Licenses

The USMLE Steps I and II are required by the Board of Registration in Medicine to hold a Massachusetts Limited License. For those hoping to begin training July 1st, a limited license is necessary to begin training. As such, all materials necessary for limited license application must be sent by the Graduate Medical Education Office no later than February 15th. Please see http://www.massmedboard.org/physician/limited.shtm for further information on limited licenses. One may also apply for a full Massachusetts License, however, USMLE Steps I, II and III are required and the process can take up to four months. See further information at http://www.massmedboard.org/physician/full.shtm.

Foreign Medical Graduates

Foreign medical graduates must hold an ECFMG certificate. We do not accept applicants into the general cardiology fellowship who have not completed a residency in Internal Medicine within a United States ACGME accredited institution. Completion of USMLE Step I and Step II is a minimum requirement. In extremely rare instances, physicians who have completed cardiology training may be accepted into an advanced fellowship such as noninvasive imaging, interventional cardiology or cardiac electrophysiology if funding has been secured. It should be emphasized that if Internal Medicine Training has not been completed in an ACGME accredited cardiology fellowship, such advanced training does not satisfy the certification requirements set forth by the American Board of Internal Medicine.

Visas

A visa is required for foreign nationals to practice at Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center. While no visa (H-1B, J-1, etc.) is uniformly rejected, it is recognized individual circumstances and visa status may make completion of training difficult or impossible. Because cardiology fellowship requires a minimum of 3 years after training in internal medicine, many visa holders find it difficult to complete training which may require living more than 7 years in the United States. It should be noted that a limited license is often a requirement to apply for visa in many instances, so the application process for license must be started early if the applicant hopes to start training on time. For further information, see:

http://www.ama-assn.org/ama/pub/category/10591.html

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