



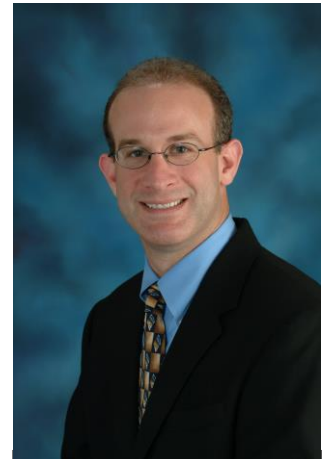
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**Brett Sheridan Stecker, DO  
Awarded 2013 "COMLEX-USA Examination Item Writer of the Year" by the  
National Board of Osteopathic Medical Examiners**

The National Board of Osteopathic Medical Examiners (NBOME) announced seven, 2013 "COMLEX-USA Examination Item Writer of the Year" award winners among whom is Dr. Brett Stecker of Tristan Medical in Massachusetts, is being recognized for his contributions to the COMLEX-USA Level 2-Cognitive Evaluation.

The NBOME undertook an objective evaluation of more than 300 item writers who contributed to COMLEX-USA Level 2-CE in 2013. The Board concluded that Dr. Stecker's test items for COMLEX-USA were exceptional.



Dr. Brett Stecker of  
Tristan Medical in  
Massachusetts

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Dr. Stecker received his DO degree from New York College of Osteopathic Medicine in Old Westbury, NY and completed his residency at Brown University's Family Medicine Program. He is board certified in Family Medicine and has a special interest in Sports Medicine.

"I feel very privileged and enjoy writing items for the [NBOME] Board exams. I hope to continue to do so," Dr. Stecker said.

Four other "COMLEX-USA 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; and, Michael Terzella, DO, of New York College of Osteopathic Medicine/New York Institute of Technology, and a "COMAT Item Writer of the Year" award was presented to Joel Dickerman, DO, of Saint Mary Corwin Hospital in Pueblo, CO. 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."

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