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Sent: Sunday, 9 June 2024 12:04 PM
To: Specialist IMG Pathways Review
Subject: Requirement for overseas trained doctors

Dear Sir /Madam,

Overseas trained orthopaedic surgeons continue to be bought into Australia. They deprive their own communities of orthopaedic services by doing so, not good for their countries of birth.

In Queensland, there were recently approximately 140 applicants for the orthopaedic training program. A Situational Judgement Test reduced this number to about 40, Interviews then reduced this number to about 20. Referee reports will reduce this to about 10-14 successful applicants.

The Australian Orthopaedic Association recognises that essentially all of the 140 applicants, all of whom have at least a year of orthopaedic experience and who have passed the surgical primary exam, would be able to successfully complete an orthopaedic training program.

Surely AHPRA policy should facilitate training a greater number of Australians to fill the areas of shortage, and not rob other countries of their orthopaedic surgeons. AHPRA needs to dictate to training bodies and to State Governments that they train greater numbers of local applicants.

Yours sincerely

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