The College of Osteopathic Medicine of the Pacific (COMP) understands the potential benefits of electronic social networking sites, but also recognizes the inherent risks that come with their misuse. In an effort to help protect our faculty, staff, and students, COMP has established the following standards for Students, Faculty, and Staff:

1. Respect copyright laws, and reference or cite sources appropriately. Plagiarism applies online as well as in print and other media.

2. University, College, Hospital, and other commercial trademarks and logos may not be used without written consent of the owner.

3. Understand that your online presence will also reflect upon your professional image. Weigh the risks and benefits of self-disclosure.

4. Always respect the delicate relationship between patient & healthcare provider, student & faculty, student & student, and employer & employee. Consider the potential impact of your actions on others.

5. Information that you post should comply with existing policies and laws governing privacy and dissemination of data including HIPPA and FERPA.

6. Be sure to clearly state that the views expressed are your own and do not represent the views of others.

7. Remember that electronic sites are never completely secure and that what you post, when seen by one, will eventually be shared with others. Also remember that once others have accessed your posting, you have lost control of how your information, opinion, or pictures will be used now and in the future.

8. Be advised that material, information, etc. that you choose to post may in the future have an influence on your career opportunities.