

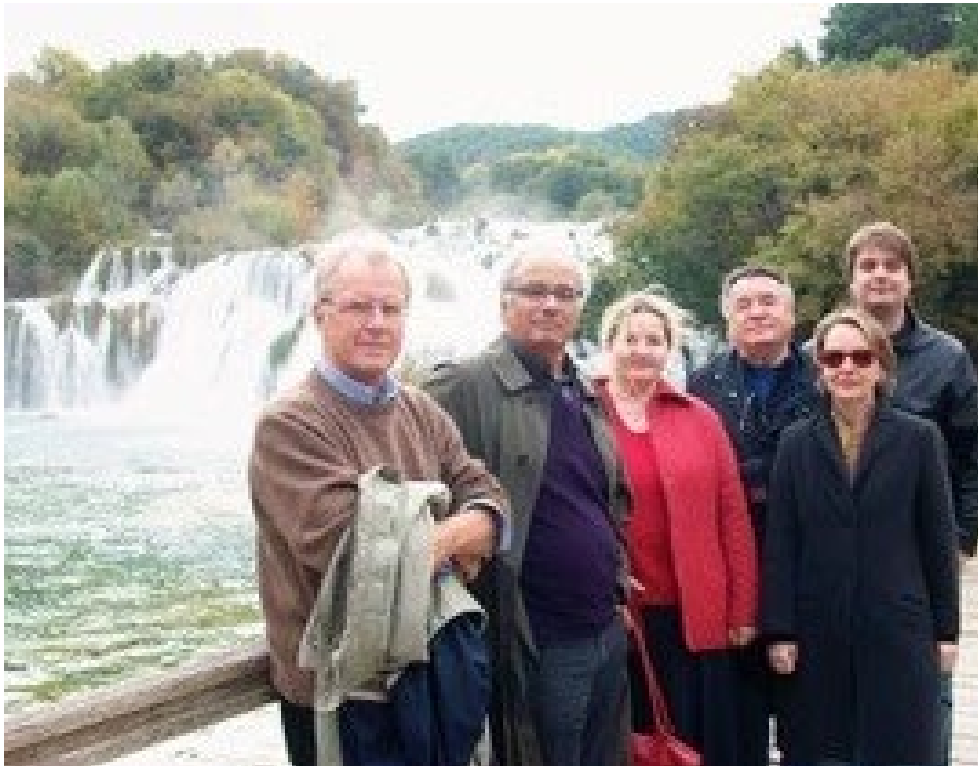


# WFME Recognition Programme. A Journey in Three Stages

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# A Journey in Three Stages



1. WFME Recognition Programme  
10.10hrs – 10.40hrs
2. The Case of NVAO  
10.40hrs – 11.10hrs
3. Medical Schools/  
Programmes  
11.30hrs – 12.00hrs



WFME – ECFMG – USLME



# Who's Who?

- World Federation of Medical Education (WFME)
- Educational Commission for Foreign Medical Graduates (ECFMG)
- United States Medical Licensing Examination (USMLE)

# USMLE

## The United States Medical Licensing Examination

- Three-step examination for medical licensure in the United States
  - ST 1 – sciences basic to the practice of medicine
  - ST 2 CK & CS – clinical knowledge and clinical skills
  - ST 3 – Foundations of Independent Practice (FIP) and Advanced Clinical Medicine (ACM) including computer-based case simulations (CCS)
- Eligibility for the USMLE Steps
  - US students > medical school
  - International students > ECFMG

# ECFMG

## Educational Commission for Foreign Medical Graduates

- Established in 1956 as a private, nonprofit organisation
- Headquartered in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
- Employs more than 800 people
- Promotes quality health care (in the US)
- FAIMER, Foundation for Advancement of International Medical Education and Research

# ECFMG (2)

## Educational Commission for Foreign Medical Graduates

- 25% international MDs > ECFMG Certification
- Medical School Accreditation Requirement for ECFMG Certification: 2010 > 2024 (previously 2023)
- Medical student or MD of a medical school that is accredited by a QAA recognized by the WFME

# WFME

## World Federation for Medical Education

- Established in 1972 as a nonprofit organization by WHO, WMA (World Medical Association), ECFMG and IFMSA (International Federation of Medical Student Associations)
- Headquartered in Ferney-Voltaire, France
- Promotes high quality medical education worldwide



# WFME (2)

## World Federation for Medical Education

1. World Directory
2. WFME Standards for Basic Medical Education
3. WFME Recognition Programme





NVAO

# WFME Recognition



# Accreditation

- Recognition of medical school accrediting agencies
  - a) Accreditation > QAA
  - b) Recognition > WFME
- Response to two major concerns
  - a) Growing market for accreditation
  - b) Rapid expansion in number of medical schools

# Recognition

- Global mark of quality
- Quality enhancement
- ECFMG eligibility

# State of Affairs

- WFME recognised: 25
- Applications: 16
- Pandemic
  - On hold
  - Extension until 2024

# Process

1. Preliminary discussions
2. Recognition submission
3. Appointment of team members
4. Submission of application
5. Final arrangements
6. The recognition assessment
7. The recognition report
8. The recognition decision
9. Follow up

# Recap

- WFME – ECFMG – USLME
- Accreditation (ASHE) & Recognition (WFME)
- WFME process in 9 steps



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