OPINION

When Returning, Register Foreign Qualifications As Additional Qualifications Unless Foreign Medical Specialist/Super-Specialist Examinations Evolve

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Abstract

This is a plea to the emigrant physicians returning from United States/United Kingdom/Canada/Australia/New Zealand as specialists and/or super-specialists to remember registering their foreign qualifications with National Medical Commission as additional qualifications with a concurrent plea to National Medical Commission and National Board of Examinations in Medical Sciences to consider evolving Foreign Medical Specialist/Super-Specialist Examinations for the emigrant physicians returning as specialists and/or super-specialists from the rest of the world.

Opinion

Balancing the needs of immigrant societies' natives with the needs of emigrant societies' natives is always an ongoing process especially when immigration with concurrent emigration is not only about independent adults choosing to immigrate/emigrate but also about their dependents' needs enduring the roller-coasters especially the young children and their education as well as the aging parents and their care. In terms of immigration/emigration affecting society's healthcare as well as its economy therein, the primary question for any immigrant society to wonder and ponder is why its healthcare as well as its economy therein has traditionally warranted emigration of healthcare providers from emigrant societies, while the primary question for any emigrant society to wonder and ponder is why its healthcare providers have traditionally emigrated to immigrant societies. Thereafter, irrespective of their legal status as temporary residents, permanent residents, naturalized citizens, or citizens born to immigrant parents, healthcare providers must wonder and ponder about their contingency plans in case the traditional needs and thus corresponding rules and regulations of societies change whether the society in question is the immigrant society or the emigrant society.

Regarding India, emigrants having aspirations to become physicians by temporarily

emigrating from India for graduate medical qualification already know to succeed in Foreign Medical Graduate Examination (FMGE) on returning so that they can be licensed to practice as physicians in India [1]. However, physicians having aspirations to become specialists and/or super-specialists by temporarily or permanently emigrating from India for postgraduation medical qualification may have overlooked that their postgraduation medical qualifications achieved in United States/United Kingdom/Canada/Australia/New Zealand can be registered as additional qualification with National Medical Commission so that they can practice as specialists and/or super-specialists in India if and when they temporarily or permanently return after becoming certified-licensed specialists and/or super-specialists in United States/United Kingdom/Canada/Australia/New Zealand [2-5]. Interestingly, physicians temporarily or permanently emigrating from India for postgraduate medical qualification in the rest of the world for becoming certified-licensed specialists and/or super-specialists therein may not consider returning to practice as specialists and/or super-specialists in India unless they had already achieved postgraduation medical qualifications in India before emigrating from India or until they have achieved postgraduation medical qualifications in India after returning. Interestingly, postgraduation medical qualifications achieved in India are not always in the same speciality and/or super-speciality as postgraduation medical qualifications achieved in United States/United Kingdom/Canada/Australia/New Zealand or in the rest of the world. Herein lays an avenue for National Medical Commission and National Board of Examinations in Medical Sciences to potentially consider expanding FMGE into Foreign Medical Specialist Examination (FMSE) and Foreign Medical Super-Specialist Examination (FMSSE) so that certified-licensed specialists and/or super-specialists planning to temporarily or permanently return from the rest of the world do not have to pursue postgraduation medical qualifications in India after returning.

Essentially, this could, would and should be a plea to the emigrant physicians returning from United States/United Kingdom/Canada/Australia/New Zealand as specialists and/or super-specialists to remember registering their foreign qualifications as additional qualifications with a concurrent plea to National Medical Commission and National Board of Examinations in Medical Sciences to consider evolving FMSE/FMSSE for the emigrant physicians returning as specialists and/or super-specialists from the rest of the world.

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