**OHIO STATE MEDICAL ASSOCIATION HOUSE OF DELEGATES**

**Resolution No. 04 – 2020**

**Introduced by:** OSMA Resident Fellow Section

**Subject:** Parity for International Medical Graduates with US Medical Graduates in

Years of GME Requirement for Licensure

**Referred to:** Resolutions Committee No. 1

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**WHEREAS**, The State Medical Board of Ohiorequires IMGs (International Medical Graduates) to complete 2 years of GME (Graduate Medical Education) training to be eligible for licensure while requiring only 1 year of GME training for USMGs (LCME accredited US Medical School Graduates); and

**WHEREAS**, Before being admitted into GME training, IMGs must complete a rigorous credentialing and testing process by the ECFMG (Educational Council for Foreign Medical Graduates); and

**WHEREAS**, The qualifying examinations used by the ECFMG for testing IMGs assess basic science and clinical knowledge, problem solving and clinical encounter skills and match or exceed the standards used for USMGs; and

**WHEREAS**, IMGs undergo the same GME training as USMGs at the same ACGME accredited training programs; satisfying all the same educational and performance standards; and

**WHEREAS**, The performance of the public assurance and protection goals and duties of our State Medical Board are therefore adequately satisfied without imposing additional requirements on IMGs more than those required for USMGs; and

**WHEREAS**, The imposition of additional GME training requirement for IMGs poses gratuitous hardship on IMGs in planning and starting a career after GME training, such as waiting one whole academic year; and

**WHEREAS**, This unnecessary delay does not serve our patient population well and exacerbates patient access problems in the continuing physician workforce shortage in our country; **therefore be it**

**RESOLVED**, That the Ohio State Medical Association adopt a policy supporting parity in the number of years of GME training required for IMGs and USMGs to obtain state medical licensure; and, **be it further**

**RESOLVED**, That the Ohio State Medical Association aggressively pursue, including by legislative means, parity in the number of years of GME training requirement for IMGs and USMGs for licensure, and report back on the progress in two years.

**Fiscal Note:** $ None Provided (Sponsor)

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