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**INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATIONS OF MEDICINE CLINICAL SCIENCE EXAM ADMINISTERED
NATIONWIDE IN LEBANON**

July 14, 2011, Philadelphia, PA - The National Board of Medical Examiners® (NBME®), in conjunction with the Faculties of Medicine at the American University of Beirut, Beirut Arab University, Lebanese University, Holy Spirit University of Kaslik, Université Saint-Joseph de Beyrouth, and University of Balamand, is pleased to announce the first nationwide administration of the International Foundations of Medicine (IFOM) Clinical Science Examination (CSE). Approximately 300 students from these six Lebanese medical faculties participated in the examination, administered on July 14, 2011 at the Lebanese University.

Dr. Donald E. Melnick, President of the NBME, notes that “although the Foundations of Medicine Clinical Science examination is currently in use in more than 20 countries on 5 continents, the Lebanese administration marks the first time that all medical schools in a country have elected to participate as a common group.” Dr. Melnick further notes, “It is a great credit to Lebanese universities and the people of Lebanon that despite unique missions and diverse student bodies, the medical faculties of Lebanon have found common ground in the fundamentals of clinical medicine essential to patient care of the highest quality.”

The IFOM program is the result of a collaboration among the NBME and leading universities in Europe, Latin America, the Middle East, North America, and the Pacific Rim. The IFOM CSE measures knowledge of the fundamentals of clinical medicine internationally expected of students who have completed the core requirements of the clinical component of the medical curriculum. The examination is currently available in international English, Portuguese, Italian, and Spanish.

The IFOM examinations are designed to support requirements for international student exchange programs, and meet the foundation requirements for entering residents seeking training in Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME)-International approved residency programs.

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