

**Gary R. Clark Honored with
National Board of Osteopathic Medical Examiners'
Clark Award for Patient Advocacy**

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Philadelphia, PA, December 19, 2016 – Gary R. Clark, a leader in physician licensure and professional regulation at the state and national levels, has been honored with the first-ever National Board of Osteopathic Medical Examiners' (NBOME) Clark Award for Patient Advocacy. The new award recognizes individuals who have demonstrated an outstanding commitment to patient safety, patient protection, and quality of care.



As only the second public member of the NBOME Board of Directors, Clark served both the NBOME Board and Executive Committee with distinction from 2007 through 2015. He retired from the Oklahoma State Board of Osteopathic Examiners in 2007, having served for more than 30 years as executive director for state medical boards in Oklahoma and Missouri.

A strong voice for the osteopathic medical profession, Clark served multiple terms on the Board of Directors of the Federation of State Medical Boards and was a member of the Board of Directors and president of the Council of State Governments' Clearinghouse on Licensure, Enforcement and Regulation. He was a founding member and past president of Administrators in Medicine and was a volunteer executive director for the American Association of Osteopathic Examiners.

"Gary Clark has been a tireless advocate for the premise that patients are best served by seeking care for osteopathic physicians who have qualified for licensure by successful completion of a valid, osteopathically distinctive licensure examination program," said John R. Gimpel, DO, MEd, NBOME President and CEO. "Throughout his distinguished career, Gary's primary focus has always been to advocate for patients, a true reflection and embodiment of our mission to protect the public through assessment."

The NBOME is the leading assessment organization for the osteopathic medical profession. NBOME's COMLEX-USA examination series is a requirement for graduation from colleges of osteopathic medicine and provides the pathway to licensure for osteopathic physicians in the United States and numerous international jurisdictions.

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