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**Danish Patient Safety Authority Joins ECFMG's Electronic Portfolio of International Credentials (EPIC)**

*ECFMG's Primary-source Verification Enhances Physician Assessment Process*

PHILADELPHIA, UNITED STATES—The Danish Patient Safety Authority has incorporated ECFMG's Electronic Portfolio of International Credentials (EPIC<sup>SM</sup>) into its process for assessing the medical qualifications of physicians who are citizens of countries outside of the European Economic Community (EEC) and/or are graduates of medical schools outside the EEC. Effective January 1, the Danish Patient Safety Authority requires these applicants to have their medical education credentials primary-source verified through EPIC before submitting their registration applications to the Authority.

Registration with the Danish Patient Safety Authority is a requirement for all physicians who practice medicine in Denmark. As part of its varied responsibilities, the Authority registers and regulates 17 health professions, supervises certain health organizations, and processes patient complaints. ECFMG is proud to partner with the Danish Patient Safety Authority to add primary-source verification—a best practice and the best protection against fraudulent credentials—to the Authority's tools for evaluating the qualifications of physicians who wish to practice in Denmark.

**About EPIC**

EPIC offers primary-source verification of medical credentials to physicians and organizations worldwide. In verifying the authenticity of physician credentials related to medical education,

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training, and registration/licensure, EPIC employs the same world-class, primary-source verification process used by ECFMG to verify credentials for other ECFMG services, including ECFMG Certification, the standard for international physicians entering the U.S. health care system. For organizations that are responsible for evaluating physician qualifications, EPIC provides no-cost access to primary-source verification—verifying the authenticity of a credential directly with the issuing institution—for the purpose of evaluating their applicants’ credentials. For the world’s physicians, EPIC is an innovative way to build a digital career portfolio of the credentials related to their medical education, training, and registration/licensure—a portfolio that can grow with their careers. For more information, visit [www.ecfmgepic.org](http://www.ecfmgepic.org).

## **About ECFMG**

Established in 1956, ECFMG is a private, nonprofit organization based in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, with more than 800 full- and part-time employees.

ECFMG is a world leader in promoting quality health care—serving physicians, members of the medical education and regulatory communities, health care consumers, and those researching issues in medical education and health workforce planning. ECFMG’s program of certification evaluates whether international medical graduates (IMGs) are ready to enter U.S. programs of graduate medical education, where they provide supervised patient care. ECFMG offers a variety of other programs for the world’s physicians and the entities worldwide that educate, train, register/license, and employ them.

ECFMG’s organizational members are the American Board of Medical Specialties, American Medical Association, Association of American Medical Colleges, Association for Hospital Medical Education, Federation of State Medical Boards, and the National Medical Association.

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