



**The American Geriatrics Society (AGS) and the Association of Directors of Geriatric Academic Programs (ADGAP) Comments to the American Board of Internal Medicine on the Pilot Model for Exceptionally-Qualified International Medical Graduate Pathway to Board Eligibility Public Comment**

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**Please indicate your position on the proposal.**

- Support
- Oppose
- No opinion

**Please tell us the rationale for your answer.**

The American Geriatrics Society (AGS) and the Association of Directors of Geriatric Academic Programs (ADGAP) believe this new pathway will potentially increase the supply and diversity of geriatricians in the United States (US) and address shortages of fellowship trained physicians in other internal medicine specialties. We are also supportive of extending this pilot to geriatrics family medicine fellowship programs and encourage the ABIM to partner with the American Board of Family Medicine on this expansion.

**What positive impacts and/or negative impacts do you foresee should the proposal be approved?**

One positive impact of this pathway may be on international physicians with children or other caregiving responsibilities who, because of these responsibilities, may have difficulty with the current requirement that they complete a second internal medicine residency program.

**Please share any additional thoughts about the pilot for exceptionally qualified international medical graduate pathway to Board Eligibility.**

The only other consideration is that the ABIM pilot should continue to support the ACGME process of tracking the readiness and training level of these fellows with more frequent CCC meetings and competency metrics in the first 3-6 months of training since the quality of residency training can vary within international residencies and some EQ IMG fellows need some remediation to equip them for future success.