

WITHDRAWN BY IMG SECTION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

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

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

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

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

13 RESOLVED, That the American Medical Association advocate for removing the burdens facing
14 IMGs as they seek membership and leadership positions in their chosen societies; (Directive to
15 Take Action) and be it further

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

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.