

AMERICAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION HOUSE OF DELEGATES

Resolution: 2
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Introduced by: International Medical Graduates Section
Subject: AMA Membership of US-IMGs at AMA-MSS Level
Referred to: Reference Committee
(, Chair)

1 Whereas, US-IMGs are U.S. citizens enrolled in medical schools outside the country,
2 who serve and practice medicine in the U.S. after completion of their medical training;
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5 Whereas, The match rate of US-IMGs is 59% and is growing every year as per the latest
6 National Resident Matching Program report; and
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8 Whereas, The AMA House of Delegates represent the interests of physicians at every level, be
9 it state, specialty, sexual orientation, gender, medical student, resident, young physician,
10 international medical graduates and senior physicians; and
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12 Whereas, The AMA-Medical Student Section (MSS) strives to be the medical students'
13 leading voice for improving medical education and advocating for the future of
14 medicine;¹ and
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16 Whereas, US-IMG medical students are U.S. citizens attending medical school outside the U.S.
17 and account for 26% of all IMGs in the U.S.; and
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19 Whereas, AMA members save up to 30% on USMLE test prep and have full-access to the
20 JAMA Network to prepare the medical students for their specialty¹. The AMA membership will
21 give them a platform for their voice to be heard and concerns to be addressed to be a better
22 U.S. physician of tomorrow; and
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24 Whereas, After obtaining accreditation, the National Committee on Foreign Medical Education
25 and Accreditation (NCFMEA) of the U.S. Department of Education evaluates the local
26 organization's accreditation standards and determines whether or not they are comparable to
27 that of the LCME in the United States;² and
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29 Whereas, A first-year medical student enrolled in an LCME- or AOA-accredited program, can
30 enroll through an AMA medical student membership liaison. A medical student of a Caribbean
31 medical school accredited by the Caribbean Accreditation Authority for Education in Medicine
32 and Other Health Professions (CAAM-HP) or the Accreditation Commission on Colleges of
33 Medicine (ACCM) which is equivalent to the Liaison Committee on Medical Education (LCME),²
34 cannot enroll in AMA; therefore, be it
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36 RESOLVED, That our American Medical Association study the feasibility and find a mechanism
37 to accept the membership of US citizens who are enrolled in medical schools outside the United
38 States at the medical student level, to better integrate them in AMA as an organization and
39 healthcare of the country in general (Directive to Take Action).

References

1. About the Medical Student Section (MSS) <https://www.ama-assn.org/member-groups-sections/medical-students/about-medical-student-section-mss>
2. Caribbean Med School Accreditation <https://www.studentdoc.com/accredited-medical-school.html>

RELEVANT AMA POLICY

None.

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Fiscal Note: Not yet determined

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