

IMGS: TO BE SEEN AND NOT HEARD?

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ABOUT THE SESSION

Join us for an insightful webinar exploring the vital role of International Medical Graduates (IMGs) in today's healthcare landscape. We will examine the impact IMGs have on the industry, discuss the unique challenges they face in navigating the healthcare market, and highlight the importance of eliminating barriers to their successful integration. This session will provide valuable perspectives on fostering a more inclusive and efficient healthcare workforce while addressing key policy and systemic changes needed to support IMGs in their professional journey.

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GET TO KNOW THE PRESENTER

Dr. George M. Abraham is Chief of Medicine at Saint Vincent Hospital, Worcester, Massachusetts, a Professor of Medicine at the University of Massachusetts Medical School, and Adjunct Professor at the Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences (MCPHS). He is board certified in Internal Medicine and Infectious Disease.

He is the Emeritus President of the American College of Physicians (ACP) which is the largest internal medicine specialty organization in the world, having served from 2021-22. Prior to that he served as Governor of the Massachusetts Chapter, Chair of the Board of Governors (ACP) and as a member of the Board of Regents (ACP).

Dr. Abraham is Chair-Elect of the Federation of State Medical Boards (FSMB), the organization that oversees licensing of over 1.1 million physicians in the US, and also the Federation Credentials Verification Service (FCVS). Prior to that he was the Chair of the Board of Registration (Licensing) in Medicine, Massachusetts. He currently serves as a member of the Advisory Commission on Additional Licensing Models (ACALM).

Dr. Abraham serves as a member of the Board of Directors of the American Board of Internal Medicine (ABIM) and prior to that, has served as the Chair of the Infectious Disease Board of the ABIM.

In other roles in leadership, he has served as a Trustee of the Massachusetts Medical Society (owner of the New England Journal of Medicine), as President of the Worcester District Medical Society, as the Chief Medical Officer of the Central Massachusetts Independent Physician Association and Chair of the Board of Directors of the Health Foundation of Central Massachusetts.

He has received several awards including the AOA Volunteer Faculty Award and the Outstanding Primary Care Educator Award of UMass Medical School; the Leadership Award of the MA chapter of the ACP; and the Phi Lambda Sigma honorary Membership, MCPHS, Worcester, Massachusetts, Saint Vincent Hospital Physician of the Year 2015, among others. Most recently he is the recipient of the John H. Clarke Leadership Award awarded by the Federation of State Medical Boards.

He is an invited speaker both locally, nationally and internationally, and as President, he has championed the cause of DEI and written extensively about the same. Consequently, he has been invited to and has spoken both nationally and internationally on DEI and continues to do so. His particular passions is for inclusivity, and has chosen to focus on the international medical graduate community that forms 25% of the US physician workforce and over 30% of the ACP's membership. For his work on DEI, the Virginia chapter of the ACP has named their DEI award after him.

His research interests include hepatitis C and B disease, travel medicine and infection control, as well as medication safety and systems improvement. He has authored over 125 publications, abstracts and book chapters.

Dr. Abraham earned his medical degrees from the Christian Medical College, Ludhiana, India, completed his residency and chief residency at Saint Vincent Hospital, and received his master's degree in public health from the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health.

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