

UTHSCSA Graduate Medical Education Policies

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TO: GME Officers and Program Directors

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SUBJECT: Representation of Medical Degrees Earned by International Medical Graduates

We have recently received a request seeking clarification and guidance on the use of "M.D." for physicians who have earned an M.B.B.S. or other equivalent foreign medical degree from an international medical school.

The University of Texas System policy is that all representations relating to UT physicians in training must accurately reflect the medical degree earned by the physician. This specifically includes identification cards, badges, and residency certificates of training. Alternatively, using the physician's name without identifying their medical degree is appropriate.

It is our understanding that the Texas Medical Board permits physicians to use "M.D." in lieu of M.B.B.S. or other equivalent foreign medical degree upon obtaining a permanent Texas medical license. The health institutions of The University of Texas System may not authorize any practice contrary to this rule. Physicians seeking licensure in states other than Texas should contact the appropriate state licensing board for further guidance.

Thank you for your prompt attention and assistance in this matter.

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