

AMERICAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION HOUSE OF DELEGATES

Resolution: 4  
(A-18)

Introduced by: International Medical Graduates Section

Subject: U.S. Institutions with Restricted Medical Licensure

Referred to: Reference Committee \_\_\_\_\_  
(\_\_\_\_\_, Chair)

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1 Whereas, IMGs in the past were permitted to work in academic institutions in some states,  
2 either for their specific skills or for a need due to scarce interest of American physicians in  
3 certain specialties or geographical areas; and

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5 Whereas, These physicians were allowed to work with an institutional or faculty temporary  
6 license granted by their local State Medical Board without having completed the USMLE  
7 examination, having ECFMG certification and without being American Board certified or eligible  
8 in their specialty; and

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10 Whereas, These physicians completed medical school and specialty training abroad were often  
11 excellent candidates with strong curricula and their titles were recognized equivalent to the ones  
12 received in the U.S. by the receiving academic institution to allow them to work; and

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14 Whereas, In recent years, these physicians faced the problem that many academic and non-  
15 academic institutions created rules to have only American Board Certified physicians among  
16 their faculty/staff and were unwilling to grant institutional licenses any longer; and

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18 Whereas, This issue creates a dramatic situation for these physicians who have practiced in the  
19 U.S. for many years, bringing unique skills and much needed service for the American people  
20 and medical system; and

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22 Whereas, In these academic institutions, these physicians have actively trained many medical  
23 students and specialists and have started new programs to allow young American physicians to  
24 become eligible to work without restrictions while their IMG professors are not; and

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26 Whereas, These IMGs were admitted to work in the U.S. to fill a void and a need which may  
27 affect them due to more restrictive changes which are not considering such unique situations.  
28 These physicians are faced with losing their jobs without the ability to practice anywhere in the  
29 U.S.; therefore be it

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31 RESOLVED, That the American Medical Association work with the Organized and Medical Staff  
32 Section and other stakeholders to prevent hospitals from restricting the practice of medicine  
33 only to American Board certified physicians (Directive to Take Action); and be it

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35 RESOLVED, That the AMA work with the Federation of State Medical Boards and other  
36 stakeholders to develop a process to grant unrestricted licensure for those who have practiced  
37 at least 10 years in U.S. academic institutions under institutional or faculty temporary licensure.  
38 (Directive to Take Action)

RELEVANT AMA POLICY  
None.

