

Peter Bernad, a member of the Medical Society of DC, is seeking members who would be interested in becoming preceptors for international medical students, (IMGs) who wish to observe clinical practice in a U.S. setting to help prepare them for residency applications. These observerships typically last from two to four weeks per rotation. The students come through American Medical International Quality Training, (AMIQT) a program in Washington DC founded by Dr Bernad. AMIQT has placed more than 400 students in medical practices in the Washington Metro area. With an increasing number of IMGs requesting observerships we are reaching out to the Medical society membership to consider inviting a student to learn from you about practicing medicine in America. These students come from everywhere:

*Austria, Bahrain, Bosnia, Brazil, British Columbia, South Africa, Bulgaria, Canada, Bangladesh, Iran, Ireland, China, Columbia, Czech Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, Germany, Great Britain, Haiti, Hong Kong, India, Indonesia, Jamaica, Japan, Jordan, Korea, Lebanon, Liberia, Malaysia, Mali, Mexico, Morocco, Myanmar, Nepal, Nigeria, Pakistan, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Romania, Russia, Saudi Arabia, Sri Lanka, St Lucia, Sudan, Syria, Taiwan, Thailand, Tunisia, Turkey, UAE, Ukraine, United States, Israel*

This has been a mutually rewarding experience for both student and preceptor. More students are requesting observership than we are appealing to members of the medical society to consider taking in a student for a mutually enjoyable professional experience. These students are fully prepared, often at the top of their class; some have advanced degrees, MD and even PhD in their own country. They come fully vetted from their medical schools, have proper immunizations, appropriate visa and carry their own malpractice insurance.

#### **The objectives of the Observership is for the observer to:**

- Monitor how a physician interacts with patients, noting how to take a history, perform an examination and diagnosis, recommend a treatment, code, write prescriptions and enter information on the patient's chart, etc.
- Study professional communication and interaction between the physician and all members of the health care delivery team and hospital administration
- Understand and use American colloquialisms (slang, euphemisms, medical jargon, etc.)
- Observe the delivery of health care in a private practice, hospital or clinical setting
- Gain exposure to electronic medical records, and learn how to access and enter data

If you are interested and want more information please call Dr Nakka at (202) 728-0099 or send an email to [amidc@gmail.com](mailto:amidc@gmail.com).

Our website is AMIQT.ORG

We are listed on the AMA website:

(<https://www.ama-assn.org/education/international-medical-education/observership-program-listings-international-medical>) or more easily search for us with the term: *AMA Observerships Programs for International Medical Graduate*.