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Dr. Gerald G. Osborn, Distinguished Medical Educator, to Join the NBOME in Senior Leadership Role

PHILADELPHIA, March 21, 2011 – The National Board of Osteopathic Medical Examiners (NBOME), the testing organization that provides the pathway to licensure for osteopathic physicians in United States, is pleased to announce Gerald G. Osborn, DO, MPhil, has been named to the newly created position of Senior Vice President for Cognitive Testing. Dr. Osborn will be responsible for leading NBOME's cognitive testing department and for oversight of NBOME's cognitive examinations, including those in the COMLEX-USA licensure series (Level 1, Level 2-Cognitive Evaluation, Level 3). Dr. Osborn will join the NBOME in mid July and be based in the organization's Chicago Corporate Offices.

Currently, Dr. Osborn serves as the Associate Dean for International Medicine, Chair of the Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Medicine, and Director of Behavioral Neurosciences at Lincoln Memorial University (LMU)-DeBusk College of Osteopathic Medicine in Harrogate, Tennessee. Prior to his tenure at LMU, Dr. Osborn had served as Vice President for Medical Affairs and Dean at the Kirksville College of Osteopathic Medicine, his alma mater. He had formerly served as Professor of Psychiatry at Michigan State University (MSU) College of Osteopathic Medicine and College of Human Medicine, having completed residency training at MSU in Psychiatry and the subspecialization of Consultation and Liaison Psychiatry. At MSU, Dr. Osborn served in numerous roles over his 26-year-tenure, including Chief Resident in Psychiatry, Residency Program Director, Interim Chair of Psychiatry, and Associate Dean. He was named Emeritus Professor in 2001.

"We are thrilled to have someone with Dr. Osborn's experience and passion in this important leadership role at the NBOME, particularly at a time when we are developing so many new and exciting assessment tools," said John R. Gimpel, DO, MEd, NBOME President & Chief Executive Officer. "Dr. Osborn will be working with the Department of Cognitive Testing, our extraordinary NBOME National Faculty, and across the organization to help the NBOME realize our vision of becoming the testing organization for the entire osteopathic profession."

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Dr. Osborn rejoins in a professional capacity an organization with which he previously had a long relationship on a volunteer basis. He formerly served as a member of the NBOME's Board of Directors for more than a decade, culminating in the position of President and Chair of the Board from 1997-1999. "My entire professional life has been dedicated to promoting osteopathic medicine and my time with the NBOME, especially the development and implementation of the COMLEX-USA, has been my most rewarding experience," said Dr. Osborn. "To return to the NBOME in a position of senior leadership is simultaneously humbling and exciting. The most exciting part is the opportunity to rejoin a first-class team of dedicated staff."

Dr. Osborn is Board Certified in Psychiatry by the American Osteopathic Board of Neurology and Psychiatry, and by the American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology. He was awarded the degree of Distinguished Life Fellow of the American Psychiatric Association and the American College of Neuropsychiatrists, of which he has also served as President. Dr. Osborn has studied at numerous international universities during his career, and earned a Masters Degree in the History and Philosophy of Science from the University of Cambridge in England. He is the author of numerous refereed articles and book chapters.

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.

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