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NBCE Staff Publishes Article on Performance-Based Testing

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Greeley, Colo.— Paul D. Townsend, D.C., the NBCE Director of Practical Testing Research and Development, is the lead author on an article published in the January 2010 issue of the journal *Teaching and Learning in Medicine*. NBCE Director of Testing and Executive Vice President Mark G. Christensen also contributed to the article.

The article is entitled “Investigating the Use of Written and Performance-Based Testing to Summarize Competence on the Case Management Component of the NBCE Part IV-National Practical Examination.” The article analyzes results of NBCE Part IV Examination, which includes both written and performance-based components. The results of the study conclude that combining these two methods of testing can produce scores that are more generalizable to performance than when either method is used separately.

Readers can view an abstract of the article at

<http://www.informaworld.com/smpp/content~db=all~content=a918155827>.

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