

FAQs about OBEAM

Q: What is OBEAM?

A: Office-Based Emergency Airway Management (OBEAM) is a part of the AAOMS National Simulation Program that offers oral and maxillofacial surgeons the opportunity to refine techniques on simulators until they meet best-practice protocols during simulation of various real-life emergency airway situations.

Q: What concepts and skills will I learn by participating in OBEAM?

A: During the two-hour OBEAM module, participants review and practice concepts and skills for sedation monitoring and techniques for supplemental oxygen, opening an airway, bag-valve-mask (BVM) ventilation using one- and two-handed techniques, laryngeal mask airway (LMA) insertion and use of the Airtraq laryngoscope for endotracheal intubation. Ventilation parameters are manipulated so difficult BVM can be practiced and mastered after mastery of BVM in a normal configuration.

Q: Will I be learning independently or in a group?

A: The participants work in pairs in a cooperative learning environment using Mastery-Based Training throughout the scenarios to then test for retention, skill, and competence. Each participant receives individual feedback on their performance throughout training and testing from the programs, equipment, and facilitators.

Q: Who can participate in OBEAM? How much does it cost?

A: Registration is limited to AAOMS Fellows/Members and AAOMS Resident Members.

Q: How much does OBEAM cost?

A: Registration for OBEAM is \$900.

Q: How many hours of continuing education will be provided for the OBEAM?

A: AAOMS designates this activity for 6.0 continuing education credits. AAOMS is an ADA CERP Recognized Provider. ADA CERP is a service of the American Dental Association to assist dental professionals in identifying quality providers of continuing dental education. ADA CERP does not approve or endorse individual courses or instructors, nor does it imply acceptance of credit hours by boards of dentistry. AAOMS is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME) to provide continuing medical education for physicians. AAOMS designates this live activity for a maximum of 6 AMA PRA Category 1 Credit(s)[™]. Physicians should claim only the credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.

Q: I have registered for OBEAM, how do I access the pre-course materials?

A: Visit aaoms.org/ceonline and log in with your aaoms.org username and password. When logged in, you will visit your dashboard to access the curriculum.

Q: Is the pre-course material required prior to the hands-on session?

A: The online participant curriculum will enhance your simulation experience if all pre-course work is completed prior to your hands-on session. You will have access to the course materials prior to and following the course.

Q: Once I have completed the AAOMS OBEAM, what are my next steps to ensure compliance by 2026?

A: Compliance with the necessary simulation requirements will be verified at your next scheduled office anesthesia evaluation. Your OAE and OBEAM dates do not need to align. Each will need to be evaluated every five years.

Q: How do I claim my CE for completing the OBEAM?

A: Go to AAOMS.org/MyCE to claim continuing education credit. You will need your Member ID to log into the system.