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Colleagues:

The National Board of Podiatric Medical Examiners has considered the proposal put forth in the White Paper you issued. The board offers the following comments.

1. Trying to achieve parity by having DPM candidates attempt to pass USMLE is misguided.
2. The APMLE series is psychometrically sound, demonstrably valid and accepted by all states as the basis for safe and competent practice of podiatric medicine.
3. The NBPME disagrees that any part of the USMLE is appropriate for deciding whether a podiatrist is eligible for licensure.
4. The designation of "Physician" is the prerogative of state licensing boards, not the AMA. The issue should be taken up in the proper venue.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Roland Ramdass', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Roland Ramdass, DPM