

NBOME Releases
Fundamental Osteopathic Medical Competency Domains 2016

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Philadelphia, PA - August 5, 2016 - The National Board of Osteopathic Medical Examiners (NBOME), the leading assessment organization for the osteopathic medical profession, has released the [*Fundamental Osteopathic Medical Competency Domains 2016*](#) (*FOMCD 2016*). The *FOMCD 2016* represents expert consensus on the required elements and measurable outcomes for seven core competency domains as related to the practice of osteopathic medicine.

The comprehensive work was informed by research related to the practice of osteopathic medicine and evidence-based competencies required for safe and effective osteopathic care of patients. The seven competency domains are outlined predominantly from the assessment perspective, particularly as related to summative high-stakes assessment for licensure for osteopathic medical practice.

The *FOMCD 2016* gives substantial attention to professionalism and trustworthiness, inter-professional collaboration and care in teams, self-care and physician wellness, systems-based practice, practice-based learning and improvement, patient safety and clinical procedures. It replaces earlier versions of the *FOMCD* published in 2006, 2009 and 2011. The *FOMCD 2016* will be published in its entirety as a supplement to the September 2016 issue of the *Journal of the American Osteopathic Association* (JAOA), accompanied by an editorial authored by John R. Gimpel, DO, MEd, NBOME President and CEO.

The *FOMCD 2016* also serves to inform the NBOME's newly introduced, enhanced, competency-based [COMLEX-USA Master Blueprint 2018-2019](#). A five-year, comprehensive review of the COMLEX-USA examination series by the Blue Ribbon Panel resulted in the Master Blueprint 2018-2019. The Master Blueprint will be implemented for the new, two-day COMLEX-USA Level 3 examination in 2018 and for the COMLEX-USA Level 1, Level 2-Cognitive Evaluation (CE) and Level 2-Performance Evaluation (PE) examinations in 2019. The COMLEX-USA examination program is designed and used for licensure for osteopathic physicians and other important secondary purposes.

"The *FOMCD 2016* is the groundbreaking culmination of the esteemed NBOME Blue Ribbon Panel's vision for an expanded competency framework and is the result of years of extensive input from leading organizations in osteopathic medicine," said John R. Gimpel, DO, MEd, President and CEO. "We remain grateful for the expertise and collaboration of the panel, and the NBOME Board of Directors, National Faculty and staff in making the *FOMCD 2016* a reality. Importantly, this will set the stage for the development of future assessment frameworks."

The NBOME Blue Ribbon Panel included representatives from the American Osteopathic Association, the American Association of Colleges of Osteopathic Medicine, the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education, the Association of Osteopathic Directors and Medical Educators, the Organization of Program Director Associations, the Federation of State Medical Boards and the American Association of Osteopathic Examiners.