



INTERNATIONAL MEDICAL GRADUATE TASKFORCE

About Our Organization

The international Medical Graduate (IMG) Taskforce comprises professionals in medicine and law who are dedicated to helping Americans in rural and other physician- shortage areas obtain the basic medical services they so desperately need and deserve. Among other goals, we strive to educate national and state policy makers, administrative officials, and the American public on the need for fair and reasonable laws for allowing international medical graduates to become licensed as physicians and to begin or continue their medical careers in the United States. We work on behalf of universities, teaching hospitals, medical centers, and clinics of all sizes, and on behalf of international medical graduates seeking necessary authorizations. Given the inherent complexities and constant shifting of underlying laws and policies, we also collegially support each other. Ultimately, we share a deep desire to ensure that American in underserved areas and underserved populations of the United States receive adequate health care services.

A central goal of the IMG taskforce is to educate national and state policy makers, administrative officials, and the American public on the need for fair and reasonable laws that allow international medical graduates to become licensed physicians and to begin or continue their medical careers in the United States. To this end, we develop key relationships with legislators and policy makers in both federal and state government agencies in order to ensure that the needs of international medical graduates are considered in the development of policy and law. Members of the IMG Taskforce lend their unique expertise in physician immigration matters to promote the best interests of international medical graduates in these areas.

The IMG Taskforce has been a major force in the physician immigration legislation and policy over the last several years. Current advocacy efforts seek to address the need for Conrad 30 reauthorization, visa retrogression, nonimmigrant and immigrant visa caps, and other issues of concern to international medical graduates their patients and their employers.