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
LEVEL 1
One-day computer-based exam. 352* 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 osteopathic clinical skills

**SUSPENDED SINCE MARCH 2020**

LEVEL 3
Two-day computer-based exam. 420 multiple-choice questions, clinical decision-making cases, novel test item formats, including 22+ clinical cases

COMLEX-USA ASSESSMENT OVERVIEW
## SCORING & REPORTING

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*will report only P/F starting May 2022

SUSPENDED
COMLEX-USA LEVEL 1

FIRST TIME TAKER PASS RATE

2019-2020: 94.3% (n=7478)
2018-2019: 93.0% (n=7120)
2017-2018: 95.9% (n=6768)
2016-2017: 92.7% (n=6559)

Dark blue indicates a new/validated pass standard was applied.
COMLEX-USA LEVEL 2-CE

FIRST TIME TAKER PASS RATE

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COMLEX-USA LEVEL 3
FIRST TIME TAKER PASS RATE

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FIRST TIME TAKER PASS RATES

COMLEX-USA LEVEL 2-PE

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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
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
COMLEX-USA Level 2-PE is POSTPONED INDEFINITELY

- Established SPECIAL COMMISSION on Osteopathic Medical Licensure Assessment

**PHASE 1: February 22-April 30, 2021**

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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.
## COMMISSION REPRESENTATION*

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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 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

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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.
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.
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.
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

Results of the 2020 NRMP Program Director Survey. [Link](https://mk0nrmp3oyqui6wqfm.kinstacdn.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/08/2020-PD-Survey.pdf)  Figure 4
THE END

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