

CONCLUSIONS

Between 1990 and 2000 there has been a decrease in the number of International Medical Graduates (Canadian citizens) in post-M.D. training.

However, there has been a sharp increase in the number entering training in 2001. (2001 is the year with the smallest class graduating from Canadian medical schools since 1976.)

The proportion of International Medical Graduates in training now (9% entering) is much smaller than the 23% in the Canadian physician workforce.

Until the Canadian medical schools increase the number of medical graduates and these new graduates become practicing physicians, Canada will require the services of physicians who have earned the M.D. degree outside Canada.

Canada must ensure adequate assessment and training programs for International Medical Graduates who will become productive physicians in Canada.

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