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Cliff Burmeister, of **Barry University**, was among nearly 70 fourth year students to participate in the NBPME pilot examination to evaluate patient encounter skills. He was also the lucky winner of an iPad in a drawing held at the conclusion of the pilot. Charles Lombardi, DPM, chair of the NBPME CSPE committee praised students from schools across the country who participated in this Vision 2015 initiative.

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Clinical Skills Patient Encounter Pilot

The recently concluded pilot examination provided important information toward the design and implementation of a new component of the Part II Clinical Skills examination. Fourth year students from all schools with eligible candidates participated. Charles Lombardi, DPM, Chair of the CSPE Feasibility Committee said he was gratified by the broad participation from the various colleges.

The NBPME Board received a preliminary report at its March meeting. At this time, a second pilot examination to further substantiate the test format and to refine the case presentations is anticipated for the 2013 class. Timing of the second pilot and when to implement a live examination will be discussed at a meeting with deans of the schools to be held in May.

The board is especially grateful to the students who volunteered. These included:

Chima Akunne	Tanler Volkmann
Joseph Allison	Ian Yarger
Peter Awad	Priscilla Zinyemba
Daniel Basalely	Rachel Zorger
Mina Baskhron	Michael Zuri
Pratibha Bawa	Saurabh Gandhi
Sally Beshai	Deena Horn
Rahul Bhatt	Daniel Jones
Jay Bhuta	Alex Kamenshikov
Kristin Brown	John Kannengieser
Mark Bullock	Manjit Kaur
Cliff Burmeister	Allyssa Knowles
Jeremy Busch	Marisse Lardizabal
James Callahan	Anthony Luzzi
Greg Cardinal	Jawad Malik
Amarjit Chhatwal	Robert Marroquin
Dolan Chowdhury	Vinay Matai
Yitz Cohen	Austin Matthews
Brian Conley	Derrick McKay
Richard Conley	Shane Moore
Joseph` Daley	Dennis Oeltjenbruns
Ashley Diamond	Jamie Paluck
Danielle DiStefano	Philip Parr
Natalie Domek	Bennie Patmon
Chioma Odukwe Enu	Irina Pisaryuk
Anthony Ferraro	Curtis Ramkhelawan
Paula Gangopadhyay	Jarna Rathod
Troy Shepherd	Trudy Salmon
Kristin Sherrick	Jennifer Seifert
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Megan Statkewicz	Mohiuddin Bilal Shamsi
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Second CSPE Pilot Planned

The NBPME approved a recommendation from the Patient Encounter design consultant (a collaboration of the National Board of Medical Examiners, NBME, and the Education Commission for Foreign Medical Graduates, ECFMG) that a second pilot examination be held to further substantiate the examination development process. The second pilot will likely be held in February 2013, however, no determination will be made until after a meeting the NBPME is hosting with deans of each of the colleges of podiatry to be held May 5, 2012 in Philadelphia.

Credit Cards are Now Accepted as a Form of Payment

Candidates may now submit payment by credit card. Simply follow the instructions on the application. NBPME and Prometric are pleased to make this added convenience available to candidates.

Online Scheduling Now Available

The NBPME and Prometric are pleased to announce that online scheduling can now be used for all Part I, Part II and Part III APMLE examinations. Once candidates have their ATT number, they may go online to www.prometric.com/nbpme to schedule their examinations.

NBPME Board President, Mindy Benton, DPM, said she was pleased to see yet one more step in the implementation of the Board's strategic plan in place. "The Board is committed to enhancing service to our candidates, and this follows acceptance of credit cards and opening many additional city test centers in our drive to improved service."

Additional Expert Panel Members Sought

The National Board is continually seeking new volunteers to serve at test development and review workshops. Participants are provided travel, per diem, an honorarium and continuing education contact hours. Workshops are held in Arlington, VA. Eligible persons will have completed a residency program and all three parts of the APMLE series. Please submit a CV with email contact information to nbpmeofc@aol.com.

Board Revises Part II Schedule

The NBPME remains committed to contributing to a smooth process for fourth year students entering the residency match. In 2011, the Board approved an earlier test date for the first Part II session, which was requested by and coordinated with the AACPM and the Council of Teaching Hospitals (COH). The Board will implement a similar schedule for 2013. The first test date will be January 4, with scores to be released January 23. The second test will be February 15, and scores will be released March 5. The objective is to complete testing and scoring for these two sessions in advance of the match date.

Altered Score Reports a Serious Concern

As participation in residency programs becomes a more important step toward licensed practice, the NBPME is concerned because of multiple incidents where persons provided their residency programs with fraudulent reports of APMLE scores. In each instance, the NBPME has imposed heavy sanctions because those who rely on score reports must have full confidence in the integrity of the process. Further, all residency directors have been asked not to accept any score report unless it is provided directly by a verifiable primary source, such as the NBPME or the CAPSR program of AACPM. President Benton declared the Board's intention to react swiftly and meaningfully to any detected instance of altering an official score report document.

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