NBOME Update to OPDA

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PROTECTING THE PUBLIC BY PROVIDING THE MEANS TO ASSESS COMPETENCIES FOR OSTEOPATHIC MEDICINE AND RELATED HEALTHCARE PROFESSIONS SINCE 1934.
ASSESSMENT ACROSS THE CONTINUUM

NBOME PORTFOLIO

EDUCATION

COMAT

COMSAE

LICENSURE

COMLEX-USA

LEVEL 1 | LEVEL 2-CE | LEVEL 2-PE | LEVEL 3

PRACTICE

COMVEX

CORRE

OPAIM

CATALYST

ASSESSMENT PLATFORM
NBOME CONTINUITY THROUGH THE PANDEMIC
WEEKLY MONITORING OF TESTING CAPACITY

- Capacity subject to state and local restrictions
- Over 20,000 tested by end of October worked to get candidates tested and cared for

SATELLITE TESTING CENTER PARTNERSHIPS for CBT examinations July-September 2020

- Reduce urgent needs for testing seats in hard-hit areas
- UNTHSC-TCOM University of North Texas Health Science Center Texas College of Osteopathic Medicine, Fort Worth TX
- MSU-COM Michigan State University College of Osteopathic Medicine, East Lansing MI

COMLEX-USA Level 2-PE – INVESTIGATING SATELLITE TESTING CENTER PARTNERSHIPS

- Testing temporarily suspended through March 31, 2020
- NBOME outreach to OPDA, AOGME, ERAS, Coalition for Physician Accountability to inform PDs that both COMLEX-USA Level 2-PE and USMLE Step 2-CS were suspended March 2020
COMLEX-USA

Intent and Purpose

1. LICENSURE EXAM

2. ACCEPTED BY ALL STATE LICENSING BOARDS

3. REQUIRED FOR THE DO DEGREE
LEVEL 1
One-day computer-based exam. 400 multiple-choice test questions

LEVEL 2-CE
One-day computer-based exam. 352 multiple-choice test questions

LEVEL 2-PE
One-day 12-station standardized patient performance evaluation of fundamental clinical skills

LEVEL 3
Two-day computer-based exam. 420 multiple-choice questions, clinical decision-making cases, novel test item formats, including 28+ clinical cases

DO Degree

COMLEX-USA
ASSESSMENT OVERVIEW
# COMLEX-USA

## SCORING AND REPORTING

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NBOME has continued to STUDY THE USES OF COMLEX-USA SCORES AND SCORE-REPORTING as it relates to the primary and intended purposes of the examinations (i.e., licensure), as well as secondary uses (most cited one is in residency program applications.) Further study related to the use of pass-fail as well as numerical scoring has ensued.

STAKEHOLDER SURVEY JULY-AUGUST 2020.
ORGANIZATIONAL POSITION REQUEST SEPTEMBER 2020.
BOARD DECISION ANTICIPATED IN JANUARY 2021.
COMLEX-USA
NEW LICENSURE ATTEMPT LIMITS

COMLEX-USA and USMLE implemented attempt limit maximums (6)
Many states limit attempts to 3
Most MD-granting and DO-granting medical schools limit attempts
Concerns about misclassification and test security
USMLE moving to 4 attempt limits 2021

COMLEX-USA 4-Attempt Limit Effective July 1, 2022
COMLEX-USA DOWN UNDA’

The Medical Board of Australia announced Sept 10 that they will recognize NBOME as a Competent Authority for US DOs to be registered for medical practice in Australia!
MATCH 2020

DO SENIORS- GME PLACEMENT 2020

GME PLACEMENT OVER 99% FOR SPRING 2020 GRADUATES

NBOME
NRMP MATCH 2020
SPECIALTY FELLOWSHIP MATCH

NRMP Fellowship Match Results

1,270 DO APPLICANTS MATCHED

22% increase from 2019

81% MATCH RATE for DO's

A 2.1% increase from 2019

in this year's NRMP Fellowship Match

#Match2020
When asked for DO applicants, do you require COMLEX-USA when considering which applicants to interview?

**Use Level 1 P/F Results:**
- 41%

**Use Level 1 Target Results:**
- 45%

**COMLEX-USA PERCENTILE SCORE CONVERTER**

**COMLEX-USA Level 1**
Varies by testing cycle

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Converts standard scores into percentile scores for Level 1, Level 2-CE, and Level 3.

The value calculated is the percentile rank in relation to other candidates who took a particular Level examination for the first time, during the same testing cycle.

Link provided in ERAS for PD use.
COMLEX-USA LEVEL 3
ELIGIBILITY

✓ Passing of both COMLEX-USA Level 2-PE & 2-CE
✓ Graduated from an accredited college of osteopathic medicine (COM)
✓ Has earned a DO degree
✓ Attestation by a Program Director that the candidate is in good academic and professional standing
I attest that I am the residency program director and this licensure examination candidate is a resident in good academic and professional standing at the residency program. Good standing denotes that s/he meets the academic and professional requirements of the residency program and is eligible to continue as a resident in the program.
How might this be useful?
THE END

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