NORTH CAROLINA BAPTIST HOSPITALS, INC.
POLICY AND PROCEDURE

From: Physician Services

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SUBJECT: INTERNATIONAL MEDICAL GRADUATE RESIDENT POSITIONS

I. POLICY

It is the policy of North Carolina Baptist Hospitals, Inc. that any international medical graduate, who meets all the requirements of this institution and the state licensure board, will be considered for a residency position in a similar manner to United States graduates, whenever possible.

II. PURPOSE

To help provide good quality graduate medical education for graduates from international medical schools when such opportunities are beneficial to another nation and the United States.

III. PROCEDURE

1. The international medical graduate must submit a residency program application.

2. The international medical graduate must hold a "valid" ECFMG certificate. ECFMG (Educational Commission for Foreign Medical Graduates) is the sponsoring agency for international medical graduates. The certificate must be "valid" at the time of application and at the time the international medical graduate starts the program. The "valid" ECFMG certificate is also a requirement for the North Carolina Board of Medical Examiners in order to obtain a residency training license as an international medical graduate. Standard ECFMG certificates are issued to international medical graduates who meet the medical science requirements, clinical assessment requirements, English language requirements and fulfill the medical education credentialing requirements.

3. The international medical graduate must obtain a J-1 visa. The USINA (United States Immigration and Nationality Act) authorizes ECFMG to sponsor international physicians as exchange visitors (J-1 Visa) in graduate medical education programs affiliated with accredited United States medical schools.

4. The international medical graduate may enter the training program if he/she has obtained a green card or has become a naturalized citizen.

5. The international medical graduate must be able to obtain a North Carolina Residency Training License.

Reference: Accreditation Council on Graduate Medical Education Institutional Requirements 2002-2003.

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