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**LEWIS R. FIRST, MD, MS
ELECTED TO SECOND TERM AS CHAIR OF THE
NATIONAL BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS**

Philadelphia, PA – The National Board of Medical Examiners (NBME) is pleased to announce that Lewis R. First, MD, MS was elected for a second term as Chair of the National Board of Medical Examiners. The election occurred at the Annual Meeting of the NBME Membership on April 5, 2013 in Philadelphia.

Dr. First, a board-certified pediatrician, graduated from Harvard College, received his medical degree from Harvard Medical School, and received an MS in epidemiology from the Harvard School of Public Health. Dr. First is Professor and Chairman of Pediatrics at the University of Vermont College of Medicine and Chief of Pediatrics, Vermont Children’s Hospital at Fletcher Allen Health Care. He has also served as Senior Associate Dean for Medical Education at the University of Vermont. Currently, he serves as Editor-in-Chief of *Pediatrics*, the official journal of the American Academy of Pediatrics. His media and communications activities include weekly radio and television segments, as well as a newspaper column, “First with Kids.”

A sought after speaker and the author of numerous publications, Dr. First’s major research interests are innovations in medical school curriculum design, faculty development in teaching skills, and effective teaching methods for healthcare providers in community-based settings.

Dr. First has been serving the NBME in volunteer positions for approximately 20 years. Highlights of his NBME history include service as Chair of the USMLE Step 2 Committee, Chair of the Step 2 Pediatrics Committee, and Treasurer of the NBME. He has served as a member of numerous task forces and committees for NBME and USMLE.

Dr. First has been active in a number of national medical organizations and medical societies, including the American Pediatric Society and service as Fellow, American Academy of Pediatrics. He is the recipient of multiple teaching awards, including the Association of American Medical College's Alpha Omega Alpha Robert J. Glaser Distinguished Teacher Award and the American Academy of Pediatrics National Education Award.

The NBME is an independent, not-for-profit organization that provides high-quality assessments for the health professions. Protection of the health of the public through state of the art assessment is the mission of the NBME, along with a major commitment to research and development in evaluation and measurement. The NBME develops the three-step United States Medical Licensing Examination® (USMLE®), which provides a common evaluation system and established minimum standards for all doctors of medicine seeking an initial license to practice medicine in the United States. USMLE is a joint program of the NBME and the Federation of State Medical Boards. Results of USMLE are reported to all licensing authorities in the United States and its territories for use in granting the initial license to practice medicine. The NBME's examinations and services are also widely used by the medical education system both in the United States and around the world. The Membership of the NBME advises its Executive Board on establishing policy for the NBME and elects the members of the Executive Board.

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