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## **American Osteopathic Association Recognizes Work of NBOME**

The American Osteopathic Association (AOA) recognized the National Board of Osteopathic Medical Examiners (NBOME) with the Strategic Team Award and Recognition (STAR) during its House of Delegates annual meeting on July 18, 2015 in Chicago, IL. The recognition is bestowed upon osteopathic affiliates, osteopathic post-doctoral training programs, and colleges of osteopathic medicine, which are implementing innovative activities that make meaningful advances in osteopathic medicine and support the profession-wide objectives identified in the AOA Strategic Plan.

NBOME is the leading assessment organization for the osteopathic medical profession. Its mission is to protect the public by providing the means to assess competencies for osteopathic medicine and related health care professions. NBOME's COMLEX-USA examination series is a requirement for graduation from colleges of osteopathic medicine and the pathway to licensure for osteopathic physicians in the United States.

In particular, the NBOME Board and executive leadership were recognized by the AOA for conceptualizing, coordinating and hosting the Osteopathic Medical Regulatory Summit meetings in 2012 and 2014, which brought together thought leaders to collaborate on the role of osteopathic medicine, medical education and assessment in a changing health care landscape.

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“What resulted was a consensus statement: *Patients are best served by seeking care from osteopathic physicians who have qualified by virtue of passing graduation requirements and competency assessments designed for the practice of osteopathic medicine and validated for that distinct purpose,*” NBOME President and CEO John R. Gimpel, DO, MEd, said.

Additionally, upon presentation of the STAR award, the AOA noted the NBOME’s outreach to residency program directors and others in the graduate medical education community that has helped foster education about the COMLEX-USA examination series, benefiting osteopathic medical students and the profession. As well, adherence to the NBOME’s strategic objectives of performance excellence, engaging the workforce, collaboration, and international growth and development has helped increase recognition of DOs around the world.

NBOME Board Chair, Wayne R. Carlsen, DO, Vice Dean and Associate Professor of Geriatric Medicine/Gerontology at the Ohio University Heritage College of Osteopathic Medicine (OU-HCOM), and Board Vice Chair, Gary L. Slick, DO, MA, Chief Academic Officer and Director of Medical Education at the Oklahoma State University Medical Center accepted the award on behalf of the NBOME Board, staff and National Faculty. “It is the dedication and excellent work of our staff, the vision and leadership of our Board, and the expertise and quality of our National Faculty that produce excellent products and services that help to meet NBOME’s mission and help to assure quality care within the osteopathic medical profession for the patients we serve,” Dr. Carlsen said.

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