AMERICAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION HOUSE OF DELEGATES

Resolution: 3
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Introduced by: International Medical Graduates Section

Subject: Elevating Barriers Facing International Medical Graduate Engagement in Physician-Led Organizations

Referred to: Reference Committee

Whereas, International Medical Graduates (IMG) practicing in the U.S. have met licensing requirements and practicing privileges in their corresponding healthcare organizations; and

Whereas, IMGs like their U.S. counterparts, seek engagement with their specialty and subspecialty colleagues by joining physician led societies; and

Whereas, Professional medical societies frequently require board certification for their membership; and

Whereas, A segment of IMGs pursues U.S. fellowship training without obtaining the U.S. residency training; and

Whereas, The lack of the U.S. residency training deprives this segment of IMGs from being Board eligible and therefore, from being eligible for Professional Medical Societies memberships; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the American Medical Association advocate for removing the burdens facing IMGs as they seek membership and leadership positions in their chosen societies; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the AMA lobby other national physician-led organizations to eliminate board certification for international medical graduates or offer alternative pathways to membership that promote their IMG engagements to the best of their abilities.

References:
American Association of Medical Colleges, 2020 Physician Specialty Data Report, Table 2.5 Number and Percentage of ACGME Residents and Fellows Who Are International Medical Graduates (IMGs) by Specialty, 2019

Fiscal Note: Not yet determined

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RELEVANT AMA POLICY
None.