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To: Specialist IMG Pathways Review
Subject: The forgotten cohort of Australian SIMGs

Good evening,

I write that AHPRA should please consider the forgotten cohort of Australian SIMGs in the new fast tracked or expedited pathway. They constitute a sizeable number of doctors who are already in the Australian system and grant them specialist recognition also in the expedited specialist recognition pathway.

What are unique about this cohort:

- . They are Australian citizens or permanent residents who are doctors at the point of entry into Australian health systems with their overseas specialist qualifications assessed and validated as comparable to the Australian trained specialists qualifications by the specialist colleges.
- . Culturally competent, well versed, equipped and experienced with the operations of the Australian health system having worked in Australia for many years and in senior medical positions.
- . Had up skilling training grants via the specialist colleges paid by Australian taxpayers and previous gaps were covered by these trainings. These experiences can help the Australian population and reduce the scarcity of specialists.

The goal to provide Australians with more recognised specialists and to reduce the wait period of Australian public seeing specialists' doctors, the forgotten cohort of Australian SIMGs who had general registration and had been working in Australia within their specific specialties in the last 5 - 20 years should be included and considered as well.

Regards,

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