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**Jaime M. Rawson, DO
Awarded NBOME 2014 "COMLEX-USA Examination Item Writer of the Year"**



The National Board of Osteopathic Medical Examiners (NBOME) is pleased to announce the organization's 2014 "COMLEX-USA Examination Item Writer of the Year" award winners, among whom its recipient Jaime M. Rawson, DO, Captain, United States Air Force, Medical Corps, Chief, Department of Neurology, VA Joint Venture Hospital in Elmendorf-

Richardson, AK, was recognized for her contributions to the COMLEX-USA Level 3 examination.

The NBOME undertook an objective evaluation of more than 350 academic and clinical subject matter experts who serve as active National Faculty and Item Writers contributing to COMLEX-USA Level 3 in 2014. The Board concluded that Dr. Rawson's test items were exceptional.

Dr. Rawson earned her DO degree at Touro University College of Osteopathic Medicine in Vallejo, California, and completed both a residency program and internship at San Antonio Uniformed Services Health Education Consortium, Wilford Hall Medical Center/San Antonio Military Medical Center in San Antonio, TX.

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Dr. Rawson has been widely published and has held several clinical and academic titles in the field of neurology throughout her career.

“I sincerely appreciate the recognition from the NBOME,” Dr. Rawson said.

Dr. Rawson is joined by four other 2014 “COMLEX-USA 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; 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. Additionally, the NBOME honored Thomas H. O’Hare, DO, of both the Arizona and Chicago Colleges of Osteopathic Medicine with the “COMLEX-USA Level 2-Performance Evaluation Case Author of the Year” award.

“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,” Dr. 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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