

# WITHDRAWN BY IMG SECTION

## AMERICAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION HOUSE OF DELEGATES

Resolution: 3  
(A-22)

Introduced by: International Medical Graduates Section

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

Referred to: Reference Committee

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1 Whereas, International Medical Graduates (IMG) practicing in the U.S. have met licensing  
2 requirements and practicing privileges in their corresponding healthcare organizations; and  
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4 Whereas, IMGs like their U.S. counterparts, seek engagement with their specialty and  
5 subspecialty colleagues by joining physician led societies; and  
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7 Whereas, Professional medical societies frequently require board certification for their  
8 membership; and  
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10 Whereas, A segment of IMGs pursues U.S. fellowship training without obtaining the U.S.  
11 residency training; and  
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13 Whereas, The lack of the U.S. residency training deprives this segment of IMGs from being  
14 Board eligible and therefore, from being eligible for Professional Medical Societies  
15 memberships; therefore, be it  
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17 RESOLVED, That the American Medical Association advocate for removing the burdens facing  
18 IMGs as they seek membership and leadership positions in their chosen societies; (Directive to  
19 Take Action) and be it further  
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21 RESOLVED, That the AMA lobby other national physician-led organizations to eliminate board  
22 certification as a full membership requirement for international medical graduates or offer  
23 alternative pathways to full membership that promote their IMG engagements. (Directive to  
24 Take Action)

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### References:

1. American Association of Medical Colleges, 2020 Physician Specialty Data Report.
2. American College of Obstetricians & Gynecology; <https://www.acog.org/membership/join/practicing-physicians>
3. American Academy of Pediatrics: Fellows; <http://www.aap.org>
4. American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons; <https://www.facs.org/member-services/join/fellows>

Fiscal Note: Not yet determined

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**RELEVANT AMA POLICY**

None.