

Chancellor's Memorandum

CM-39 – Participation of Foreign Physicians in Graduate Medical Education & Training

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Monitoring Unit: Offices of Graduate Medical Education & International Services

I. PURPOSE

LSU Health Sciences Center at New Orleans (LSUHSC-NO) provides opportunities through its Office of Graduate Medical Education (GME) for the advanced specialized training of physicians through patient care, teaching, and research, including the admission and certification for Foreign Physicians who wish to receive graduate medical education or training.

This policy describes the guidelines for such participation by Foreign Physicians in LSUHSC-NO clinical graduate medical education and training but does not apply to individuals seeking dental residency/fellowship training under licensing from the Louisiana State Board of Dentistry

II. DEFINITIONS

1. **Foreign Physicians** - are individuals with an MD degree or equivalent, not in possession of US Citizenship or Permanent Resident status, seeking to participate in graduate medical residency or fellowship training programs at LSUHSC-NO.

III. GENERAL POLICY GUIDELINES

1. Foreign Physicians may be selected for LSUHSC-NO graduate medical education residency and fellowship training positions. LSUHSC-NO will facilitate acquisition of required J-1 Alien Physician documents through ECFMG, which has exclusive authority, delegated by the U.S. Department of State, to issue proper immigration-related documents for Foreign Physicians seeking graduate medical education or training in the United States.
2. LSU Health Sciences Center New Orleans will not sponsor H-1B status or otherwise act as a petitioning employer or immigration sponsor to obtain a suitable work authorized immigration status for Foreign Physicians wishing to undertake graduate medical education residency or fellowship training.
3. Other immigration status or work authorization options that do *not* require sponsorship from LSUHSC-NO but that will remain valid through the projected duration of the training program, as of the program start date, may be used to commence or continue the graduate medical education residency or fellowship training of Foreign Physicians if all documentation is provided, as required by law.

4. Limited requests for exception to this policy will be considered on a case by case basis. The request must be made in writing with sufficient documentation, initiated by the appropriate department and approved by the School of Medicine Dean's Office, Office of International Services, and the Vice Chancellor of Academic Affairs (VCAA) prior to filing of any petition or application with U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services. The decision of the VCAA in any such appeal shall be final.