

**AMA IMG SECTION
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**FEDERATION UPDATE AND LICENSURE
CONCERNS**

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OVERVIEW

- **The Federation of State Medical Boards (FSMB)**
- **Licensure Concerns**
- **Opportunities for International Medical Graduates**

FSMB — THE ORGANIZATION & ITS MISSION

ORGANIZATION

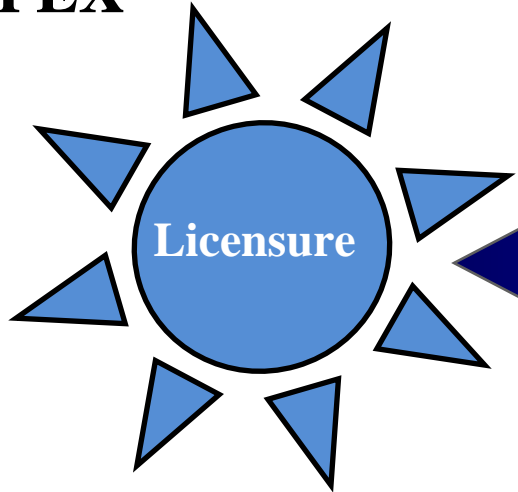
- 70 member state medical boards
- Non-Profit Association since 1912
- Located in Dallas/Fort Worth

MISSION

Continual improvement in the quality, safety and integrity of health care through the development and promotion of high standards for physician licensure and practice.

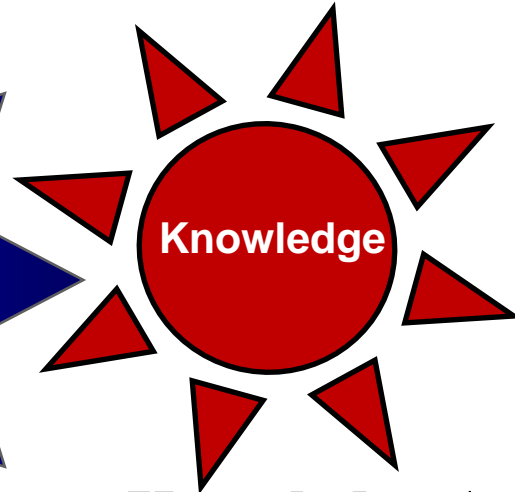
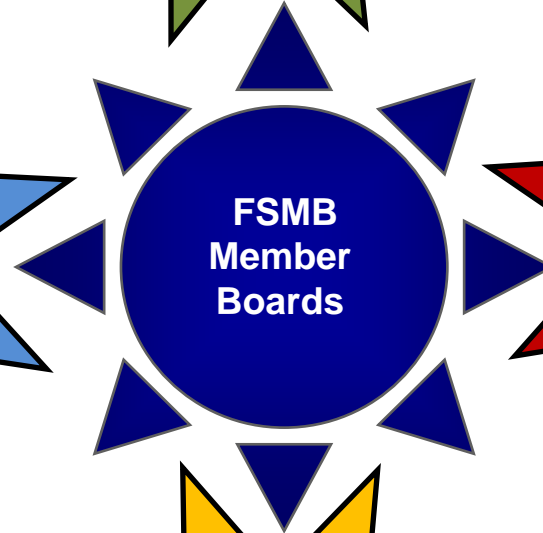
Licensure:

- USMLE
- FCVS
- SPEX



Regulation:

- PDC
- Internet Clearinghouse
- PLAS



Knowledge Acquisition:

- Education
- Publications
- Library/Research

Policy/Advocacy:

- Pain Guidelines
- Legislative Monitoring
- State/Federal Advocacy



NEED FOR NATIONAL STANDARDS

✦ Guiding Principles for Maintenance of Licensure

- MOL should support physicians' commitment to lifelong learning and facilitate improvement in physician practice.
- MOL systems should be administratively feasible and should be developed in collaboration with other stakeholders. The authority for establishing MOL requirements should remain within the purview of state medical boards.

GUIDING PRINCIPLES (CONT'D)

- **MOL should not be overly burdensome for the profession and should not hinder physician mobility.**
- **The infrastructure to support physician compliance with MOL requirements must be flexible and offer a choice of options for meeting requirements.**
- **MOL processes should balance transparency with privacy protections.**

NEXT STEPS

- ✦ **Pilot projects to evaluate financial and operational implications of MOL on medical regulatory systems and relevant stakeholders**
- ✦ **Design implementation models that take into account the different regulatory configurations within which state medical boards operate**

NEXT STEPS (CONT'D)

- ✦ **Gather and disseminate studies documenting the validity and reliability of assessment instruments for use in measuring competence**
- ✦ **Engage appropriate organizations in developing evidence regarding the impact of maintenance of licensure on physician practice and patient care**

MEASURING AND EVALUATING PHYSICIAN COMPETENCE IN THE FUTURE

Physician Accountability for Physician Competence summits

- Multi-stakeholder initiative to answer question:
“How will the healthcare community measure and evaluate the continued competence of physicians in the future?”
- Will have significant impact on how state medical boards proceed with implementing requirements for maintenance of licensure

PHYSICIAN REENTRY TO PRACTICE

- ✦ **Growing number of physicians facing reentry challenges**
- ✦ **Lack of data regarding practice status**
- ✦ **Requirements for initial licensure vs. requirements for reentry**

IMG INVOLVEMENT IN FSMB ACTIVITIES

- ✦ **Finance Committee**
- ✦ **Nominating Committee**
- ✦ **National Clearinghouse Workgroup**
- ✦ **Representative to ACGME**
- ✦ **Appointee to ECFMG**
- ✦ **USMLE Committees**

IMG'S ON USMLE COMMITTEES

✦ **Step 1 Oversight Committee**

✦ **Step 1 Standard Setting Panel**

✦ **Step 1 Test materials development**

IMG's on USMLE COMMITTEES (cont)

- ✦ **Step 2 Oversight Committee**
- ✦ **Step 2 Standard Setting Panel**
- ✦ **Step 2 Interdisciplinary Review Committee**
- ✦ **Step 2 Test Materials Development Committee**

IMG's on USMLE COMMITTEES (cont)

- ✦ **Step 3 Standard Setting Panel**
- ✦ **Step 3 Test Materials Development Committee**
- ✦ **Step 3 Interdisciplinary Review Committee**
- ✦ **Committee to Evaluate the USMLE Program (CEUP)**

**Thank You for your service to the
FSMB**

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