

The Contributions of International Medical Graduates to Healthcare for Rural and Underserved Populations: A Reference List, 2000-2010

Method

This reference list was compiled by searching the MEDLINE database using the terms “international medical graduate” (IMG) and “foreign medical graduate” for the years 2000-2010. The articles yielded by this search were scanned for those providing general information about IMGs and those focusing on IMG migrants and migration to the United States, IMG roles in the U.S. healthcare system, and service to rural and underserved populations. Articles that were closely related to these topics were also reviewed. The search was further expanded by scanning the reference lists of all articles generated by this strategy to identify other sources of interest within the time frame. A few select seminal articles from the 1990s that laid important groundwork on IMGs in rural healthcare are also included. Finally, non-peer reviewed and non-academic sources were identified through a Google Internet search (e.g., Web sites and reports not found in academic research databases). Reference lists of each additional source identified were checked for new sources until this strategy yielded no new relevant sources. This iterative search strategy was conducted over several months, concluding in May 2010 and yielding the 181 sources listed here.

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