



**ELECTRONIC PORTFOLIO OF
INTERNATIONAL CREDENTIALS**

A service of  **ECFMG**

A Powerful and Innovative Tool for Those Who Register/License, Train, Educate, and Employ Physicians

The Educational Commission for Foreign Medical Graduates (ECFMG®) is excited to bring you the Electronic Portfolio of International Credentials (EPICSM), a powerful tool for verifying the authenticity of physician credentials.

Whether you're part of a medical regulatory authority (MRA), hospital, medical education or training program, or academic institution, you know that verifying the authenticity of documents related to medical education, training, and registration/licensure is a key component of evaluating your physician applicants.

With EPIC, your organization, regardless of its size and resources, can incorporate the highest standard of credentials verification—primary-source verification—into its evaluation process.

Make Primary-source Verification Part of Your Evaluation Process

As an organization that registers/licenses, trains, educates, or employs physicians, you must decide whether your applicants are qualified to provide safe and effective patient care. The stakes are high—protecting the public is a top priority. The credentials related to a physician's medical education, training, and registration/licensure are critical to each application that you evaluate, and evaluating the authenticity of those credentials can be both costly and time-consuming.

EPIC can help. Require your physician applicants to use EPIC to verify their medical education, training, and registration/licensure credentials. Then use EPIC to access reports requested by your physicians to review and evaluate those verified credentials.

EPIC provides you with:

- **Primary-source Verification.** ECFMG confirms a credential's authenticity directly with the institution that issued it, providing assurance that the credential is authentic. Primary-source verification is a best practice and is the best protection against fraudulent credentials.
- **Value.** EPIC is free to those who receive verification reports. Through EPIC, you receive the assurance that a physician's credentials have been held to the highest standard of verification, at no cost to your organization.
- **Convenience, Efficiency, Security, and Flexibility.** EPIC's innovative, web-based process gives you access to the credentials of your physician applicants and verifications of those credentials through EPIC's secure Report Portal, providing assurance that you are receiving credentials and verifications directly from ECFMG. You can go paperless, print documents, or store electronic copies. And there are two options for receiving reports, so you can choose the reporting method that works best for you.
- **Time-saving Electronic Credentials Verification.** In 2012, ECFMG launched a process that allows us to primary-source verify medical credentials electronically, drastically cutting the time it takes for ECFMG to receive verifications from participating medical schools. As medical schools and other entities continue to join ECFMG's electronic Credentials Verification, EPIC users will benefit from the associated savings in time.

Credentials Verification from a World Leader

Through six decades of evaluating physician credentials and 30 years of primary-source verification, ECFMG has developed unmatched expertise, as well as long-standing relationships with medical schools, MRAs, and other entities worldwide. ECFMG has invested in primary-source verification so you don't have to. And ECFMG shares your vision to promote quality medical education and health care. To learn more about ECFMG, visit www.ecfmgepic.org.

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