



Two Key Hires Further Strengthen Leadership At the National Board of Osteopathic Medical Examiners

PHILADELPHIA (Conshohocken), July 26, 2010 – The National Board of Osteopathic Medical Examiners (NBOME), the testing organization that provides the pathway to licensure for osteopathic physicians in United States, today announced the hiring of two outstanding professionals to fill key leadership positions within the organization. **Larry W. Turner** has been named Vice President for Administration/Chief Operating Officer (VPA/COO), and **André F. De Champlain, Ph.D.**, has been named Director for Innovations in Testing. Both will be based in the NBOME Executive Offices outside of Philadelphia.

“For 75 years, the NBOME has been the trusted testing organization for the osteopathic medical profession,” explained President & CEO John R. Gimpel, D.O., M.Ed. “We are now moving into a new era of expansion of new products and services, along with the enhanced technology to deliver them. Both Mr. Turner and Dr. De Champlain will be instrumental to our success in these endeavors.”

As VPA/COO, Mr. Turner will assist the NBOME in realizing its vision of being the testing organization for the entire osteopathic profession, and in implementing its strategic plan. He will serve as organization’s chief of staff, and will be responsible for all contractual and legal obligations, as well as compliance issues. He is also responsible for matters pertaining to administration, including oversight of the divisions of information systems, client services and communications. Mr. Turner is a seasoned administrator with more than two decades of experience, including positions at a number of top-tier health care and educational institutions such as The Johns Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore, Maryland; Baylor College of Medicine in Houston, Texas; Emory University School of Medicine in Atlanta, Georgia; and most recently, the University of New England College of Osteopathic Medicine. Mr. Turner earned a bachelor’s degree from Rice University in Houston, Texas, and pursued graduate studies in business at the University of Houston.

As NBOME’s first Director for Innovations in Testing, Dr. De Champlain’s primary responsibility will be developing, conducting and directing research and pilot testing aimed at improving the NBOME’s existing assessment products and generating ideas for new products and services in the area of physician competencies. He comes to the NBOME from the National Board of Medical

Examiners, where he held a number of positions over his 14 years there, most recently Principal Measurement Scientist in the Measurement Consulting Services unit.

Dr. De Champlain has also held research positions working on some of the most well-known assessment tools, including the Law School Admission Test (LSAT), the Graduate Management Admissions test (GMAT) and the Graduate Record Examination (GRE). He has been widely published over the past two decades and has received a number of awards, including best paper honors from the Research in Medical Education program committee (1998) and the American Educational Research Association (2001). Dr. De Champlain earned a bachelor's degree in psychology, as well as both master's and doctorate degrees in educational measurement, statistics and evaluation, at the University of Ottawa in Ontario, Canada.

About the National Board of Osteopathic Medical Examiners

The NBOME's mission is to protect the public by providing the means to assess competencies for osteopathic medicine and related health care professions. The NBOME developed and is the sole administrator of the Comprehensive Osteopathic Medical Licensure Examination of the United States (COMLEX-USA), the testing pathway to licensure for osteopathic physicians in the United States.

For more information about the NBOME, its mission and its evaluation and testing tools for the osteopathic medical profession, go to www.nbome.org.

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