H-1B for Physician of National and/or International Renown

Normally, an H-1B petition for a physician who will be engaged in patient care must include evidence that the physician has passed Steps 1, 2, and 3 of the USMLE, and has an ECFMG certificate. However, if the petitioner can prove that the physician has national or international renown in the field of medicine, the USMLE is not required. **This is different than the rules for obtaining a Colorado medical license.**

Documentation should consist of the following:

**Expert opinions from domestic and international experts in the academic field:**
There should be three to five letters that include the following information:
1. Identify the author and his or her credentials in the field of medicine or the specialty.
2. Describe how the author knows the physician and is familiar with his or her work.
3. Explain the physician's reputation in layperson’s terms.
4. Confirm that the physician has national/international renown and deserves to have a U.S. visa petition on his or her behalf approved.

A copy of the letter-writer’s CV should be attached.

The department should also provide a strong letter confirming the physician’s reputation and why it is important that s/he be or continue to be on our faculty. ISS will provide a template letter to the department.

**Physician’s Credentials**
1. Curriculum Vitae listing all prizes, awards, grants, leadership positions, publications, and presentations
2. Medical School Diploma and diplomas from any other relevant degrees.
3. Documentation of professional association and society memberships
4. Membership criteria of any professional association that requires outstanding achievements as a criteria of membership
5. Confirmation of membership on any committee and/or leadership positions held in professional associations
6. Distinguished Foreign Teaching Physician Medical License or full Medical License issued by the Colorado State Board of Medical Examiners secured by the applicant and/or the UC Denver department administrator
7. Full and unrestricted license(s) to practice medicine issued by the appropriate licensing agencies in the applicant’s home country or elsewhere; or proof of graduation from medical school in a foreign country.
8. Samples of articles published in peer-reviewed journals, if so published.

**Additional documentation that can serve as evidence for this petition**
- Samples of published material in professional publications written by others about the applicant’s work
- Letters of reference from editors or publishers of journals for whom the applicant reviews manuscripts, or emails requesting that the physician review articles
- Documentation of major awards or prizes
- Any other available, appropriate evidence of the physician’s national or international reputation.