APA Official Actions

Position Statement: Resolution Opposing Any Restriction on the Number of IMGs Entering Graduate Medical Training

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Issue:

The contribution of International Medical Graduates to psychiatric practice is incalculable. This is particularly true for severely mentally ill patients being treated in inner city hospitals, state hospitals, prison, etc. An arbitrary ceiling on the number of International Medical Graduates in graduate medical training will have a devastating impact on delivery of mental health care in the years to come.

APA Position:

Therefore be it resolved, that the American Psychiatric Association firmly opposes any such restriction on the number of International Medical Graduates entering into graduate medical training.

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