Keyboard Entry Planned for
COMLEX-USA Level 2-Performance Evaluation

Research informs us that more students are using keyboard entry than handwriting for documenting clinical findings during their clinical rotations. Based on this understanding, the NBOME Board of Directors has directed the NBOME to transition exclusively to keyboard entry for SOAP Notes for the COMLEX-USA Level 2-Performance Evaluation, beginning July 1, 2014. SOAP Note documentation will be entered as a document (similar to Word) and will not be in the form of electronic medical record at this time.

Final research is being conducted and further details will communicated when available. In the meantime, the Colleges of Osteopathic Medicine may wish to consider incorporating keyboard data entry (word processing) in their Standardized Patient or Clinical Skills Testing facilities to assist their students in preparing for this change in COMLEX-USA Level 2-PE administration.