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1990- 2000 : Implications for Physician Resource Planning**

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Abstract :

Data from the CAPER database and from the National Physician Database (NPDB) were used to describe the International Medical Graduate (IMG) population exiting from post-M.D. programs at the 16 Canadian Faculties of medicine. (N=6471)

Method:

Comparisons using a number of variables were made with similar groups of graduates of Canadian Faculties of Medicine and International Medical Graduates currently in practice in Canada.

Results and Discussion:

Between 1990 and 2000, the number of Canadian citizen IMG's has decreased by 30%, although approximately 600 IMG physicians have exited from Canadian programs annually. It was more common for the Canadian citizen IMG trainees to have trained in medical and especially laboratory medicine specialties in the past, more recently, these residents have been entering Family Medicine and specialties in the same proportion as graduates of Canadian Faculties of Medicine. Implications for physician resource planning and current trends will be discussed.

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