



NBPME Reports



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Clinical Skills Patient Encounter (CSPE) Exam Update

The CSPE examination for the Class of 2017 will be administered during the period mid-August through October 2016. NBPME President, Jon Haber, DPM, said the board was pleased to offer an extended testing window to better accommodate candidates' clinical rotation schedules. A retake session will be available in late February 2017. Exact dates will be set prior to the planned opening of scheduling in late April 2016. The tests will be administered at the National Board of Osteopathic Medical Examiners (NBOME) state-of-the-art facility in Conshohocken, PA. Candidates will have the option of testing from 8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. or 2:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. This flexibility should be particularly attractive to candidates traveling from the West Coast.

Work with the NBOME has been underway through the summer, and the board's CSPE Committee met on-site November 9 to tour the facility and discuss the test plan. The format remains essentially unchanged from the first administration, as is the test fee of \$1230. Candidates will each see 12 patients with a variety of presentations. More detail will be provided in the Candidate Information Bulletin and an orientation video that will be published in advance of the registration period next Spring.

Part II Examination Set

The Part II written test will be offered on three dates in 2016: Tuesday, January 5; Wednesday, February 17; and Wednesday, May 4. To help candidates navigate the process, the complete *Candidate Information Bulletin* is posted on the board's web site APMLE.org. The 2016 Part II test will be administered in the new testing format adopted this year in which each candidate sees a different set of questions that have been selected to ensure comparability for all (this is referred to as Linear-on-the-Fly Testing or LOFT testing).

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Part II Examination Set (continued)

The NBPME Executive Director and chair of the board's test committee, Phil Park and Paul Naylor, met recently with Prometric which administers the exam on behalf of NBPME. "Together, we reviewed all of the steps taken to help ensure an exceptional end-to-end testing experience for NBPME candidates," stated Mr. Park.

Steve Williams, senior vice president of test development at Prometric, emphasized that, "Prometric content specialists have rigorously reviewed exam questions for the Part II test to identify any anomalies so that all NBPME candidates are afforded a fair and reliable exam. As an extra quality assurance step, questionable areas also were reviewed by podiatric professionals."

On an ongoing basis, Prometric conducts simulations to ensure that unique testing systems such as the one adopted for the Part II test, work accurately and match the required test content and statistical requirements. That means all exams are equal in terms of matching test performance goals and comparability of the number of questions required to be correct to pass. "We are confident that the accuracy and reliability of the 2016 Part II testing format will meet and exceed the performance of the testing format traditionally used in the past," continued Williams.

Former Executive Director



The NBPME was saddened by the loss of Charles W. Gibley, Jr., PhD who served with distinction as Executive Director from 1972 to 2010. Jon Haber, DPM, President expressed the sentiment of the entire board when he said Dr. Gibley was the driving force behind the success of the National Board and instrumental in making the APMLE exams the gold standard for the podiatric profession. His wonderful spirit and personality will be missed.

NBPME Board Holds Annual Meeting

The annual meeting was held July 25, 2015 in conjunction with the APMA meeting in Orlando. In addition to receiving reports from representatives of the AACPM, APMA and APMSA, the board acknowledged the distinguished service of two members who had completed their allotted terms, appointed new members, and elected officers.



Thomas Leecost, DPM, MD, is recognized by Board President Jon Haber, DPM, for his distinguished service as a trustee.



Barbara Showers, PhD, receives a plaque from Jon Haber, DPM, describing her unique contributions to NBPME as chair of the test committee.

NBPME Board Holds Annual Meeting (continued)



Board President Jon Haber acknowledges the service of Kevin Grierson as liaison to NBPME from the APMSA.

The board reappointed Dr. Jon Haber for an additional three year term and made three new appointments. Kirk Contento, DPM will join as a trustee nominated by the Federation of Podiatric Medical Boards (FPMB), Jaime Escalona, DPM, begins service as a trustee with experience as a member of a state licensing board, and Paul Naylor, PhD, was appointed to fill the position as a psychometrician who has extensive experience with licensing examinations. The board also elected officers as shown below.

Officers:

- a. President: Jon Haber, DPM
- b. Vice President: Mary Jones Johnson, DPM
- c. Secretary/Treasurer: Kathy Pyatak-Hugar, DPM

Workshop Schedule Set

NBPME and Prometric have established the 2016 dates for the series of meetings and teleconferences that comprise the ongoing program to maintain the high quality of the APMLE licensing examination series. There will be 26 conference calls using a Webinar format and five weekend meetings to review items used in the three written examinations.

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 or by telephone and web conference calls that are typically three hour calls 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.

APMLE 2016 Exam Dates

PART I Examination Dates	Online Registration Available	Registration Deadline
July 7, 2016	May 2, 2016	June 17, 2016
October 5, 2016	August 8, 2016	September 18, 2016

PART II Examination Dates	Online Registration Available	Registration Deadline
January 5, 2016	November 9, 2015	December 9, 2015
February 17, 2016	January 4, 2016	February 5, 2016
May 4, 2016	March 14, 2016	April 15, 2016

PART III Examination Dates	Online Registration Available	Registration Deadline
June 1, 2016	Not applicable	To be determined
December 7, 2016	Not applicable	To be determined

NBPME Website is Compatible with Mobile Devices

The NBPME web site has just undergone a revision to make it more compatible with smartphones and other mobile devices. The work has just been completed. Users are encouraged to visit www.apmle.org to view the new features.