

# REPORT OF INTERNATIONAL MEDICAL GRADUATES SECTION

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## 1 INTRODUCTION

2 The OSMA International Medical Graduate (IMG) section represents and promotes the  
3 interests of physicians who graduated from medical school outside of the United States or  
4 Canada. The IMG Section handles direct responsibilities for the refined Observership Program.  
5 In addition, members of the IMG section are involved with the AMA, IMG Program and have  
6 input into the development of the AMA Program for facilitating the assimilation of  
7 international medical graduates.

## 8 9 REVIEW OF ACTIVITIES

### 10 11 OBSERVERSHIP

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13 With the “revised” observership program, the paperwork for all participants were revised in the  
14 first six months of the year. In 2009, there were a total of 20 observers. The first observers  
15 were placed in June 2009 so the program was fully functioning for 6 months. There was a  
16 summer rotation and a fall rotation. Mentors were recruited and the observers were  
17 overwhelmingly positive in their evaluation of the program.

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19 The program generated \$31,250 in revenue from application fees and placement fees. The  
20 program costs were \$37,278 resulting in a loss of \$6028 which was invoiced to the American  
21 Association of Physicians of Indian Origin because of their agreement to fund the program if it  
22 did not break even.

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24 The volume of applications has varied throughout the program. The revised program has  
25 existed for only six months and we will have a more clear picture of application volume after a  
26 whole year of the program.

### 27 28 29 AMA IMG COMMITTEE

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31 At the same time, the AMA, IMG committee has been working to develop a template for IMG  
32 observerships to be used by State Medical Associations across the country. The AMA IMG  
33 committee has had ongoing discussions with IMG staff across the country. Oklahoma appears  
34 to be the only state medical association with an observership program. The ongoing issue  
35 seems to be having residency programs accept IMGs into their programs. The OSMA IMG  
36 committee would like to pursue discussions with program directors in Oklahoma over the next  
37 year.

### 38 39 CONCLUSION

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1 The IMG Observership Program is established and recruitment of mentors and facilities is  
2 ongoing. The ongoing challenge is establishing that the observership program is successful in  
3 recruiting physicians to Oklahoma. The committee believes that the acceptance of IMGs to  
4 residency programs in Oklahoma is a critical component to the success of the IMG committee.

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6 Respectfully submitted,

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