Preparing Tomorrow’s Doctors … TODAY!
College of Osteopathic Medicine

Academic and Career Guidance during the Clerkship Program
Key issues

• Academic
  – COMLEX examinations
  – Clerkship rotations
• Specialty selection
• Residency application
• Match
• Troubleshooting
Support offered

• “Board” preparation (COMLEX)
• Residency Preparation Program
• Review of personal statements and CV’s
• Application and interview strategies
• Assistance with addressing “red flags”
• Guidance on residency options
COMLEX

• Comprehensive Osteopathic Medical Licensure Examination
• Administered by National Osteopathic Board of Medical Examiners (NBOME)
• Exam series
  – COMLEX Level 1: Basic science
  – COMLEX Level 2 - CE: Cognitive Evaluation
  – COMLEX Level 2 - PE: Performance Evaluation
  – COMLEX 3: During first GME year
MSUCOM policies relating to COMLEX

• Must *take* COMLEX 1 to enter Clerkship
• Must *pass* COMLEX 1 prior to S9 (Spring) to continue in Clerkship

• Must pass all 3 exams (COMLEX 1, 2-CE and 2-PE) to graduate

• Failure to pass any COMLEX exam after three attempts → academic dismissal
## COMLEX Time Line

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  - February – June
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- **COMLEX Level 2**
  - CE and PE
  - Spring/Summer

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COMSAE

- Comprehensive Osteopathic Medical Self Assessment Examination
- 200 question, 4 hours, online
- Benefits
  - Testing format and content
  - Performance report
  - Predictive of COMLEX score
COMSAE

• MSUCOM requirement beginning with Class of 2018
  – All students - mandatory COMSAE/COMLEX prep event in January
  – Students below the 50\textsuperscript{th} percentile at end of S5 will be \textbf{required} to take a proctored COMSAE at one of the three sites on April 25-27
  – Students ranking above the 50\textsuperscript{th} percentile may elect to take COMSAE
  – Cut scores
    • $\geq 425 \rightarrow$ student may schedule COMLEX 1
    • $< 425 \rightarrow$ student must attend COMSAE debriefing in May, then may schedule COMLEX 1
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## CLERKSHIP

### 3RD YEAR

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### 4TH YEAR

- **COMLEX Level 2 CE and PE**
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- **Residency applications and interviews**
ERAS
Electronic Residency Application Service

- MyERAS Student Portal
- Dean's Office MSPE
- Registrar Transcript
- GME PROGRAMS
- NBOME COMLEX
- LOR Portal
Application Timeline

• April  ERAS registration opens
• July  DO students may apply to AOA programs
• September DO and MD may students apply to ACGME programs
• October MSPE released to programs
• January Rankings for osteopathic match submitted
• February Osteopathic match results and scramble
  Rankings for ACGME match (NRMP) submitted
• March NRMP match results and scramble
• July Start of GME academic year