

## National Board of Osteopathic Medical Examiners Elects New Members

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Philadelphia, PA, December 19, 2016 – The National Board of Osteopathic Medical Examiners (NBOME) is pleased to announce the election of three new members to the NBOME Board of Directors.



**Mollie M. James, DO, MPH, FACOS, FACS**, is a practicing osteopathic surgeon in Iowa and a member of the Adjunct Clinical Faculty at Des Moines University, her alma mater, and an instructor at the Institute for Functional Medicine. Dr. James completed post-graduate training in surgery at Des Moines University and Des Moines Medical Center, and completed her training in critical care at the University of Minnesota. She is currently pursuing certification in Functional Medicine at the Institute for Functional Medicine. Prior to relocating to Iowa, Dr. James was Assistant Professor at the University of Minnesota in the Division of Critical Care and Acute Care Surgery.

Dr. James is board certified in General Surgery and Critical Care Surgery by the American Osteopathic Board of Surgeons, and is a fellow with both the American College of Osteopathic Surgeons and the American College of Surgeons. She has delivered and authored numerous presentations in the areas of surgery and critical care medicine. A member of the NBOME National Faculty since 2011, Dr. James was honored in 2013 as the Item Writer of the Year for the COMLEX-USA Level 3 examination.



**Donald H. Polk, DO**, is a practicing osteopathic family physician, and has been an active member of the medical staff at Wayne Medical Center in Waynesboro, Tennessee, since 1975. During his tenure at Wayne Medical Center, he has served as Secretary, Vice-Chief of Staff, Chief of Staff, Medical Director and Director of Emergency Services. Dr. Polk is a 1973 graduate of the Kansas City College of Osteopathic Medicine, now the Kansas City University of Medicine and Biosciences College of Osteopathic Medicine (KCU-COM). He completed a rotating internship in Mt. Clemens, Michigan, and is board certified by the American Osteopathic Board of Family Practice (AOBFP). He is an active member of the American Osteopathic Association (AOA) and served on the Tennessee Board of Osteopathic Examination from 1996 to 2016 and was Chair from 2014 to 2016. Dr. Polk is a Fellow with the Federation of State Medical Boards (FSMB), where he served on the Board of Directors from 2010-2016, and as Chair of the FSMB from 2014-2015. He has held numerous offices on the boards of the Tennessee Osteopathic Medical Association, Tennessee Academy of Family Physicians and, the Tennessee Academy of Family Physicians, in addition to many others.

In addition to his extensive service to the medical profession, Dr. Polk has a distinguished and decorated military service. A member of the NBOME National Faculty, Dr. Polk served on the Standard Setting Panel for the COMLEX-USA Level 2-PE examination in 2012 and 2015.



**Mousumi Som, DO, MS, FACOI**, is Associate Professor of Internal Medicine and Vice Chair of the Department of Internal Medicine at Oklahoma State University Center for Health Sciences College of Osteopathic Medicine (OSU-COM) in Tulsa, Oklahoma, where she is also the Internal Medicine Program Director. Dr. Som is a 2006 graduate of the University of North Texas Health Science Center-Texas College of Osteopathic Medicine (UNTHSC-COM) in Fort Worth, Texas and also holds a

master's degree in Clinical Research and Education from the UNTHSC Graduate School of Biomedical Science. She completed her residency training at the OSU Medical Center in 2009 and received the OSU Center for Health Sciences Regents Distinguished Teaching Award in May 2016.

Dr. Som is a member of the OSU Board, and serves on the OSU Osteopathic Foundation and a Fellow of the American College of Osteopathic Internists. Committed to education, research, and scholarly activities, she is a frequent contributor to the *Oklahoma DO: a The Journal of the Oklahoma Osteopathic Association*. She is a member of the NBOME National Faculty, having served as the Internal Medicine COMAT Chair since 2014, and previously serving on the COMLEX-USA Item Review Committee, and as a member of the NBOME 2014 Standard Setting panel.

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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