

The Editor

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Dear Editor,

It is a pleasure to pen down these words for the first edition of The Journal For International Medical Graduates. I am writing to propose adding a blog or highlight space within the Journal to accentuate the anecdotes of International Medical Graduates (IMGs) across various specialties and interests. IMGs are known to be resilient and tenacious in the face of challenging circumstances, a set of qualities that conveys inspiring autobiographies and interviews.

IMGs undergo rigorous screening to obtain licensure; this is the case in the United States (US), Canada, Australia, and the United Kingdom, to mention a few. Zooming in on the US, the Educational Commission For Foreign Medical Graduates (ECFMG) ensures that each IMG is thoroughly assessed and meets the criteria for certification. According to the ECFMG website, IMGs that are seeking ECFMG certification must meet the following eligibility criteria:

- Graduate/student of a medical school meeting the requirements of ECFMG.
- Successful completion of the United States Medical Licensing Examination (USMLE) Step 1 and Step 2 Clinical Knowledge (CK).
- The candidate must complete one of the newly proposed ECFMG pathways with a satisfactory score on the Occupational English Test (OET) Medicine or a passing report on the recently discontinued USMLE Step 2 Clinical Skills (CS).

It's important to note that the ECFMG requires fulfillment of the above criteria within a specific timeframe, and a limited examination attempt is standard.

IMGs completing these benchmarks prove themselves educationally comparable to their US graduate counterparts. Unfortunately, there remains a reservation about our capabilities, abilities, and efficacy in our role as clinical medical practitioners and academics. Featuring the experiences of successful IMGs on this inclusive platform will invigorate other aspiring IMG physicians. It will also emphasize our strengths and ability to thrive as world-class physicians with significant achievements in various fields of medicine.

As an IMG navigating the US medical system for the past few years, I have gained invaluable insight, courage, and inspiration from other IMGs paving the path ahead of me. I have no doubts that having access to an additional resource featuring the success and journey of our colleagues will prove beneficial to us and infuse an optimistic essence into the readers of this Journal.

A positive increase in the success rate of IMGs lies in our voice and our ability to empower ourselves. I look forward to seeing the impactful efficacious changes that our collective contributions bring.



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