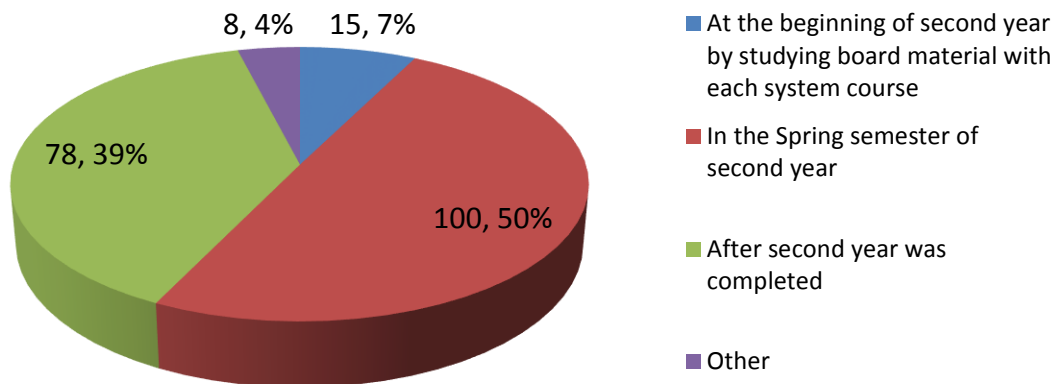


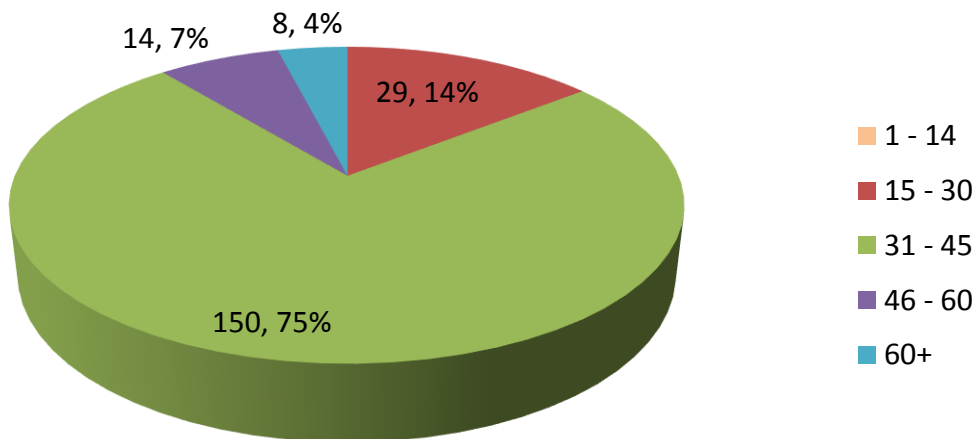
Board Prep Survey TCOM Class of 2018, Summer 2016

Following are the results of the Board Prep Survey, administered to the TCOM Class of 2018 during the Clinical Skills Orientation, June 27 and 28, 2016. This survey was administered after these students had taken COMLEX Level 1 and prior to receiving their scores. The total number of students responding to this survey is 201, which represents 89% of the class (226).

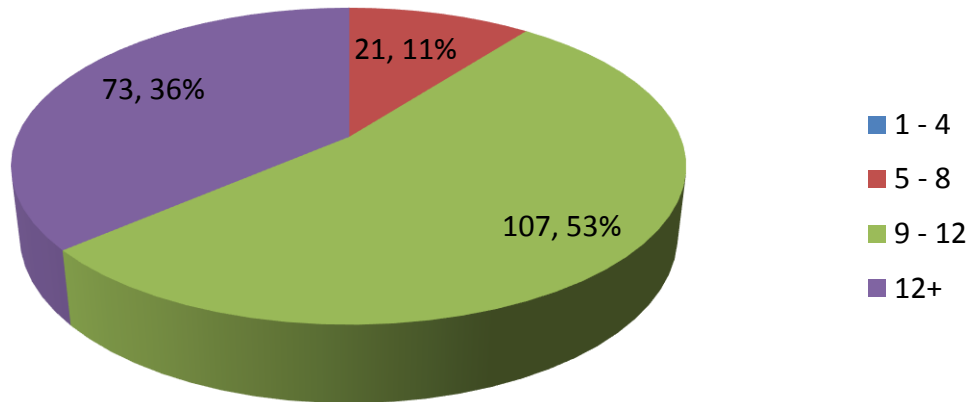
When did you start dedicated board study?



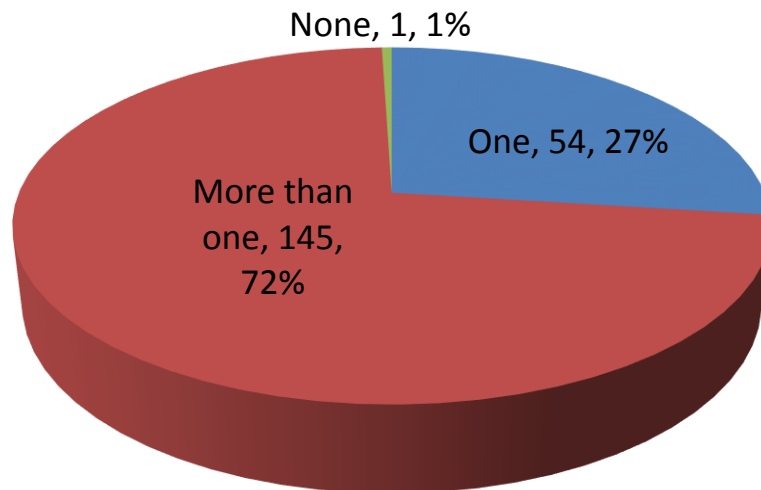
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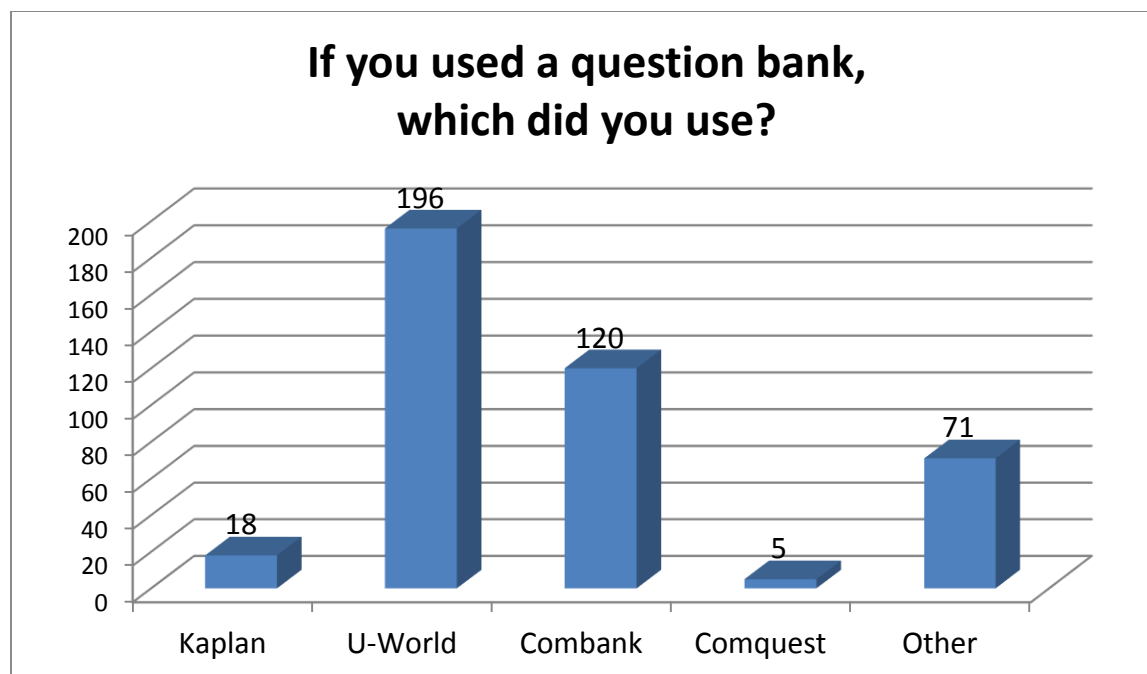


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How many question banks did you use?

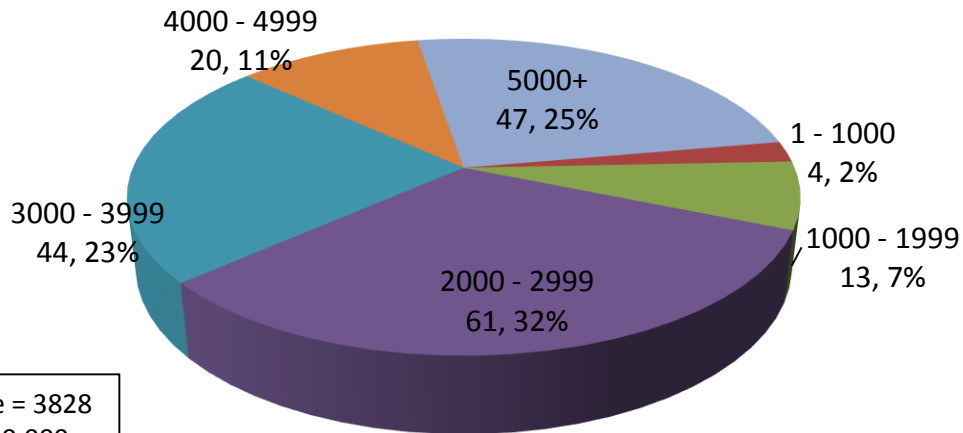




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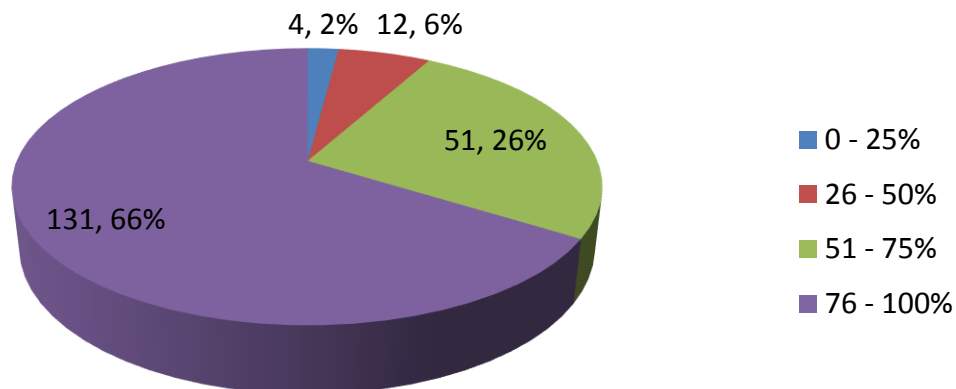
Question Bank	n
USMLE Rx	66
Firecracker	5
First Aid	3
QMAX	3
Becker	1
Osmosis	1
Practice NBME Exams	1
Robbins	1
Savarese	1

If you used a question bank, approximately how many TOTAL questions did you work?

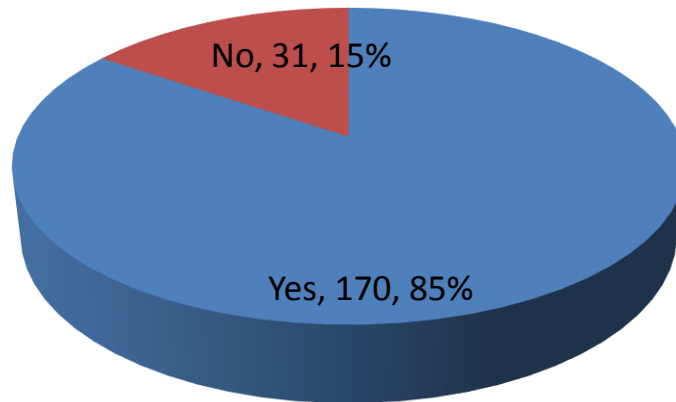


Average = 3828
Max = 50,000
Min = 500

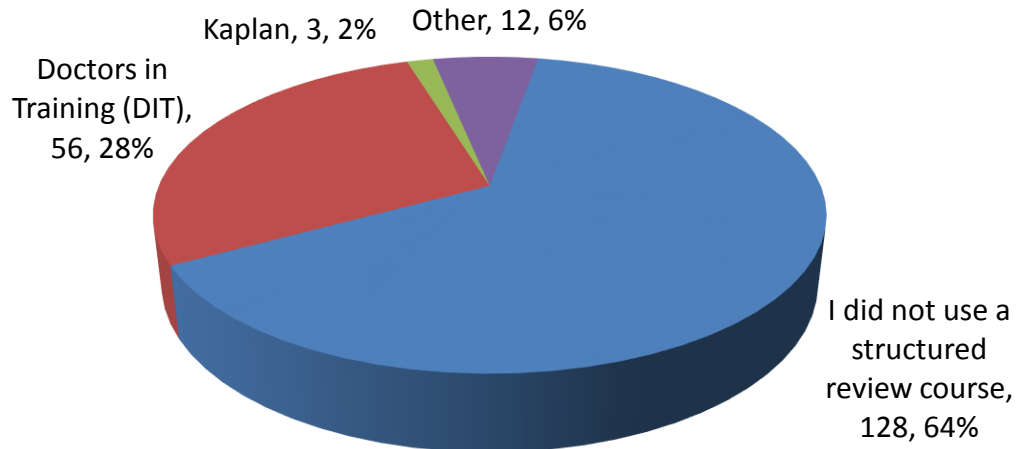
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If you used a question bank, did you do any questions DURING second year?



If you used a structured review course, which did you use?

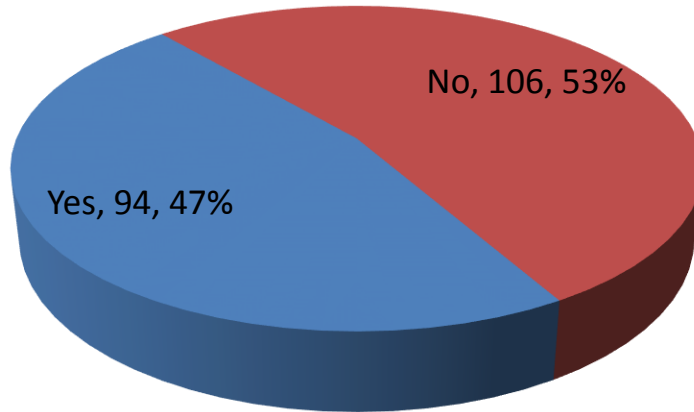


Northwestern Medical Review, 0

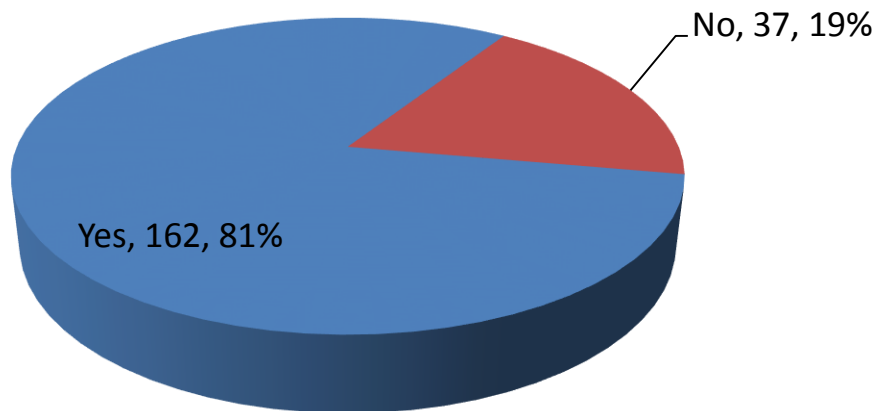
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Question Bank	n
USMLE Rx	4
USMLE Rx Express	3
First Aid	2
Sketchy Micro	2
Cramfighter	1
KISS Pharm	1
Pathoma	1
Qbank	1

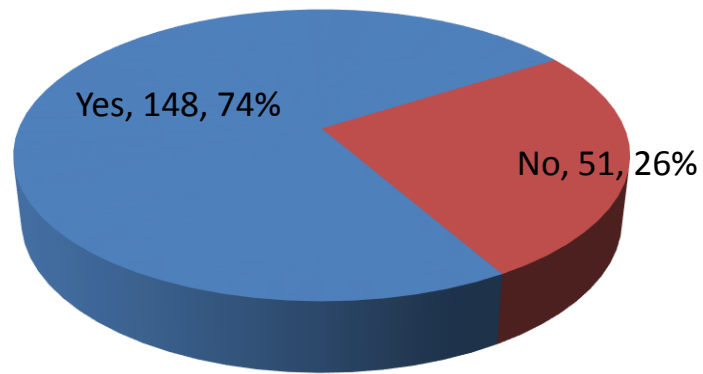
**Was the COMSAE (COMLEX Self-Assessment Exam)
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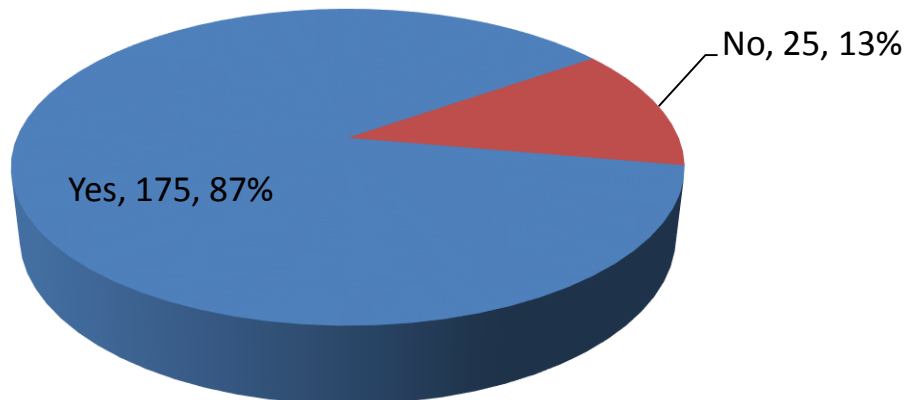
**Would you recommend that the COMSAE be
available to future students?**



Was the CBSE (NBME's Comprehensive Basic Science Exam) useful in helping identify your weak areas?



Would you recommend that the CBSE be available to future students?



What COMLEX preparation resource was the most helpful for you? (sorted by number of responses)	
Savarese (OMT Review/Green Book)	77
Uworld	66
COMBANK	46
First Aid	43
DIT	9
Sketchy (Micro/Pharm)	7
Did not use one	6
Pathoma	6
YouTube Viscerosomatic	5
TCOM Curriculum	4
Dr. Crow's book (COMLEX OMM Review)	1
Kaplan	1
NBME practice exams	1
Not sure	1
Osmosis	1
Qbanks	1
Reviewing Micro drugs	1
True Learn	1

What resource(s) do you think would have helped you be better prepared? (unedited responses sorted alphabetically)
2nd year OMM questions to be aligned with COMLEX
A question bank better than Combank - the questions were easier than the real test.
A subscription to Uworld instead of COMSAE or COMBANK
Another COMSAE practice exam after studying for a bit.
Better material over embryology and biochem
Combank
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Combank
Combank 1 week prior to taking the exam
Combank 1 week prior to test
COMLEX is too random.
COMLEX Qbank, Combank
Comquest
COMSAE given during dedicated, not the day after FOBS. Uworld.
COMSAE's
DIT
DIT
DIT
DIT
Do more questions
Doing more Combank questions in general, doing more questions during second year
Doing Uworld multiple times
Early Uworld
Finish Combank
Finish Uworld before 2nd year
First Aid
For our professors to integrate and emphasize high yield topics from First Aid/Uworld into lectures/DSA's throughout the years.
FYI COMSAE was NOT representative of COMLEX not worth taking
General Physiology Review Book
Getting out of class earlier in the year.
Goljan's book
Honestly the COMLEX was one of the worst written exams I have ever taken. It's actually embarrassing that we paid the same as USMLE for a subpar exam. And I don't think any resources will help prepare for that.
I don't believe that resource exists
I feel awful about COMLEX
I used all the best recommended resources for my learning style (Qbanks with thorough review and First Aid)
I would have started Combank earlier

What resource(s) do you think would have helped you be better prepared? (unedited responses sorted alphabetically)
If school provided Uworld and NBME's
Jeopardy
Kaplan
Kaplan
Less Uworld, More Combank
Make the COMSAE and NBME available to take when we are ready - not forced before many had started dedicated studying.
Microbiology covered in each system in greater depth
More anatomy
More COMSAE questions, I only took the one the school gave
More dedicated study time
More dedicated study time
More dedicated study time
More dedicated study time like ALL the other med schools
more dedicated time
More dedicated time
More dedicated time
More dedicated time
More dedicated time.
More First Aid
More guidance about prep/resources/schedules
More NBMEs
More notes in organized format
More OMM
More practice questions.
More practice questions.
More qbanks, more time in dedicated period
More questions
More questions
More questions
More questions
More sketchy micro/pharm
More time
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More time
More time 2 weeks. Starting Uworld earlier than everyone says.
More time and getting rid of required classes in 2nd year to have more time for self-study.
More time to study
More time to study between 2nd year ending and the board exam

What resource(s) do you think would have helped you be better prepared? (unedited responses sorted alphabetically)
More time to study without class, like 2-3 more weeks
More time. Maybe instead of one capstone week or an extra week before clinical skills.
More time; it's amazing how much better your students learn and perform when they spend less time in class and more time in the library.
More Uworld
More Uworld time
More Uworld, other q-banks
NBME practice exams
NBME's
No clue.
No idea
No idea
No one resource but I would have solidified my understanding of pharm and micro before 2nd year ended. Use First Aid more often throughout 1st and 2nd year.
Non-mandatory class
Not attending class so we could study. I feel robbed of study time b/c of class.
Not sure
Not sure
Not taking Capstone
Not taking Capstone, having more time to do actual work
Not using DIT - the videos took very long and didn't leave me review time after
Nothing - too many badly worded questions. Best bet is study using USMLE material.
OMT Review and Combank
Osmosis
Repro review
Reviewing DIT more, more practice questions
Run through First Aid more than 2 times
Savarese and Combank
School provided NBME self-assessment
School should encourage more intense boards prep starting in January
Sketchy Medical
Sketchy Pharm
Sketchy Pharm, Sketchy Micro
Some sort of pharm course
Start studying earlier, stop studying for class in January and just focus on board material.
Starting early! Doing questions from the first day of year 2.
Starting sooner
Starting Uworld earlier.
Structured program
Switch COMSAE and NBME test, it would have been better to take NBME after FOBS.
Take COMSAE and CBSE later. Doing board questions during 2nd year, but it was hard to find time.
Taking more COMSAE exams on my own would have helped
Taking Uworld (longer stems) on less time (self-imposed time limits) to prepare for the rushed timing of COMLEX.

What resource(s) do you think would have helped you be better prepared? (unedited responses sorted alphabetically)
Teach us Pharmacology and EKGs
The Q-banks were unlike the exam...too short stems on the q-banks so my timing was off on COMLEX.
Time
Use First Aid earlier
Using Uworld throughout 2nd year
Utilizing Uworld better
Uworld
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Uworld
Uworld
Uworld
Uworld
Uworld
Uworld 2x
Uworld earlier
Uworld for free, not Combank
Uworld instead of Combank
Uworld, Sketchy
Videos
Viscerosomatic videos
Wish I'd started earlier

The following pages contain a copy of the actual survey instrument.

Board Prep Survey

This survey is designed to provide a snapshot of how your class prepared for COMLEX Level 1. Your valuable feedback will aid in advising future TCOM students regarding Board Exam preparations.

INSTRUCTIONS: Completely fill the response bubble darkly.
Please use a PEN to record your answers darkly.

Like this: ● Not like this: ✓ ✗ 7



Enter your 8-digit
student ID:

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1. When did you start dedicated board study?

- ☐ At the beginning of second year by studying
board material with each system course
- ☐ In the Spring semester of second year
- ☐ After second year was completed
- ☐ Other _____

2. After you finished second year, how many days did you study for the boards?

- ☐ 1 - 14
- ☐ 15 - 30
- ☐ 31 - 45
- ☐ 46 - 60
- ☐ More than 60

3. After you finished second year, how many hours per day did you study for boards?

- ☐ 1 - 4
- ☐ 5 - 8
- ☐ 9 - 12
- ☐ 12+

4. How many question banks did you use?

- ☐ Only one
- ☐ More than one
- ☐ None

5. If you used a question bank, which did you use? (mark all that apply)

- ☐ Kaplan
- ☐ U-World
- ☐ Combank
- ☐ Comquest
- ☐ Other _____

6. If you used a question bank, approximately how many TOTAL questions did you work?

7. If you used a question bank, roughly what percentage of the bank(s) did you complete AFTER second year ended?

- ☐ 0 - 25%
- ☐ 26 - 50%
- ☐ 51 - 75%
- ☐ 76 - 100%

8. If you used a question bank, did you do any questions DURING second year?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

9. If you used a structured review course, which did you use? (mark all that apply)

- ☐ I did not use a structured review course
- ☐ Kaplan
- ☐ Doctors in Training (DIT)
- ☐ Northwestern Medical Review
- ☐ Other _____

10. Was the COMSAE (COMLEX Self-Assessment Exam) useful in helping identify your weak areas?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

11. Would you recommend that the COMSAE be available to future students?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

12. Was the CBSE (NBME's Comprehensive Basic Science Exam) useful in helping identify your weak areas?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

13. Would you recommend that the CBSE be available to future students?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

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14. What COMLEX preparation resource was the most helpful for you?

15. What resource(s) do you think would have helped you be better prepared?

Thank you for completing this survey!