Subject: Use of USMLE and COMLEX Items for Purposes Other than the Assessment of Physicians and Physicians-in-Training

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decision about test design is made by a committee appointed by the Council for the Advancement of Comprehensive Care. The DNP certifying examination has been offered annually for three years. Data on the number of examinees and the pass rates follow in Table 1.

Table 1
Pass Rates for the DNP Certification Examination

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<th>Year</th>
<th>Number Tested</th>
<th>Pass Rate for First-time Takers</th>
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<tr>
<td>2008</td>
<td>45</td>
<td>49%</td>
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<td>2009</td>
<td>19</td>
<td>57%</td>
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<td>2010</td>
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There are no published data on whether retired USMLE examinations are being used in other examinations for non-physicians.

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The COMLEX-USA is a three-level examination developed by the National Board of Osteopathic Medical Examiners (NBOME). There are no published data on the use of any COMLEX-USA test items in examinations for individuals who are not students in or graduates of colleges of osteopathic medicine.
REFERENCES


