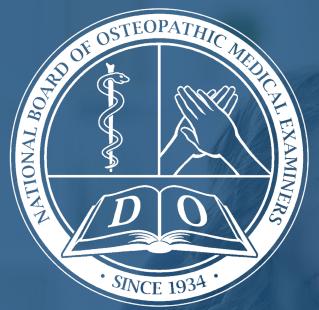
NBOME Update: Osteopathic Medical Board of California

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PROTECTING THE PUBLIC BY
PROVIDING THE MEANS TO ASSESS
COMPETENCIES FOR OSTEOPATHIC
MEDICINE AND RELATED HEALTH
CARE PROFESSIONS

COMLEX-USA

EXAM CHANGES

Level 1 Changing from Numeric Scoring to Pass/Fail

May 2022

COMLEX-USA Attempt Limits
Change from
6 to 4

July 2022





SPECIAL COMMISSION ON OSTEOPATHIC MEDICAL LICENSURE

REPRESENTATION

COMMISSION REPRESENTATION

*Accreditation Council on Graduate Medical Education (ACGME)

American Association of Colleges of Osteopathic Medicine (AACOM) Board of Deans

American Association of Osteopathic Examiners (AAOE) / licensure

American Osteopathic Association (AOA)

AOA-Bureau of Emerging Leaders (BEL) / (student or resident)

AOA-Student Osteopathic Medical Association (SOMA) / (student)

Assembly of Osteopathic Graduate Medical Educators (AOGME)

Commission on Osteopathic College Accreditation (COCA)

Council of Osteopathic Student Government Presidents (COSGP) / (student)

Educational Council on Osteopathic Principles (ECOP)

National Board of Osteopathic Medical Examiners (NBOME) Board of Directors & National Faculty

Organization of Program Director Associations (OPDA)

Patient/Public Representative



SPECIAL COMMISSION ON OSTEOPATHIC MEDICAL LICENSURE ASSESSMENT

WORK OF THE COMMISSION

- Implemented Enhanced Attestation Pathways to Level 3 for Classes of 2020 2023
- Evidence for Clinical Skills Activities (ECSA) Inventory received from 90% of COMs, informing the NBOME of current clinical skills assessment at the schools
- Finalizing recommendations to assure that the COMLEX-USA licensure examination
 pathway continues to evolve with the rapidly changing practice of osteopathic medicine,
 osteopathic medical education and health care

Future of Clinical Skills Assessment: KEY TAKEAWAYS

1.

The profession agrees that the assessment of clinical skills is important

Verified by public group presentations through Summer 2021

2.

The COMs can have a role in licensure assessment in the future

Informed by the completion of the ECSA Inventory

3.

It is important to have a national standard

Recommendations focusing on these issues



SPECIAL COMMISSION ON OSTEOPATHIC MEDICAL LICENSURE ASSESSMENT

FINAL RECOMMENDATION THEMES

RECOMMENDATION AREAS











SPECIAL COMMISSION ON OSTEOPATHIC MEDICAL LICENSURE ASSESSMENT

NEXT STEPS



April 13 - May 4Public commentary period



June 2022
Final recommendations go to NBOME Board of Directors



July 2022 Final report released



OSTEOPATHIC DISTINCTIVENESS

- NBOME believes that an osteopathic distinctive exam is essential part of the osteopathic medical education and licensure path
- COMLEX-USA is the only exam that is accepted for licensure of DOs in all 50 states and serves
 to assess both the progress of osteopathic medical students and the competency of prospective
 osteopathic physicians
- COMLEX-USA is based on the osteopathic educational curriculum and unique exam blueprint including the seven (7) competency domains for practice of osteopathic medicine
- OMT/OMM is a subset of the wider range of osteopathic medical principles and practice
- COCA Standard 6.12: COMLEX-USA is key factor in COMs demonstrating "success in respect to student achievement in relation to the institution's goals" under DOE regulations
- Resolution advocating for single licensure exam brought by AMA Medical Student Section for consideration at upcoming AMA meeting fails to consider many of these factors
- NBOME is in touch with interested parties including AMA staff and student leaders and will
 provide a formal written response; any Board feedback is welcomed



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The DO, April 2022

What is osteopathic medicine? A unified definition is desperately needed Brian Loveless, DO The DO, March 2022

Myths and Misconceptions: The Value of the COMLEX-USA Credential

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