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To Whom It May Concern:

Please be advised that the Board requires certain criteria in lieu of the cumulative training requirements in the United States for issuing a license by endorsement and a graduate license by waiver. Upon receipt of proof of meeting one of the following two criteria, an application will be reviewed by the Board.

1. American Specialty Board Certification **OR** foreign specialty board certification which is equivalent to American Board Certification. Evidence of equivalency must be certified by the respective Board and must give specifics as to training requirements and examinations. Proof of certification must also be submitted.
2. **A COMBINATION OF BOTH** full time university of full-time clinical teaching appointment **AND** worldwide or national recognition of expertise including publications in acknowledged journals listed in the Index Medicus or the Medline Data Base. Verification of teaching experience must be certified by the respective school/hospital. Proof of the listing in the Index Medicus or Medline Data Base must be submitted.

**FOREIGN SPECIALTY CERTIFICATION BOARDS DEEMED
COMPARABLE TO AMERICAN BOARDS**

ARGENTINA

BOARD OF PEDIATRICS ARGENTINE SOCIETY OF PEDIATRICS

AUSTRALIA

ROYAL AUSTRALIAN COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS

ROYAL AUSTRALIAN COLLEGE OF RADIOLOGISTS

BRAZIL

BRAZILIAN COLLEGE OF SURGEONS

BELGIUM

BELGIUM BOARD OF ANESTHESIA (MINISTRY OF PUBLIC HEALTH)

BRITISH COLUMBIA

ROYAL COLLEGE OF PHYSICIAN AND SURGEONS OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

CANADA

ROYAL COLLEGE OF FAMILY PHYSICIANS OF CANADA

CHILE

CHILE BOARD OF PEDIATRICS

CHILE BOARD OF PEDIATRIC PULMONOLOGY

ENGLAND

ROYAL COLLEGE OF OBSTETRICIANS & GYNECOLOGISTS OF LONDON, ENGLAND

ROYAL COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS OF LONDON, ENGLAND

ROYAL COLLEGE OF PSYCHIATRISTS OF LONDON, ENGLAND

ROYAL COLLEGE OF RADIOLOGISTS OF LONDON, ENGLAND

ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF LONDON, ENGLAND

EUROPE

EUROPEAN BOARD OF UROLOGY

FRANCE

BOARD OF NEUROLOGY OF FRANCE

BOARD OF PSYCHIATRY OF FRANCE

INDIA

NATIONAL BOARD OF INDIA – PEDIATRICS

NATIONAL BOARD OF INDIA – RADIO DIAGNOSIS

IRAN

IRANIAN BOARD OF NEUROLOGICAL SURGERY

IRAQ

IRAQI COMMISSION FOR MEDICAL SPECIALIZATION - GENERAL SURGERY

IRELAND

ROYAL COLLEGE OF PHYSICIAN OF IRELAND

ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF IRELAND

ISRAEL

ISRAELI BOARD OF INTERNAL MEDICINE

ISRAELI BOARD OF CLINICAL & RADIATION ONCOLOGY

ISRAELI BOARD OF PEDIATRICS

ISRAELI BOARD OF OPHTHALMOLOGY

ISRAELI BOARD OF OTOLARYNGOLOGY

ISRAELI BOARD OF FAMILY MEDICINE

ISRAELI BOARD OF RADIOLOGY

ITALY

ITALIAN BOARD OF CARDIOLOGY

ITALIAN BOARD OF CARDIOVASCULAR SURGERY

ITALIAN SPECIALTY BOARDS IN RADIOLOGY

JAPAN

JAPANESE BOARD OF GENERAL SURGERY & GASTROENTEROLOGICAL SURGERY

JAPAN SURGICAL SOCIETY

JORDAN

ARAB BOARD OF PEDIATRICS

NORWAY

BOARD OF PEDIATRICS OF NORWAY

PHILIPPINES

PHILIPPINE BOARD OF GENERAL SURGERY

PHILIPPINE PEDIATRIC SOCIETY

POLAND

POLISH BOARD OF PEDIATRICS

SCOTLAND

ROYAL COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS OF EDINBURGH, SCOTLAND

ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF EDINBURGH, SCOTLAND

ROYAL COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS AND SURGEONS OF GLASGOW, SCOTLAND

SOUTH AFRICA

COLLEGE OF MEDICINE OF SOUTH AFRICA

THE SOUTH AFRICAN MEDICAL AND DENTAL COUNCIL - PEDIATRICS

SWITZERLAND

SWISS BOARD OF MEDICAL RADIOLOGY/DIAGNOSTIC RADIOLOGY

THAILAND

ROYAL COLLEGE OF ANESTHESIOLOGISTS - THAILAND

TURKEY

TURKISH BOARD OF OB/GYN

TURKISH BOARD OF PEDIATRICS

TURKISH BOARD OF OTOLARYNGOLOGY

***** IF CERTIFICATION BOARD IS NOT LISTED, APPLICANT MUST HAVE INFORMATION INDICATED IN #1 OF LETTER SUBMITTED FOR REVIEW *****

The Board may waive its educational requirements if the applicant has achieved a combination of the following:

(1) American Specialty Board Certification

(2) Foreign Specialty Board certification the Board deems comparable to American Board Certification. Applicants are required to submit information pertaining to the Foreign Certification Board for Board review to prove comparability

or a combination of:

(3) Worldwide or National Recognition of expertise including publications in acknowledged journals listed in the Index Medicus or the Medline Data Base. Applicants are required to submit at least two of their publications for Board review; and

(4) Either full-time university or full-time clinical (teaching) appointment

The Board will not authorize a physician to begin training in an above-entry level specialty if the physician has not passed an acceptable examination recognized by the Board. A graduate license may be issued to a physician for Level One until such time that the physician passes an acceptable examination. The Board may authorize the physician to train in an above-entry level specialty when a renewal notice, copy of the examination scores and fee are received by the Board Office. These applications will be processed administratively in the Board Office if the physician meets the additional requirements for licensure as outlined in the Medical Practice Act, Rules and Regulations, and Policies of the Board. All applications for a graduate license by waiver must be reviewed by the Board. Board Staff will present all graduate license applications

which do not meet standard requirements for consideration of a waiver.

The Board reserves the right to review all applications for a graduate license by waiver to determine if the applicant possesses the technical skills and educational background to participate in training and that the issuance of the graduate license is beneficial to the health, safety and welfare of the people.

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