International Medical Graduates Section (IMGS) Committees

2019-2020 International Medical Graduates Section Committees

Acculturation Committee

Bhushan Pandya, MD – Past chair
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Mission:

■ To provide assistance with the integration of International Medical Graduates into American medicine to improve patient care and health outcomes
■ Help the American medical community understand the challenges overcome by IMGs
■ Establish awareness as well as demonstrate the diversity brought by IMGs
■ Identify opportunities to help IMGs get familiar with the American medical culture and opportunities for the American physicians to understand and appreciate the value and challenges of different cultures
■ Develop an acculturation module resource

Resolutions and Reports Policy Committee

Colonel Ronit Katz, MD – Delegate
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Kamalika Roy, MD – Alternate delegate
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Mission:

■ Develop at least three well-written and researched reports or resolutions for the Interim and Annual HOD meetings
■ Identify two issues that require IMGS advocacy efforts

Research, Development and Graduate Medical Education (as needed basis)
Mission:

Recruit at least five committee members. Effectively lead the survey discussions and analyses. Work with ECFMG-certified students and residents, develop IMG surveys to understand how to assist ECFMG-certified physicians awaiting residency and other populations.

Work with the Council on Medical Education Subcommittee on Graduate Medical Education to assist with the following:

- Advance the GME efforts of the IMG Section
- Work to ensure that IMGS continue to obtain GME positions now and in the future
- Direct GME effort at state and federal level
- Work to raise awareness of GME problem at grassroots level

Nominating Committee

Subhash Chandra, MD, FAPA – Immediate past chair
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Mission:

- Recruit a diverse pool of candidates for the IMGS GC elections
- Present a diverse slate for the 2020 IMGS GC online ballot
- Validate 2020 election winners

Committee for Internal & External Relationships – On hold

Subhash Chandra, MD, FAPA – Immediate past chair
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Mission:

- Recruit at least 10 diverse committee members
- Develop a liaison relationship with external IMG groups (states, specialties, ethnic associations, state legislators) and internal sections and special groups of the AMA
- Create one new IMG Section/Committee in at least one state that does not have one
- Collaborate with Desserts Reception Committee to assist with obtaining funding support

Leadership Development Program
Subhash Chandra, MD, FAPA – Immediate past chair
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Mission:
- Recruit at least 10 diverse committee members
- Develop the program/speaker for the Busharat Ahmad, MD Leadership Program for the Interim and Annual Meeting
- Discover what resources or tools IMGs need in order to ascend into leadership positions

Desserts reception

Desserts Reception – IMGS Governing Council/staff
img@ama-assn.org

Mission:
- Assist in the development and promotion of the Annual Desserts From Around the World Reception for June event

Social media

Toms Vengaloor Thomas, MD – Resident/fellow
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Mission:
- To develop team of committee members to devise ideas for social media regarding IMGS. Ideas will be transmitted to IMG staff and AMA digital strategy.

US IMGS special interest group

US IMGS Special Interest Group
img@ama-assn.org

Registration (members only)

Mission:
This USIMG program is dedicated to U.S. citizens and permanent residents who are attending
medical school in the Caribbean and have not yet obtained their ECFMG certification. Through this new program, students are invited to become involved with the AMA and obtain the following benefits:

- Learn how patients and physicians benefit from the advocacy efforts of the IMG Section
- Take advantage of networking opportunities with other students, resident physicians and practicing physicians
- Enjoy instant access to the AMA Medical Student Section (MSS) and IMGS
- Attend the Annual and Interim Meetings of the MSS and IMGS including the annual IMGS Symposium
- View webinars and videos showcasing practical tips for a successful residency program Match
- Stay current on how the ECFMG certification process works
- Gain valuable practice through our mock residency program interview opportunities
- Obtain financial planning resources and loan consolidation information to help ease worries about debt

**USIMG Committee**

Chair, Ricardo Correa, MD  
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Tani Malhotra, MD  
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**Mission:**

- Engage USIMGs by providing outreach and have more standardized approach
- Determine needs of USIMGs
- Work with residents, physicians and alumni associations