U.S. Licensing Process for Foreign Medical Graduates

Overview

USMLE Exams
- Step 1
- Step 2 CK (Clinical Knowledge)
- Step 2 CS (Clinical Skills)
- Step 3 (optional at this time)

For those applying for CA License, apply to Medical Board of California to obtain "Postgraduate Training Authorization/CA Status Letter"

Application for USMLE Exam/ECFMG
- ECFMG verifies diploma
- Assigns identification number

Graduate Medical Education Program ("Residency") Application (Sept. 1 - Dec. 1)
- ERAS Application
- NRMP Application

Should include:
- 2 letters of recommendation of US work experience (volunteer, full-time, or part-time employment)
- Personal Statement (one page)

31 December Deadline

ECFMG Certificate is GRANTED

License to Practice Medicine CONFERRED

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