

NBOME COMVEX Examination Recognized for CPEP Competency Assessment or Reentry Evaluation

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Philadelphia, PA - October 4, 2016 - The National Board of Osteopathic Medical Examiners (NBOME) is pleased to announce that its Comprehensive Osteopathic Medical Variable-Purpose Examination (COMVEX) has been selected and recognized by the Center for Personalized Education for Physicians (CPEP) as a component of CPEP's Competence Assessment or Reentry Evaluation for osteopathic physicians.

As the recognized current evaluative instrument and measurement offered to osteopathic physicians who need to demonstrate current osteopathic medical knowledge, COMVEX assesses both the depth and breadth of osteopathic medical practice and provides state medical licensing boards with a clear evaluation of a candidate's knowledge of current osteopathic medical practice.

"CPEP is committed to meeting the specific needs of *all* our participants, and this collaboration with the NBOME serves to strengthen that commitment," said Beth Korinek, MPH, CPEP CEO.

COMVEX can be used in cases where an osteopathic physician originally licensed by an examination devoid of osteopathic content is now applying for a license in a state that requires an osteopathic examination or in states that impose a time limit that has not been met by the applicant. It is also used when an osteopathic physician requests reinstatement of a license following an interruption in his or her clinical practice.

CPEP will offer the COMVEX examination as an optional component of the personalized assessment process for osteopathic physicians referred by a state licensing board. In those situations, with the appropriate state licensing board's approval, the COMVEX examination can replace multiple choice tests currently used by CPEP.

"We are delighted to announce this collaboration with CPEP, which is consistent with our aligned missions of public protection and supports the widespread consensus statement achieved at the 2012 Osteopathic Medical Regulation Summit," said NBOME President and CEO, John R. Gimpel, DO, MEd. "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."

For more information about NBOME's COMVEX examination, visit www.nbome.org/comvex.asp.

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

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