45am Lecture: Core Link and Cranial Base
9:45-10:05am Discussions in Small Groups
10:05-11:05am Lab: Sacrum/Core Link
11:05-11:25am Lecture: Craniocelephalic Junction
11:25-12:10pm Lab: Craniocelephalic Junction 1: Posterior Fossa Dura
12:10-1:10pm Lunch (provided)
1:10-1:30pm Faculty Q&A at the tables
1:30-2:15pm Lab: Craniocelephalic Junction 2: Occiput/Atlas/Axis
2:15-2:30pm Lecture: Temporal Bone: Sutural Anatomy
2:30-3:00pm Lab: Temporal Bone: Bone Lab
3:00-3:20pm Discussions in Small Groups
3:20-4:20pm Lab: Temporal/Occipital Articulations
4:20-5:20pm Lab: Temporosphenoidal Articulations
5:20-5:40pm Lab: Balancing Lab
5:40-6:00pm Faculty Q&A at the tables
6:00pm Adjourn/Faculty Meeting

**Saturday, September 16, 2017**

8:00-8:20am Review/Questions
8:20-8:40am Lecture: Working WITH The Mechanism
8:40-9:20am Lab: Observation, Attention, Intention
9:20-9:40am Lecture: Embryology of the Cranial Base
9:40-10:00am Discussions in Small Groups
10:00-10:20am Lecture: Cranial Base Strain Patterns
10:20-11:20am Lab: Treatment of the Cranial Base with BMT
11:20-12:00pm Faculty Q & A at the tables
12:00-1:00pm Lunch (provided)
1:00-1:15pm Lecture: Treatment of Sphenobasilar Compression
1:15-2:00pm Lab: Treatment of Sphenobasilar Compression
2:00-2:15pm Lecture: Occiput-Intraossous Strains
2:15-3:00pm Lab: Occiput-Intraossous Strains
3:00-3:20pm Discussions in Small Groups
3:20-3:35pm Lecture: Temporal Bone-Intraossous Strains
3:35-4:20pm Lab: Temporal Bone-Intraossous Strains
4:20-4:35pm Lecture: Sphenoid Bone-Intraossous Strains
4:35-5:20pm Lab: Sphenoid Bone-Intraossous Strains
5:20-5:40pm Lab: Balancing Lab
5:40-6:00pm Faculty Q & A at the tables
6:00pm Adjourn/Faculty Meeting

**Sunday, September 17, 2017**

8:00-8:20am Review/Questions
8:20-8:40am Lecture: Diagnosis and Treatment of the Dorsum Sellae
8:40-9:20am Lab: Treatment of the Dorsum Sellae
9:20-9:40am Discussions in Small Groups
9:40-9:50am Group Photograph
9:50-10:10am Lecture: Accessing the Anterior Base through the Face
10:10-10:50am Lab: Diagnosis and Treatment of the Anterior Base
10:50-11:20pm Faculty Q & A Roundtable
11:20-12:30pm Final Treatment Lab
12:30pm Adjourn

*In consideration for those course participants with sensitivities, please refrain from wearing perfume, cologne, essential oils, or strongly scented toiletries.*
**Liability Release:** Participation in this program will involve physical activity, including contact by and with instructors and other participants. This, and particularly activity involving physical diagnostics and manual therapeutics, could possibly entail risks for participants of new injury or aggravation of pre-existing conditions.

By applying to participate, the applicant acknowledges and assumes the risk associated with participating in the laboratory sessions and agrees to hold the Osteopathic Cranial Academy and fellow participants harmless, indemnify and defend, free of liability from and against any damage or personal injury that might occur during or as a result of participating in this program.

Furthermore, the applicant covenants to hold harmless, indemnify, and defend the Osteopathic Cranial Academy from and against any use or misuse that applicant may make at any time of any knowledge or information that applicant derives from participation in this program. The applicant should carry adequate liability insurance which would be activated in the instance of the use or misuse of this knowledge or information.

Participants in the course are examined and treated by instructors following the course in case any problems arise from treatment by fellow students.

I acknowledge that I have read the Liability Release and agree to the statement.

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Signature (Required)