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**ALFRED TALLIA, MD, MPH
ELECTED AS TREASURER OF THE
NATIONAL BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS EXECUTIVE BOARD**

PHILADELPHIA, PA April 11, 2017 – The National Board of Medical Examiners (NBME) is pleased to announce that Alfred Tallia has been elected as Treasurer of the National Board of Medical Examiners Executive Board.

Dr. Tallia, Professor and Chair of Family and Community Health at the Robert Wood Johnson Medical School of Rutgers University, is also a Fellow of the Rutgers Center for Organizational Development and Leadership. He received his bachelor's degree in biological sciences from Fordham University, his M.P.H in healthcare organization and administration from Rutgers, and his medical degree from Rutgers Robert Wood Johnson Medical School. Dr. Tallia also served as the founding executive director of Robert Wood Johnson Partners, the accountable care organization designed to bring the research, educational, and clinical resources of Rutgers University and the Robert Wood Johnson Barnabas Health System to solve contemporary problems in health care delivery for patients across the socioeconomic spectrum.

In 2014, Dr. Tallia received the Chair Award for Lifetime Service from the New Jersey Academy of Family Physicians, is a recipient of the Edythe J. Levit Distinguished Service Award from NBME, and is the 2017 recipient of the Peter W. Rodino, Jr. Citizens Award from the Edward J. Ill Foundation for Medical Excellence, among other honors. He has served on the executive committee of the Washington based Patient Centered Primary Care Collaborative, the coalition of Fortune 500 payers, providers, and consumers advancing healthcare reform, and on the boards of Horizon (Blue Cross/Blue Shield of New Jersey) Health Innovations, the Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital and Health System, and continues to serve on boards of numerous other public and private health-related organizations. His professional interests focus on the quality of care, organization, and function of health care in the United States, particularly at the primary care and health system levels.

Dr. Tallia has served the NBME as a volunteer for more than twenty years as part of USMLE Step 3 examination committees, the Family Medicine Subject Examination task force, the USMLE Budget, Finance & Audit, and Test Accommodations Committees, the centennial steering committee, chair of the USMLE evaluation program, as a board member, and executive board member-at-large, among other roles. He chairs the Composite Committee governing the USMLE program, the common licensure assessment pathway for all foreign and domestic medical school graduates.

The NBME membership is composed of approximately 80 individuals representing the academic community, national professional organizations, state licensing boards, students, residents, the federal government and the public. Responsibilities of the membership of the NBME include recommending policy to and electing its board of directors.

The NBME is an independent, not-for-profit organization that provides high-quality assessments for the health professions. Protection of the health of the public through state-of-the-art assessment is the mission of the NBME, along with a major commitment to research and development in evaluation and measurement. The NBME develops the three-step United States Medical Licensing Examination (USMLE®), which provides a common evaluation system and established minimum standards for all doctors of medicine seeking an initial license to practice medicine in the United States. USMLE is a joint program of the NBME and the Federation of State Medical Boards. Results of USMLE are reported to all licensing authorities in the United States and its territories for use in granting the initial license to practice medicine. The NBME's examinations and services are also widely used by the medical education system both in the United States and around the world.

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