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**Thomas H. O'Hare, DO, FACOEP  
Awarded NBOME 2014 "Case Author of the Year"**



The National Board of Osteopathic Medical Examiners (NBOME) is pleased to announce the organization's 2014 "Case Author of the Year" award winner, Thomas H. O'Hare, DO, Professor of Clinical Education at Arizona College of Osteopathic Medicine in Glendale, AZ, who was recognized for his contributions to the COMLEX-USA Level 2-Performance Evaluation (PE).

The NBOME undertook an objective evaluation of numerous subject matter experts who serve as active National Faculty and Case Authors contributing to the COMLEX-USA Level 2-PE in 2014. The Board concluded that Dr. O'Hare's cases were exceptional.

Dr. O'Hare received his DO degree from Chicago College of Osteopathic Medicine in Chicago, IL, his residency program in Emergency Medicine at the Chicago Osteopathic Medical Center, and an internship at Riverside Osteopathic Hospital in Trenton, MI. Dr. O'Hare has held several academic titles and appointments throughout his career.

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“I am honored to be chosen to receive this award,” Dr. O’Hare said. “The NBOME’s COMLEX-USA Level 2-Performance Evaluation case development process is both individual and collaborative in nature. This award belongs as much to me as to all the osteopathic physicians and NBOME staff who assist in the clinical case development process. I share this award with all of them as well.”

Dr. O’Hare is joined by six other 2014 Item Writer of the Year award recipients: William Elliot, MD, PhD, of Pacific Northwest University of Health Sciences; Mark Gabay, DO, of Nova Southeastern University College of Osteopathic Medicine (COM), Fort Lauderdale, FL; second-time winner, Jonathan K. Kalmey, PhD, of Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine; Jaime M. Rawson, DO, Captain, United States Air Force, VA Joint Venture Hospital in Elmendorf-Richardson, AK; and, Sheldon C. Yao, DO, New York Institute of Technology College of Osteopathic Medicine, as well as “COMAT Item Writer of the Year,” Michael P. Seaman, DO, of Lincoln Memorial University-DeBusk College of Osteopathic Medicine.

“Throughout the long and rich history of the osteopathic medical profession, practicing physicians, academic physicians and other medical educators from undergraduate colleges of osteopathic medicine and graduate medical education programs, and members of the physician licensing community have participated in all aspects of the NBOME assessments and services,” NBOME President and CEO John R. Gimpel, DO, MEd, said.

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“Today,” Gimpel continued, “more than 900 professionals from 44 states comprise the NBOME’s National Faculty and participate in governance, on committees, in the development of examination standards and content, in quality assurance initiatives, and as physician examiners. We are pleased to honor this year’s award winners for their exceptional contributions.”

The NBOME is the national assessment organization for the osteopathic medical profession. COMLEX-USA is the examination series accepted for osteopathic physician licensure throughout the United States and in numerous international jurisdictions. It is also a graduation requirement from all US colleges of osteopathic medicine. The COMLEX-USA examination series allows the NBOME to fulfill its primary mission in protecting the public by assessing the competencies of osteopathic physicians.

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