Since 1934, the **National Board of Osteopathic Medical Examiners** (NBOME) has developed assessments that measure the competencies required for osteopathic medical practice and support its mission to protect the public. Its programs—including COMLEX-USA, COMSAE, COMAT, and COMVEX—serve learners and physicians across osteopathic medical education, licensure, and practice. COMLEX-USA is accepted for medical licensure throughout the United States and for professional registration in several other jurisdictions.

In 2026, the NBOME advanced several major initiatives related to its assessments. The *Fundamental Osteopathic Medical Competency Domains 2026* and COMLEX-USA Blueprint 2.0 clarify the knowledge, skills, and professional competencies expected for safe and effective practice. Candidate-focused improvements include fewer test questions on COMLEX-USA Level 1 and Level 2-CE and a planned transition of Level 3 to a one-day examination in January 2027. These changes reflect extensive research and committee work designed to maintain assessment quality while supporting an improved test-taker experience.

The NBOME also announced additional details for its two pathways for assessing osteopathic clinical skills in COMLEX-USA: the Core Competency Capstone for DOs (C3DO) and Comprehensive Competency Verification (CCV). Beginning with the Class of 2029, both provide pathways for assessment of clinical skills competencies such as communication, professionalism, compassion, history taking, physical examination, osteopathic clinical reasoning, and osteopathic manipulative treatment. Nearly 10,000 DO students have participated in C3DO pilots in partnership with the schools during the past five years.