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**Mark Gabay, DO, FAAP, FACOP
Awarded NBOME 2014 "COMLEX-USA Examination Item Writer of the Year"**



The National Board of Osteopathic Medical Examiners (NBOME) is pleased to announce the organization's 2014 "COMLEX-USA Examination Item Writer of the Year" award winners, among whom its recipient, Mark Gabay, DO, Assistant Professor of Pediatrics at Nova Southeastern University College of Osteopathic Medicine (COM), Fort Lauderdale, FL, was recognized for his contributions to the COMLEX-USA Level 2-Cognitive Evaluation (CE).

The NBOME undertook an objective evaluation of more than 350 academic and clinical subject matter experts who serve as active National Faculty and Item Writers contributing to COMLEX-USA Level 2-CE in 2014. The Board concluded that Dr. Gabay's test items for COMLEX-USA were exceptional.

Dr. Gabay received his DO degree from Nova Southeastern University COM, and completed internship and residency programs in pediatrics at Miami Children's Hospital in FL. He served as Chief Pediatric Resident at Miami Children's Hospital from 2008 to 2009.

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“It was an honor being selected for this award,” Dr. Gabay said. “I am glad I can assist the NBOME's COMLEX-USA Level 2 examination in a positive way.”

Dr. Gabay is joined by four other 2014 “COMLEX-USA Item Writer of the Year” award recipients: William Elliot, MD, PhD, of Pacific Northwest University of Health Sciences; second-time winner, Jonathan K. Kalmey, PhD, of Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine; Jaime M. Rawson, DO, Captain, United States Air Force, VA Joint Venture Hospital in Elmendorf-Richardson, AK; and, Sheldon C. Yao, DO, New York Institute of Technology College of Osteopathic Medicine, as well as “COMAT Item Writer of the Year,” Michael P. Seaman, DO, of Lincoln Memorial University-DeBusk College of Osteopathic Medicine. Additionally, the NBOME honored Thomas H. O’Hare, DO, of both the Arizona and Chicago Colleges of Osteopathic Medicine with “COMLEX-USA Level 2-Performance Evaluation Case Author of the Year” award.

“Throughout the long and rich history of the osteopathic medical profession, practicing physicians, academic physicians and other medical educators from undergraduate colleges of osteopathic medicine and graduate medical education programs, and members of the physician licensing community have participated in all aspects of the NBOME assessments and services,” NBOME President and CEO John R. Gimpel, DO, MEd, said. “Today, more than 900 professionals from 44 states comprise the NBOME’s National Faculty and participate in governance, on committees, in the development of examination standards and content, in quality assurance initiatives, and as physician examiners. We are pleased to honor this year’s award winners for their exceptional contributions.”

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The NBOME is the national assessment organization for the osteopathic medical profession. COMLEX-USA is the examination series accepted for osteopathic physician licensure throughout the United States and in numerous international jurisdictions. It is also a graduation requirement from all US colleges of osteopathic medicine. The COMLEX-USA examination series allows the NBOME to fulfill its primary mission in protecting the public by assessing the competencies of osteopathic physicians.

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