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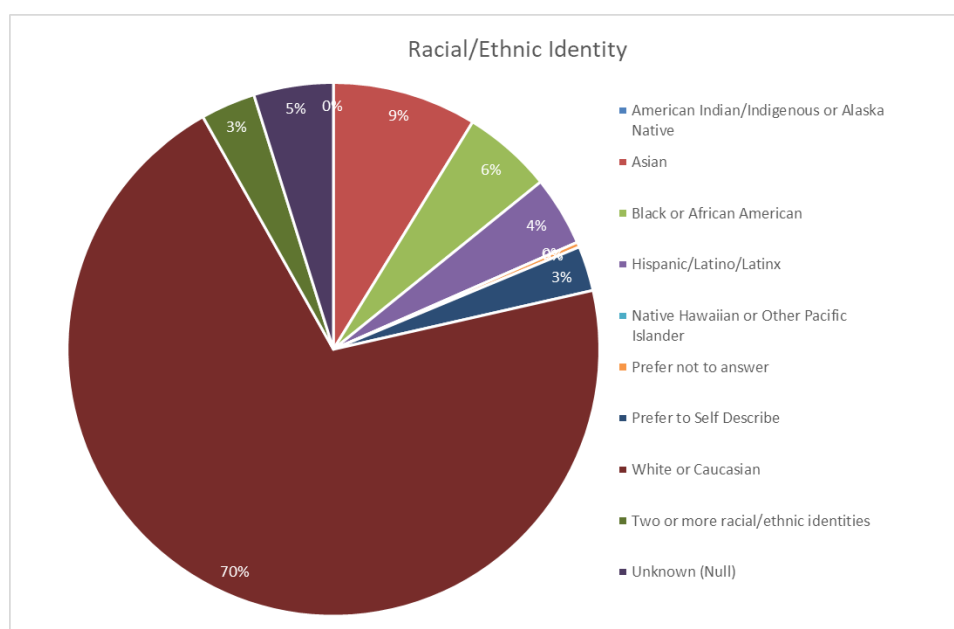
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About USMLE Committees & Task Forces

The United States Medical Licensing Examination® (USMLE®) program is both grateful and proud to list the names of the medical educators, academic researchers, practicing clinicians and other professionals who served as committee or task force members in 2022. Included you will find a list of cohorts comprising individuals whose expertise and dedication made it possible for the USMLE program to continue to serve the state and regional medical boards and the medical education community. These individuals enable the USMLE to achieve its goals of assessing a physician's ability to apply knowledge, concepts, principles and patient-centered skills.

In 2022, 331 individuals contributed to the USMLE examination program by creating and reviewing test materials. Of these, 50% identified as women and 45% as men.¹ More than 24% identify as from a historically underrepresented racial and ethnic group.



Nearly 62% of members held a medical degree; more than 29% held both a medical degree and an additional advanced degree; 6% held a PhD alone; and 2.7% of these members held other degrees from various disciplines. Geographically, more than 31% of committee members were from the Southern United States; nearly 26% were from the Central United States; nearly 28% were from the Northeast; and more than 15% were from the West Coast. More than 21% of members speak one or more languages other than English.

Nearly 5% of committee members reported to be either current or former members of state licensing boards. Individuals from more than 123 organizations served on a USMLE committee.

¹Sixteen (5%) USMLE committee and task force members did not report a gender identity.

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Financial arrangements for the USMLE program are managed jointly by FSMB and NBME through the USMLE Budget Committee, which consists of representatives appointed by FSMB and NBME. The committee meets annually to review and approve the statements of budgeted revenue and expenses and to review and revise, when needed, fees charged for USMLE examinations and ancillary fees.

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A majority of the committee's time is spent reviewing cases of possible irregular behavior. Irregular behavior includes any action by applicants, examinees or others that could compromise the validity, integrity or security of the USMLE process. Examples of irregular behavior include, but are not limited to, communicating or attempting to communicate about test items, cases and/or answers; altering or misrepresenting examination scores or outcomes; or possessing unauthorized materials in the secure testing area. The CIR carefully considers all available pertinent information and evidence when rendering a decision. If the committee determines that an individual engaged in irregular behavior, an annotation to that effect will appear on applicable score reports and transcripts for that examinee. Further, the committee has the authority to report their findings to the Federation of State Medical Boards' Physician Data Center and/or other legitimately interested entities as well as bar the individual from future administrations of USMLE.

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