



NBOME Update: New York State Board for Medicine

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NATIONAL BOARD OF OSTEOPATHIC MEDICAL EXAMINERS



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

A photograph of a family scene, including a woman, a man, and a young girl, overlaid with a blue tint. The woman is leaning in and touching the girl's face, while the man looks on. The text 'COMPLEX-USA' is overlaid in white at the bottom.

COMPLEX-USA

COMLEX-USA ASSESSMENT OVERVIEW

L1

LEVEL 1

One-day computer-based exam. 352 multiple-choice test questions.

L2
CE

LEVEL 2-CE

One-day computer-based exam. 352 multiple-choice test questions.

L3

LEVEL 3

Two-day computer-based exam. 420 multiple-choice questions, clinical decision-making cases, novel test item formats, including 22+ clinical cases.

LEVEL 2-PE

Clinical skills assessment.
SUSPENDED

Currently using COM Dean
attestation for clinical skills

L2
PE

DO
Degree

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COMLEX-USA

EXAM CHANGES

**MAY
2022**

Level 1
changing from
numeric
scoring to
pass/fail

**JULY
2022**

COMLEX-USA
attempt limits
change from
6 to 4

TRANSITION TO PEARSON VUE IN 2023

- NBOME transitioning testing to Pearson Vue centers in 2023
- Transition begins with **COMLEX Level 3** in **January 2023**
- Followed by **Level 1** in **May 2023**, **Level 2-CE** in **June 2023** (date tentative)
- Will provide a **larger network** of testing centers, for **greater testing availability**
- Will provide **enhanced security** measures for test-takers



The NBOME **will continue** its long and productive relationship **with Prometric** through the transition, ending in late spring/early summer of 2023.

Learn more at **[NBOME.org/news](https://www.nbome.org/news)**



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SPECIAL COMMISSION

RECOMMENDATIONS

Long-term solutions to assess clinical skills competencies for osteopathic medicine in the COMLEX-USA program: Class of 2024 and beyond

1

Establish COM-based COMLEX-USA national standardized assessment which includes an in-person, hands-on evaluation of fundamental osteopathic clinical skills including interpersonal and communications skills and OMT, with quality assurance.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI)

2

Reflect diversity of skin tone within images and diversity of characteristics such as ethnicity, gender identity, and sexual orientation within patient descriptions.

3

Use person-centered language that is unbiased, non-discriminatory, and non-derogatory in examinations and publications.

4

Maintain examination item fairness.

5

Commit to a National Faculty that is broadly representative of population diversity and practicing DOs.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Emerging competencies and new test content in COMLEX-USA

6

Ensure the content and competencies assessed make the COMLEX-USA series align with the distinctive education and practice of osteopathic medicine.

7

Regular review of the COMLEX-USA series to ensure it continues to reflect current practice of osteopathic medicine.

8

Consider expansion of assessment content in the areas of public health, evidence based medicine, and social determinants of health in COMLEX-USA.

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RECOMMENDATIONS

Technology and test delivery advances

9

Determine if new technology would expand or improve assessment of competencies required for the practice of osteopathic medicine.

10

Explore test delivery advances that may improve efficiency, convenience, or accuracy in testing without sacrificing security and rigor.

TIMELINE



April 13 - May 4

Public commentary period



June 2022

Final recommendations go to
NBOME Board of Directors



July 2022

Final report released

NATIONAL FACULTY

NBOME seeking individuals to join its National Faculty

NBOME NATIONAL FACULTY

- Reviews the **COMLEX-USA Master Blueprint**
- Writes and reviews test items, cases, and rationales to ensure quality and fairness
- Assists in recruiting residents and newly practicing physicians
- Serves on Board and operational committees
- Made up of more than **700** subject matter experts
- Contact NationalFaculty@nbome.org



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