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**WALTER G. RICCIARDI, MD
RE-ELECTED TO THE EXECUTIVE BOARD OF THE
NATIONAL BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS**

Philadelphia, PA – The National Board of Medical Examiners (NBME) is pleased to announce that Walter Gualtiero Ricciardi, MD was elected to a second 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. Ricciardi is a leader in public health in Italy. His positions there have included serving as Professor of Hygiene and Public Health at the Catholic University of the Sacred Heart in Rome, Director of the Department of Public Health, Deputy Head of the Faculty of Medicine "A. Gemelli" and Director of the local School of Public Health. Other positions included service as President of the European Public Health Association, Chairman of the Italian Faculty of Public Health, and Secretary General of the Italian Society of Hygiene Preventive Medicine and Public Health.

Among many other activities, Dr. Ricciardi is editor of the *European Journal of Public Health*, of the *Oxford Handbook of Public Health Practice*, and founding editor of the *Italian Journal of Public Health*. His current research work is mainly in the field of applied epidemiology, health services research, health services management and public health genomics. He has published more than 300 papers, mostly in peer-reviewed scientific journals, and six teaching books.

Prior to election to the NBME Executive Board, Dr. Ricciardi was elected in 2009 as a member-at-large in the NBME Membership.

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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