

**ORDER DISSOLVING NORTH CAROLINA MEDICAL BOARD ORDER POSTPONING  
USMLE STEP 2 AND COMLEX-USA LEVEL 2 REQUIREMENTS FOR CERTAIN  
INDIVIDUALS APPLYING FOR A RESIDENT TRAINING LICENSE**

**WHEREAS**, on March 31, 2020, the North Carolina Medical Board (“Board”), as a result of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, issued an Order postponing the requirements of Board rule 21 NCAC 32B .1402 for certain applicants applying for a Resident Training License (“RTL”) to the extent that the requirement to take and pass both parts of the United States Medical Licensing Examination (“USMLE”) Step 2 (Clinical Skills “CS” and Clinical Knowledge “CK”) and the Comprehensive Osteopathic Medical Licensing Examination (“COMLEX-USA”) Level 2 (Cognitive Evaluation “CE” and Performance Evaluation “PE”) be postponed until such time as it was deemed reasonable to discontinue the postponement (“March 31, 2020, USMLE COMLEX Postponement Order”); and

**WHEREAS**, the USMLE Step 2 CS examination has been discontinued; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board voted in March 2021 to eliminate the licensure requirement pertaining to COMLEX-USA Level 2 PE; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board has learned that applicants are no longer having difficulty taking the USMLE Step 2 CK examination or the COMLEX-USA Level 2 CE examination because of the unavailability of testing centers; and

**WHEREAS**, it is in the public interest for the Board to take this action; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board voted to dissolve the March 31, 2020, USMLE COMLEX Postponement Order at its July 2021 meeting with an effective dissolution date of August 31, 2021.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, it is **ORDERED** that:

The March 31, 2020, USMLE COMLEX Postponement Order is hereby **DISSOLVED EFFECTIVE AUGUST 31, 2021**. All persons who apply for licensure on September 1, 2021, and thereafter must meet and fulfill all licensure requirements related to the USMLE Step 2 CK and COMLEX Level 2 CE examinations.

This the 16th day of July, 2021.

NORTH CAROLINA MEDICAL BOARD

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Venkata Jonnalagadda, M.D.

President

