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Medical and Dental Council of Nigeria Joins ECFMG's EPIC

Partnership Brings ECFMG's Primary-source Credentials Verification to Physician Assessment Process

PHILADELPHIA, UNITED STATES—ECFMG® is pleased to announce that the Medical and Dental Council of Nigeria (Council) has incorporated ECFMG's Electronic Portfolio of International Credentials (EPICSM) into its process for assessing the medical credentials of internationally educated physicians who apply for registration to practice medicine in Nigeria, or who plan to take the Council's Assessment Examination. Effective August 1, 2016, the Council requires these applicants to have their medical credentials primary-source verified through EPIC before submitting their applications.

The Council regulates the training and practice of medicine, dentistry, and alternative medicine in the Federal Republic of Nigeria. ECFMG is proud to partner with the Council to add primary-source verification—a best practice and the best protection against fraudulent credentials—to the Council's tools for evaluating the qualifications of its physician applicants and fulfilling its mission of the regulation of medicine in the most efficient manner that safeguards the best health care delivery for Nigerians.

About EPIC

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

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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.

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 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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