

Why there is no 'traditional' osteopathy

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The frequent use of terms such as 'traditional' or 'classical' suggests that important texts of osteopathy have already been identified and explored according to scientific criteria and thus based on transdisciplinary research concerning therapeutical form and content as well as overall historical significance. In fact, this is not the case. The use of the above-mentioned adjectives remains speculative and misleading.

The present work will substantiate this thesis, illuminate some of the resulting consequences for present osteopathy, and indicate a scientifically relevant path for addressing this deficiency within osteopathy.