



# NBPME Reports



## The National Board of Podiatric Medical Examiners Newsletter The American Podiatric Medical Licensing Examination Series

### Service Award



**Dr. Jaime Escalona, (left) congratulates Dr. Roland Ramdass (right) for his completion of nine years of service to the NBPME, including two years as board president.**

The NBPME recognized Dr. Roland Ramdass for his exceptional service. Board President Dr. Escalona noted that Dr. Ramdass had set an admirable example in leadership and service. Dr. Ramdass said that he felt privileged to have been a part of such a worthwhile effort.



### **Board Member Named**

Dr. Revonda Jessup, FACFAS, of Charlotte, NC has been selected by the board to serve representing a podiatric physician currently in practice. She is a graduate of Temple University School of Podiatric Medicine and has been actively involved both with the NBPME and the ABFAS for many years. Dr. Jaime Escalona, president of NBPME, said she brings a twenty-year commitment to the profession that will benefit the board. Dr. Jessup stated that she was pleased to have been selected and is looking forward to serving.

### **Meazure Learning**

NBPME and Meazure Learning are continuing an aggressive program to ensure a smooth transition of testing services. Meazure will begin providing testing with the May 2024 Part II and III examinations. A task force of Meazure staff has been working with NBPME to plan the implementation schedule. The two primary aspects of planning involve design of Connect (the candidate management system) as well as planning for a seamless transfer of the APMLE test item bank. Kerry Simm, Esq., a member of the NBPME board, is coordinating the effort.

In the late winter and early spring, NBPME and Meazure will begin student-focused and school-focused communications on what candidates and Deans can expect as the transition continues. The NBPME would like to thank our student liaison, Mark Gabriel, for his time and effort in sharing the students' perspective.

## **Clinical Skills Patient Encounter (CSPE) Exam**

The NBPME is progressing in the development of a revised version of an examination to determine competency in skills essential for interaction with patients. The precise format of the new examination has not been determined; however, it will be designed to be administered at some or all of the schools of podiatric medicine. It will not require travel to a centralized testing location.

Dr. Vivian Rodes, chair of the NBPME committee that is overseeing the work, explained that the committee has obtained the templates of skills evaluated at each of the schools and will use this information to compile a proposed standardized format that will be discussed with members of the American Association of Colleges of Podiatric Medicine (AACPM). The project has just begun and Dr. Rodes says she anticipates a first discussion draft will be presented to the schools in the coming months.

## **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](mailto:nbpmeofc@aol.com).

## **FAQs**

### **How can I send a copy of my Part I, II, and/or Part III examination scores to a state board, federal agency, hospital, or institution?**

Part I, Part II, Part II CSPE, and Part III scores can be transferred to another state board, a federal agency, etc. by online ordering with payment by credit card at the Federation of Podiatric Medical Boards (FPMB) [www.FPMB.org](http://www.FPMB.org) Reports cannot be sent to individuals.

If you have any questions, you may contact FPMB at [www.FPMB.org](http://www.FPMB.org)

### **Does the examination test the curriculum?**

The content of the examination derives directly from the periodic practice analysis studies conducted by NBPME. It focuses on the competencies necessary to protect the public. It does not derive from a study of the curricula of podiatric programs, which, for example, may be broader or deeper in some areas than the exam. However, questions for Parts I and II are written by podiatric faculty and subjected to numerous expert reviews for appropriateness.

## 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 pretest items can affect a candidate's perception about the subjects tested but are not counted in the final score. 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](http://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.

## 2023-2025 Exam Dates

	Exam Date	Online Registration Available	Registration Deadline	Testing by Prometric or Meazure
<b>Part I</b>	October 3, 2023	August 1, 2023	September 12, 2023	Prometric
	July 11, 2024	January 2, 2024	June 21, 2024	Meazure
	October 1, 2024	June 22, 2024	September 11, 2024	Meazure
<b>Part II</b>	November 29, 30 and December 1, 2023	June 20, 2023	November 12, 2023	Prometric
	February 15, 2024	January 25, 2024	February 9, 2024	Prometric
	May 1, 2024	January 2, 2024	April 10, 2024	Meazure
	January 7, 2025	April 11, 2024	December 18, 2024	Meazure
	February 13, 2025	December 19, 2024	February 3, 2025	Meazure
<b>**Part III</b>	December 1, 2023	June 30, 2023	November 19, 2023	Prometric
	May 9, 2024	January 2, 2024	April 19, 2024	Meazure
	December 2, 2024	April 20, 2024	November 12, 2024	Meazure

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