

Notice of Change in Step 3 Eligibility Requirements for Graduates of LCME- and AOA-Accredited Medical Schools

The *USMLE Bulletin of Information* (available at www.usmle.org) describes the eligibility criteria for taking USMLE Step examinations. With respect to the requirement that Step 2 Clinical Skills (CS) must be taken and passed in order to be eligible for Step 3, the current examination requirements are as follows:

In order to be eligible to register for USMLE Step 3, the examination requirements for students and graduates of LCME-accredited medical school programs or AOA-accredited medical schools include passing Step 1 and Step 2. Such individuals must pass Step 2 CS as part of the examination requirements for Step 3 if they: (a) have medical school graduation dates in 2005 or later, or (b) graduated from medical school prior to 2005 but did not pass the CK component of Step 2 taken on or before June 30, 2005.

The USMLE Composite Committee has determined that after **June 30, 2012**, all graduates of LCME- and AOA-approved medical schools/programs will be required to take and pass Step 2 CS in order to be eligible for Step 3. This requirement will apply to individuals who graduated from medical school in 2004 or earlier and who passed Step 2 Clinical Knowledge (CK) on or before June 30, 2005.