



NBOME Update

CMSS & OPDA 2021 Spring Meeting

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

AGENDA

TODAY'S PRESENTATION

ABOUT NBOME

WHO WE ARE

WHAT WE DO

LICENSURE ASSESSMENTS for DOs

COMLEX-USA Updates

TESTING CONTINUITY THROUGH COVID-19

COMPUTER-BASED TESTING

CLINICAL SKILLS TESTING

SPECIAL COMMISSION

UME-GME

RESOURCES

HOLISTIC REVIEW

ATTESTATION

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COMPLEX-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

L2
PE

LEVEL 2-PE

One-day 12-station standardized patient performance evaluation of fundamental osteopathic clinical skills

****SUSPENDED SINCE MARCH 2020****

DO
Degree

COMLEX-USA

SCORING & REPORTING

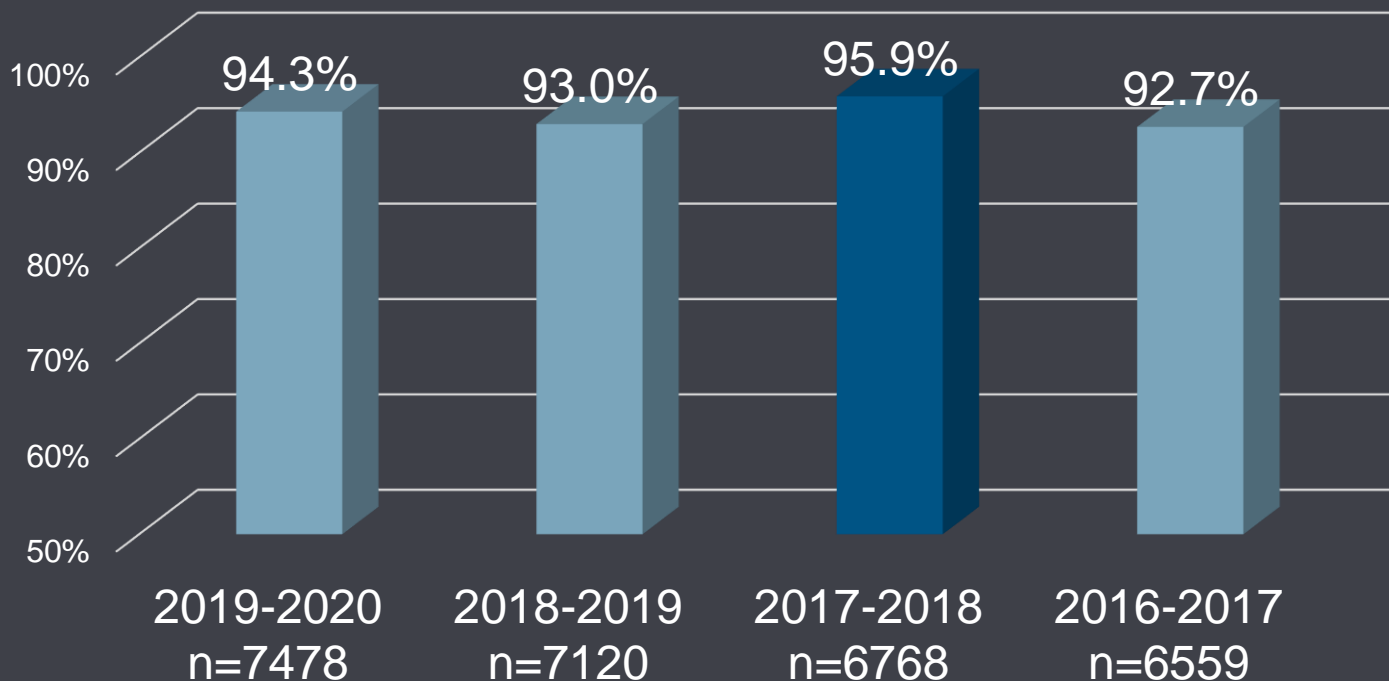
	REPORTING	PASSING
LEVEL 1*	3-Digit Score	400
LEVEL 2-CE	3-Digit Score	400
LEVEL 2-PE	Pass / Fail	-
LEVEL 3	3-Digit Score	350



*will report only P/F starting May 2022

COMPLEX-USA LEVEL 1

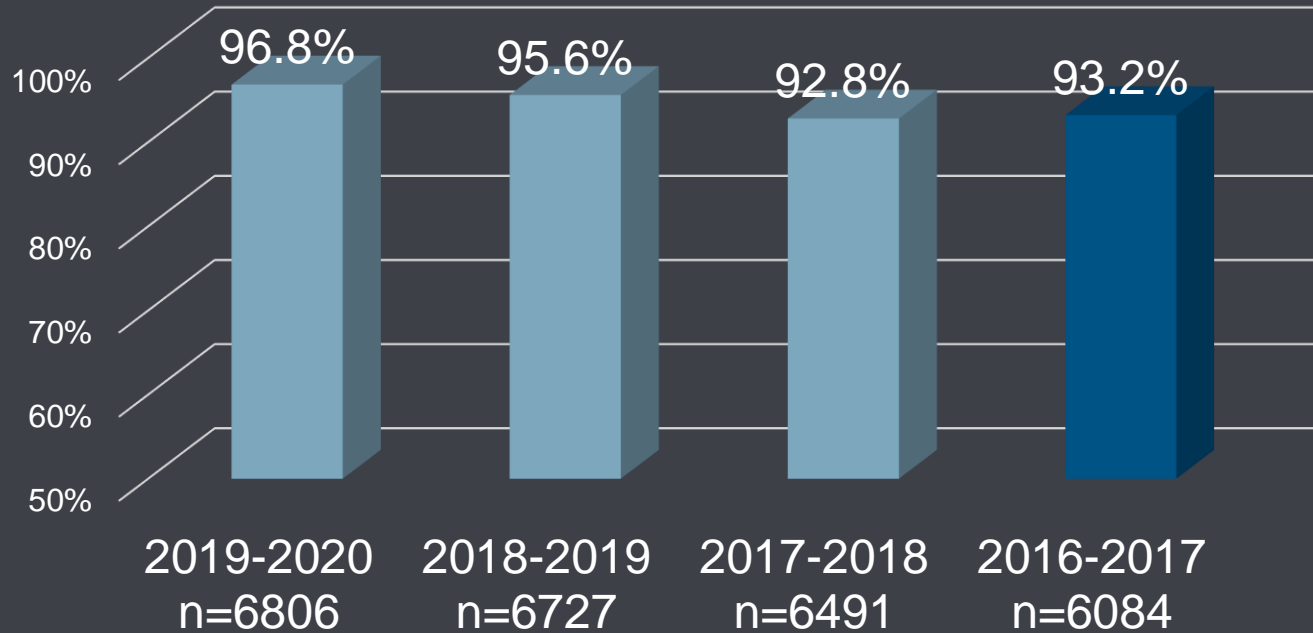
FIRST TIME TAKER PASS RATE



Dark blue indicates a new/validated pass standard was applied

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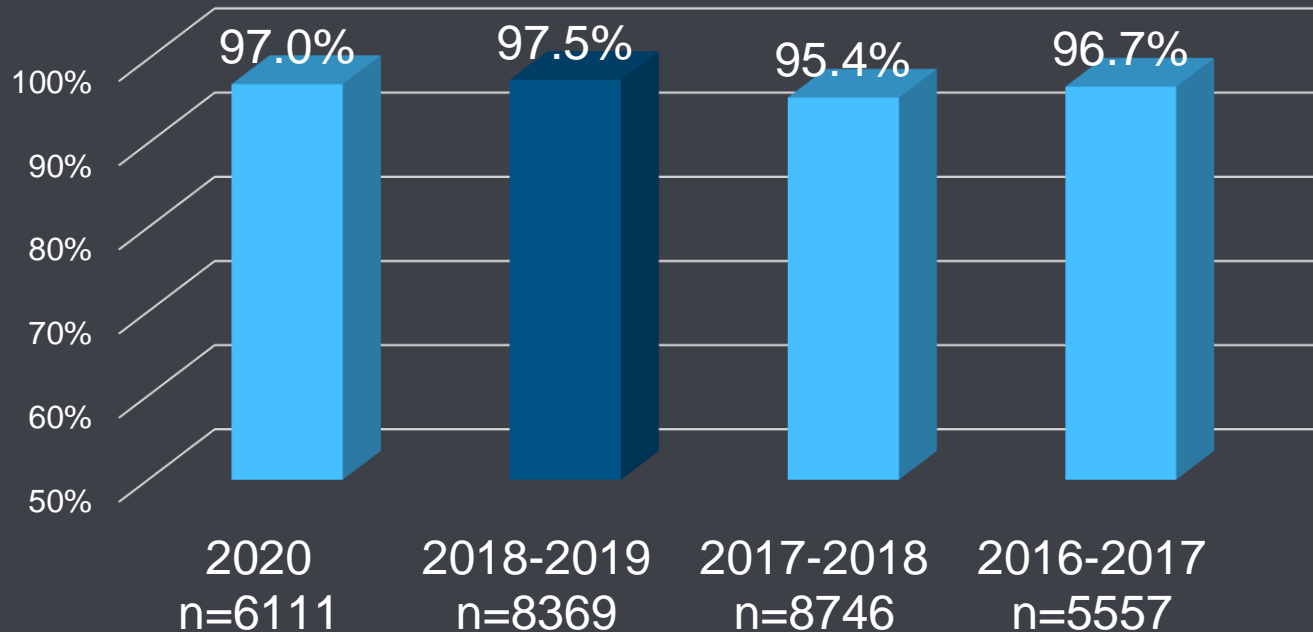
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COMPLEX-USA LEVEL 3

FIRST TIME TAKER PASS RATE

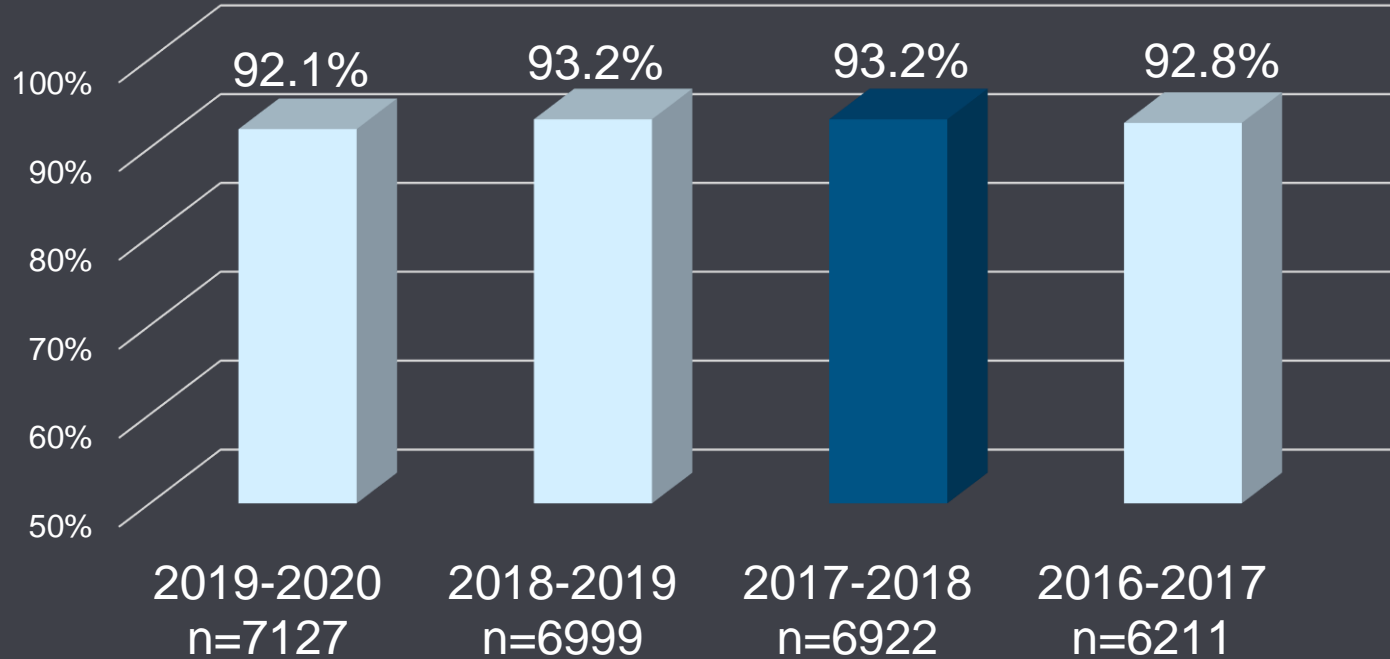


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FIRST TIME TAKER PASS RATES

COMPLEX-USA LEVEL 2-PE



Dark blue indicates a new/validated pass standard applied for Biomedical/Biomechanical Domain

COMLEX-USA

UPCOMING CHANGES

**Level 1 and 2-CE Item
Reduction 400 to 352
Items**

June 2020 | May 2021

**Level 1 changing from
Numeric Scoring to
Pass/Fail**

May 2022

**COMLEX-USA
Attempt Limits
change from 6 to 4**

July 2022



NBOME CONTINUITY
THROUGH THE PANDEMIC

AGILITY IN DELIVERING SAFE TESTING

WEEKLY MONITORING OF TESTING CAPACITY

- Increased testing dates (incl. Saturdays and Sundays) and longer testing hours at many Prometric centers
- Procured “seat holds” for COMLEX-USA candidates from Prometric
- Weekly reports directly to contact at COMs informing them of their COM statistics (96% satisfaction rating from participating COMs)
- Expanded our CS team to increase available representatives and provide person-to-person contact to assist test takers

SATELLITE TESTING CENTER PARTNERSHIPS for CBT examinations July-September 2020

- Reduced urgent needs for testing seats
- UNTHSC-TCOM and MSU-COM

RESULTS OF EFFORTS

- Over 28,500 administrations completed by **March 22, 2021** (since reopening of Prometric sites on 5/4/20)
 - Over **96%** of the Class of 2022 took Level 1
 - Over **98%** of the Class of 2021 took Level 2 CE
 - Over 12,000 Level 3 administrations

LEVEL 2-PE AND SPECIAL COMMISSION

COMLEX-USA Level 2-PE is POSTPONED INDEFINITELY

- Established **SPECIAL COMMISSION** on Osteopathic Medical Licensure Assessment
PHASE 1: February 22-April 30, 2021

Details on temporary alternate pathway (For classes of 2021 and 2020)	Announced by March 11, 2021
Feedback period – organizations	February 25, 2021 –March 16, 2021
Feedback period – individuals	February 25, 2021- March 16, 2021
Details on pathway options (For class of 2022)	Announced by April 30, 2021

PHASE 2: May 2021-April 2022

- Expanded Commission, Phase 2
- Focus on long-term solutions to assess competencies for osteopathic medicine in the COMLEX-USA program, with an eye on our collective duty to ensure quality care for the public and our patients. Content, delivery, attention to diversity, equity and inclusion.

SPECIAL COMMISSION: INVITED ORGANIZATIONS

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) /

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)

Student Osteopathic Medical Association (SOMA) / (student)

TEMPORARY ELIGIBILITY PATHWAYS FOR COMLEX-USA LEVEL 3

PATHWAY 1: Classes of 2020 and 2021
(Passed COMLEX-USA Level 2-PE)

- Passing of both COMLEX-USA Level 2-CE and Level 2-PE
- Graduation from an accredited COM with DO degree
- Attestation of Program Director that you are in good academic and professional standing
- Recommended 6 months of GME completion

PATHWAY 2: Class of 2021
(Never Took COMLEX-USA Level 2-PE)

- Attestation by COM Dean that you have graduated and have demonstrated the fundamental osteopathic clinical skills necessary for graduation
- Attestation of Program Director that you are in good academic and professional standing
- Recommended 6 months of GME completion

PATHWAY 3: Classes of 2020 and 2021
(Unsuccessful Attempt of COMLEX-USA Level 2-PE)

- Attestation by COM Dean that you have graduated and have demonstrated the fundamental osteopathic clinical skills necessary for graduation
- Attestation of Program Director that you are in good academic and professional standing
- Required 6 months of GME completion



**RESOURCES FOR
UME-GME**

NBOME UPDATE
CAUTION

NBOME cautions residency program directors to avoid the sole use of any examination score, or the overuse or sole use of any examination program, in screening or hiring residents, and supports holistic admissions reviews



COMLEX-USA

PERCENTILE SCORE CONVERTER

COMLEX-USA Level 1 Varies by testing cycle	
SCORE	PERCENTILE
400	7
450	21
500	42
550	64
600	82
650	92
700	98

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

CURRENT ATTESTATION

LEVEL 1 AND 2

Attestation provided
by COM Deans

LEVEL 3

Attestation provided by AOA or
ACGME Accredited RPDs

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.

ATTESTATION

Search Criteria

* Exam Level:

* Graduation Year:

Eligibility Status:

Graduated Status:

Student Information

If * then previously failed	NBOME ID	Name	Exam Date	Year	Year	Address	City	State	Zip	Approved
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You are acknowledging that each student submitted is in good academic and professional standing, meets the requirements to graduate from your COM, and that they have demonstrated the fundamental osteopathic clinical skills necessary for graduation

UME TO GME

2020 NRMP PROGRAM DIRECTOR SURVEY

86%

OF PROGRAM DIRECTORS REQUIRE
COMLEX-USA TO SCREEN DO APPLICANTS

When asked for DO applicants, do you require COMLEX-USA Level 1 when considering which applicants to interview?

41%

USE LEVEL 1
P/F RESULTS

45%

USE LEVEL 1
TARGET RESULTS



THE END

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