ECFMG, a member of Intealth, is the sole J-1 visa sponsor of foreign national physicians in U.S. graduate medical education (GME).

More than 13,000 physicians training as residents and fellows

From about 150 different countries of origin

Serving patients at more than 730 teaching hospitals across the nation

Number of J-1 Physicians Sponsored

Each year, thousands of foreign national physicians train in J-1 visa status in the United States, where they represent an increasingly significant proportion of the trainees on our health care teams. The number of J-1 physicians training and serving patients in U.S. teaching hospitals has increased 58% over the past decade.

States with Highest Numbers of J-1 Physicians

J-1 physicians are more than 2½ times more likely to train in New York than any other state, but they train across the nation in 49 states, plus the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico.

Specialties Pursued by J-1 Physicians

J-1 physicians train and serve in high numbers in primary-care specialties, including Internal Medicine, Pediatrics, and Family Medicine. This means that J-1 physicians are frequently among our frontline providers.