**University of Arizona College of Medicine-Tucson**

**MS2 NBME CAS Pilot Project**

**AY 2016-2017**

**Goal:**

To implement a pilot project in our second year medical student curriculum for academic year 2016/2017 for the I & I, Life Cycle, and Advanced Topics blocks using NBME block appropriate questions in an effort to expose our students to the NBME question format, question timing, and question types in an effort to try and increase our collective USMLE Step 1 exam average.

**Exam Characteristics:**

The NBME CAS exams will be administered in compliance with the NBME CAS system (e.g. 72 seconds/item). The length of the NBME CAS exams will be determined by the Block Directors and by the terms of our agreement with the NBME.

**Block Grade Weights:**

The NBME CAS exam(s) will count as part of a block’s MK score, for a maximum weight of 10%.

**Exam Day Logistics:**

ExamSoft and/or NBME CAS will be used for any written exams in a block with at least one exam as a minimum. If both ExamSoft and NBME are used on the same day, the ExamSoft exam will first be administered to the entire class followed by a staggered NBME exam. Please note that due to NBME logistics, only one half of the class can take the NBME exams at a time.

**NBME Make-Up Exams:**

The NBME exam will not be offered before the scheduled exam date. If student has an excused absence NBME exam day, they will need to arrange their make-up exam with their block director and coordinator.