AMERICAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION HOUSE OF DELEGATES

Resolution: 3
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Introduced by: International Medical Graduates Section

Subject: Alleviating 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; (Directive to Take Action) and be it further

RESOLVED, That the AMA lobby other national physician-led organizations to eliminate board certification as a full membership requirement for international medical graduates or offer alternative pathways to full membership that promote their IMG engagements. (Directive to Take Action)

References:

Fiscal Note: Not yet determined
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RELEVANT AMA POLICY
None.