

Journey of an Item

Do you ever wonder how NBME test questions are developed?

The truth is, every question goes through its own journey... and the medical school community is involved every step of the way.

It all starts with our test development committees, made up of a diverse network of volunteers, including medical school faculty and practicing physicians from different specialties and institutions around the country.

Committee members are assigned to write a set of questions based on their area of expertise.

After working with NBME staff to ensure consistency in style and other best practices, the committee meets as a group to review and approve each question.

Once approved, questions are pretested for quality assurance before being officially scored on an NBME exam.

But the journey doesn't stop there. Questions are periodically reviewed by test development committees to confirm that content stays up to date and relevant before they are eventually retired.

NBME questions are created in complete collaboration through rigorous standards of expert review, giving the medical community high-quality test materials that can be trusted for years to come.

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