TABLE 2

Comparison of average number of hours of basic sciences

	NATUROPATHIC	ALLOPATHIC	OSTEOPATHIC
Anatomy (gross/dissection)	350	380	362
Physiology	250	125	126
Biochemistry	125	109	103
Pharmacology	100	114	108
Pathology	125	166	152
Microbiology/ immunology	175	185	125
Total hours	1125	1079	976

Source: Jensen CB. Common paths in medical education: The training of allopaths, osteopaths and naturopaths. Altern Complement Ther 1997; 3:276–280

TABLE 3

Naturopathic medical school curriculum overview

Basic and diagnostic sciences Anatomy, neuroanatomy, neurosciences, physiology, histology, pathology, biochemistry, genetics, microbiology, immunology, lab diagnosis, clinical diagnosis, physical diagnosis, medical research, epidemiology, public health, medical ethics, and others

Clinical sciences Family medicine, ENT, cardiology, pulmonary medicine, gastroenterology, rheumatology, neurology, dermatology, urology, infectious disease, pediatrics, geriatrics, obstetrics, gynecology, pharmacology, pharmacognosy, minor surgery, ophthalmology, psychiatry, and others

Naturopathic therapeutics Clinical nutrition, botanical medicine, homeopathy, naturopathic manipulative therapy, hydrotherapy, counseling, naturopathic philosophy, naturopathic case analysis/management, advanced naturopathic therapeutics, acupuncture and traditional chinese medicine, ayurvedic medicine

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