

Dear Med III and IV students,

The International Foundations of Medicine (IFOM) of the National Board of Medical Examiners (NBME) are offering us to have students sit for the IFOM Basic Science examination as a pilot and at no charge. As you might know, earlier in the summer, the current Med IV class sat for the Clinical Science component of IFOM. The year before, both Med III and Med IV students took the IFOM. This is the first time we venture into the Basic Science component.

We are offering you the opportunity to take this test during October/November. No special studying is required. Advantages of taking this test include that it will be a practice for Step I exam, so you can identify potential areas of weakness (performance on IFOM examinations usually correlates with and predicts USMLE scores). It will also allow you prepare you for the Clinical Science component that you will take next year. Since the examination is web-based, you will also get to practice this type of examination since it will be the same for the USMLE exams as well as the Med IV final examination in Internal Medicine. The scores that you get on this exam will not be disclosed to any third party.

If you are interested in taking this examination, please let me know by answering to this email no later than September 18.

Regards,

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