



NBPME Reports



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Service Award



Dr. Roland Ramdass, NBPME President, congratulates Dr. Alyssa Stephenson for her successful tenure as a board member and officer.

Board Member Named

Dr. Kathleen Pyatak-Hugar was named to a three-year term on the board as a member who has experience with the specialty boards. Dr. Pyatak-Hugar had previously served as a member and board officer. Dr. Ramdass said the board welcomes her and is pleased to have the benefit of a person with her extensive experience and unflagging commitment to the program and mission of NBPME.

Clinical Skills Patient Encounter (CSPE) Task Force

NBPME has formed a Task Force comprised of a wide range of interested parties to consider how best to resume testing of the competencies of:

- Physician-patient communication and interpersonal skills
- Data-gathering and history-taking
- Documentation of the patient encounter
- Clinical problem-solving and decision-making.

These were all determined to be essential skills in the interest of public health and safety. The option of establishing testing in the schools is under consideration and discussions have begun with the AACPM. The task force chair, Dr. Vivian Rodes, said she is interested in having the group begin work on the many details that need to be resolved to continue progress on this very important initiative.

Testing Myths and Misconceptions

Three prevalent misunderstandings are causing unnecessary concern for candidates. They are addressed below.

The questions I saw did not match the published test plan.

Every test a candidate sees has exactly the correct proportion of items that the specifications describe. However, there are additional questions that are not counted in scoring that also appear. These may be new items that are being field tested to determine whether they perform properly before they are used as scorable items in a subsequent test. Items that do not work as hoped will be pulled for review and revision, or will be archived and not used further. Those field test items can affect a candidate's perception about the subjects tested. The scored questions are always in compliance with the test plan.

I can get to my Prometric account just by using Google.

Many students are encountering delays in processing and other problems because they "Google" my APMLE account or something similar. **This shortcut does not work!** By not accessing your existing CMS account under the correct URL, you will not be able to schedule an APMLE exam, or access the score report. Use only the following:

URL: www.prometric.com/NBPME Phone : 1-877-302-8952

If I can't remember my account details, I can just start a new profile.

Candidates who create a second or third profile only cause problems for themselves and it may delay processing and reporting scores. Candidates with multiple CMS profiles will cause a delay in receiving score reports and application processing with the residency match program.

Expert Panel Members Needed

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 or by telephone and web conference calls that are typically three-hours, from 2:00 to 5:00 Eastern Time. 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.

2023 Exam Dates

	Exam Date	Online Registration Available	Registration Deadline
Part I	July 7, 2023	January 3, 2023	June 14, 2023
	October 3, 2023	August 1, 2023	September 12, 2023
Part II	January 5, 2023	August 31, 2022	December 15, 2022
	February 15, 2023	January 26, 2023	February 10, 2023
	May 3, 2023	March 8, 2023	April 12, 2023
**Part III	May 18, 2023	January 9, 2023	April 27, 2023
	December 1, 2023	June 30, 2023	November 10, 2023

****State Board Deadlines Differ (Check with the State Board. A directory is listed in the Candidate Bulletin.)****