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**Sheldon C. Yao, DO
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,

Sheldon C. Yao, DO, Acting Chair and Assistant Professor in the

Osteopathic Manipulative Medicine department of New York Institute of

Technology College of Osteopathic Medicine, Old Westbury, NY, was recognized for his

contributions to the COMLEX-USA examination series in Osteopathic Principles and Practices.

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 the COMLEX-USA examination series in 2014. The Board concluded that Dr. Yao's test items were exceptional.

Dr. Yao received his DO degree from New York College of Osteopathic Medicine, and completed a fellowship in neuromuscular medicine at North Shore LIJ Plainview Hospital in Plainview, NY, where he also served as Chief Resident in 2005.

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Dr. Yao also completed residency programs in family practice at Good Samaritan Hospital Medical Center in West Islip, NY, where he served as Chief Resident from 2004 to 2005.

“I am grateful for this honor and the opportunity to continue to work with the NBOME with the development of your examinations,” Dr. Yao said.

Dr. Yao 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; Mark Gabay, DO, of Nova Southeastern University College of Osteopathic Medicine (COM), Fort Lauderdale, FL; second-time winner, Jonathan K. Kalmey, PhD, of Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine; and, Jaime M. Rawson, DO, Captain, United States Air Force, VA Joint Venture Hospital in Elmendorf-Richardson, AK, 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 the “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.

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“Today,” Dr. Gimpel continued, “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.”

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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