

**PRESS RELEASE**

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**MIGUEL A. PANIAGUA, MD, FACP ELECTED TO EXECUTIVE BOARD OF  
NATIONAL BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS**

April 30, 2013, Philadelphia, PA – The National Board of Medical Examiners (NBME) is pleased to announce that Miguel A. Paniagua, MD, FACP was elected to a two-year term as an at-large member of the National Board of Medical Examiners Board of Directors (“NBME Executive Board”). The election occurred at the Annual Meeting of the NBME membership on April 5, 2013.

Dr. Paniagua is Associate Professor and Director, Internal Medicine Residency Program, in the Department of Internal Medicine at Saint Louis University School of Medicine. He is a graduate of the University of Illinois College of Medicine and the University of Washington for post-graduate training. Dr. Paniagua is a diplomate of the American Board of Internal Medicine with subspecialization in geriatric medicine and hospice & palliative medicine. Dr. Paniagua is the recipient of numerous awards for outstanding teaching, including the Saint Louis University Golden Apple Award and Distinguished Teacher Award for Humanism. He is also the 2011 recipient of the University of Illinois College of Medicine Outstanding Latino Alumni award.

Prior to election to the NBME Executive Board, Dr. Paniagua was appointed in 2011 as a representative of the test committees in the NBME constituent membership, after several years of contributions to the test development process for Step 3 of the United States Medical Licensing

Examination® (USMLE®). Dr. Paniagua’s item-writing contributions are in the areas of chronic illness and ongoing conditions.

The NBME is an independent, not-for-profit organization that provides high-quality assessment 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 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 National Board of Medical Examiners 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. In addition, the NBME provides testing, educational, consultative, and research services to a number of medical specialty boards and societies and healthcare organizations in the United States and internationally.

The membership of the NBME advises its Executive Board on establishing policy for the NBME and elects the members of the Executive Board. The NBME membership is composed of approximately 80 individuals representing the academic community, national professional organizations, state licensing boards, students, residents, the federal government and the public. The Executive Board, consisting of 12 individuals, meets regularly to govern the NBME.

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