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**Joel Dickerman, DO  
Awarded 2013 "COMAT Examination Item Writer of the Year" by the  
National Board of Osteopathic Medical Examiners**

The National Board of Osteopathic Medical Examiners (NBOME) announced seven, 2013 "COMAT Examination Item Writer of the Year" award winners among whom is Dr. Joel Dickerman of Saint Mary Corwin Hospital, Pueblo, CO, who is being recognized for his contributions to the COMAT series.

The NBOME undertook an objective evaluation of more than 50 item writers who contributed to the COMAT examination in 2013. The Board concluded that Dr. Dickerman's test items for the COMAT Family Medicine examination were exceptional.



Dr. Joel Dickerman of  
St. Mary Corwin Hospital in  
Pueblo, CO

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Dr. Dickerman received his Bachelor of Science in Biology from North Central College in Naperville, IL. He was awarded his Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine from Chicago College of Osteopathic Medicine in Chicago before completing his residency at Northwest General Hospital in Milwaukee, WI. Dr. Dickerman is board certified in Family Practice and has numerous professional affiliations.

“Serving as an item writer for COMAT has taught me much about writing questions that are challenging, but fair, and which reflect current clinical practice. It is an honor to be selected for this award,” Dr. Dickerman said.

Five other “COMLEX Item Writer of the Year” awards were presented to: Shawna R. Duncan, DO, of Oklahoma State University Center for Health Sciences; Jonathan K. Kalmey, PhD of Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine; Jeff Rabrich, DO, of St. Luke's - Roosevelt Hospital Center in New York; Michael Terzella, DO, of New York College of Osteopathic Medicine, New York Institute of Technology; and, Brett Sheridan Stecker, DO, of Tristan Medical in MA. D. Thomas Dayberry, DO, PhD, of University of North Texas Health Science Center at Fort Worth was awarded “COMLEX-USA Case Author of the Year Level 2-Performance Evaluation.”

The NBOME is the leading assessment organization for the osteopathic medical profession. Its mission is to protect the public by providing the means to assess competencies for osteopathic medicine and related health care professions. The COMLEX-USA examination series provides the pathway to licensure for osteopathic physicians in the United States.

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