Our Mission

Ensure that Internationally Trained Physicians are integrated effectively and equitably into the Canadian healthcare system.

Objectives

- To support and aid the process to cooperatively improve employment opportunities for all International Trained Physicians.
- To working collaboratively with other stakeholders to identify and develop appropriate assessment, orientation, upgrading and integration programs for internationally trained physicians.
- To provide needed information to members on licensing and meaningful employment in the healthcare field.

Who Are We?

The Association of International Physicians and Surgeons of Nova Scotia (AIPS-NS) is collective voice for Internationally Trained Physicians. We are a professional association representing physicians and surgeons trained and licensed in jurisdictions outside Canada who are eager to practice their profession. We believe our members’ knowledge, talent and skills will add significant value to Nova Scotians in need of medical care.

Background

Founded in 2005 with 7 members, AIPS-NS now represents over 100 physicians and surgeons from over 25 countries. Our members are at various stages in the licensing process. Unfortunately most are not yet licensed to practice medicine in Nova Scotia.

Our Recommendations for Change

- Ensure that all Internationally Trained Physicians living in Canada have access to a fair and timely assessment process.
- Develop short-term training programs through a continuing medical education approach for IMGs who may have learning gaps based on Canadian standards.
- Create a pathway that includes specialist physicians.
- Grant “IMG Status” by Dalhousie Faculty of Medicine to Internationally Trained Physicians upon completion of the MCCEE and being active members in the AIPS-NS, to allow access to the medical library, medical/surgical rounds and continuing medical education programs.
- Ensure that Internationally Trained Physicians have adequate access to financial aid so that they can pursue licensure.
More Recommendations for Change

- Facilitate opportunities for observer-ships as a learning process for IMGs to become more familiar with professional practice and the healthcare system in Canada.

- Ensure representation from International Trained Physicians Organizations in IMGs designed programs consultations, evaluation processes and advisory structures.

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"In our midst, there are skilled and knowledgeable medical professionals who are ready, willing and able to make a difference."

“Working with our colleagues in other provinces, we will raise the profile of our issues creating opportunities for Internationally Trained Physicians and Surgeons to be integrated effectively and equitably into the healthcare system. Working together we can provide high quality healthcare in Nova Scotia."