



**TO:** The Honorable Members of the Board of Regents

**FROM:** David H. Hamilton *David H. Hamilton*

**SUBJECT:** Report of the Committee on the Professions Regarding Licensing Petitions and Degree Conferrals

**DATE:** January 2, 2025

**AUTHORIZATION(S):** *Bellotti*

### SUMMARY

#### **Issue for Decision (Consent Agenda)**

Should the Regents approve the recommendations of the Committee on the Professions pertaining to licensing petitions and degree conferrals as listed on the attachment?

#### **Reason(s) for Consideration**

Required by State Statute.

#### **Proposed Handling**

This question will come before the Full Board at its January 2025 meeting where it will be voted on and action taken.

#### **Procedural History**

Section 6506(5) of the Education Law and Section 24.7 of the Rules of the Board of Regents authorize the Regents to waive education, experience and examination requirements for a professional license as well as to confer the degree Doctor of Medicine.

#### **Background Information**

There are three licensing petitions and six requests for the conferral of the degree of Doctor of Medicine for review and determination.

#### **Related Regents Items**

Not Applicable.

## **Recommendation**

It is recommended that the Regents approve the recommendations of the Committee on the Professions regarding the degree conferrals.

## **Timetable for Implementation**

Approval of the Committee on the Professions' recommendations will be effective, January 14, 2025.

Cases Presented to Board of Regents on January 14, 2025

SUMMARY REPORT

PROFESSION	EDUCATION			EXAMINATION	
	Pre-Professional	Professional	Post-Graduate	Proficiency	Licensing
Restricted Dental Faculty		24-04-79			
Medicine					24-161-60 To 24-162-60
EXPERIENCE:					
Confer Degree Doctor of Medicine:			24-102-60C To 24-107-60C		
OTHER:			Total for fiscal year to date: 122 Total for calendar year to date: 138		

**Board of Regents, January 14, 2025**

**RESTRICTED DENTAL FACULTY**

24-04-79

Ronaldo Hirata  
New York, New York

(Federal University of Parana, College of Dentistry, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, Cirurgiao Dentista, January 1995)

Petition for: Acceptance of education.

Statement of Problem: Section 6604-b of Article 133 of the Education Law requires an applicant for restricted dental faculty license to have completed a total of no less than six academic years of preprofessional and professional education, including: courses in general chemistry, organic chemistry, biology or zoology, and physics; and not less than four academic years of professional dental education satisfactory to the department.

Immediately after secondary school, Dr. Hirata completed a four-year professional dental education program at the Federal University of Parana in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. Following that, he completed a two-year Master of Dentistry degree in Dental Materials at Pontificia Universidade Catolica do Rio Grande do Sul in Porto Alegre, Brazil, and four-year Doctor of Dentistry degree in Operative Dentistry at Universidade do Estado do Rio de Janeiro in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

Although Dr. Hirata has ten years of combined education in dentistry, his education does not exhibit the pattern of two years of preprofessional education followed by a four-year dental program as expected. The Executive Secretary of the State Board for Dentistry recommends that Dr. Hirata's combination of studies be accepted to fulfill the education requirement.

<b>APPLICABLE REQUIREMENTS:</b>	<b>QUALIFICATIONS:</b>
Section 6604-b of Article 133 of the Education Law requires:	
(1) The completion of a total of no less than six academic years of pre-professional and professional education, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ courses in general chemistry, organic chemistry, biology or zoology and physics; and</li><li>▪ not less than four academic years of professional dental education satisfactory to the department culminating in a degree, diploma or certificate in dentistry</li></ul>	(1)(a) Pontificia Universidade Catolica do Rio Grande do Sul, Porto Alegre, Brazil, Master of Dentistry in Dental Materials, March 2001 to December 2002.  (1)(b) Universidade do Estado do Rio de Janeiro, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, Doctor of Dentistry in Operative Dentistry, March 2004 to February 2008.

recognized by the appropriate civil authorities of the jurisdiction in which the school is located as acceptable for entry into practice in the jurisdiction in which the school is located.	
(2) Within the last five years, have two years of satisfactory practice as a dentist or have satisfactorily completed an advanced education program in general dentistry or in a dental specialty, provided such program is accredited by an organization accepted by the department as a reliable authority for the purpose of accrediting such programs (such as the commission on dental accreditation).	(2)
(3) Evidence of good moral character.	(3) Good moral character.

**RECOMMENDATION:** The Committee on the Professions, in concurrence with the Executive Secretary of the State Board for Dentistry, recommends that the applicant's education requirements be considered fulfilled.

**MEDICINE**

24-161-60

Victor Hugo Jimenez-Zepeda  
Calgary, Alberta, Canada

(Universidad de Guadalajara, Jalisco, Mexico, Medico Cirujano y Partero, May 2001)

Petition for: Endorsement of applicant’s medical license from Canada.

Statement of Problem: Commissioner’s Regulations allow endorsement of an applicant’s license from another jurisdiction if appropriate requirements are met, and the applicant has not failed any part of New York State’s licensing examination. A license granted in a foreign country can be endorsed if licensure in that country is regulated by an organization designated as responsible for quality assurance and acceptable to the Board of Regents. Additionally, the applicant must satisfactorily demonstrate completion of an acceptable proficiency examination, clinical competency examination, three years of American Council on Graduate Medical Education (ACGME) accredited postgraduate training or the equivalent, and five years of satisfactory professional experience.

Dr. Jimenez-Zepeda lacks three years of accredited postgraduate training. The Executive Secretary of the State Board for Medicine has reviewed the documentation submitted in support of Dr. Jimenez-Zepeda’s application. He recommends that Dr. Jimenez-Zepeda’s training be accepted as the equivalent of the three years of ACGME-accredited postgraduate training required for licensure.

Commissioner’s Regulations allow the Board of Regents to accept appropriate foreign medical licenses and diplomate certificates to fulfill the license, proficiency, and clinical competency requirements for New York State licensure by endorsement. Dr. Jimenez-Zepeda obtained his medical license in Canada in 2019. His Canadian license is active and in good standing. Additionally, Dr. Jimenez-Zepeda holds certification specialties in Internal Medicine and Hematology and has passed the Medical Council of Canada Evaluating Examination.

The Executive Secretary of the State Board for Medicine recommends that Dr. Jimenez-Zepeda’s Canadian license be endorsed, and his specialty certifications and Medical Council of Canada Evaluating Examination be accepted to fulfill the proficiency and clinical competency requirements for endorsement.

<b>APPLICABLE REQUIREMENTS:</b>	<b>QUALIFICATIONS:</b>
Sections 60.1, 60.3, and 60.5 of the Commissioner’s Regulations require:	
(1) Six years of postsecondary education, including at least 32 months of medical education.	(1) . Universidad de Guadalajara, Jalisco, Mexico, Medico Cirujano y Partero (Physician & Surgeon and Midwife) May 2001.
(2) Proficiency examination.	(2) Specialties in Internal Medicine and Hematology passing exams, Universidad

	Nacional Autonoma de Mexico, Mexico City, Mexico, 2004 and 2007.
(3) Three years of approved postgraduate hospital training.	(3) (a) Residency in Internal Medicine at Universidad Nacional Autonoma de Mexico in Mexico City, Mexico from March 2000 through February 2004. (b) Fellowship in Haematology at Universidad Nacional Autonoma de Mexico in Mexico City, Mexico from March 2004 through February 2007. (c) Clinical Fellowship in Adult Hematology at the University of Toronto Princess Margaret Cancer Center in Toronto, Ontario, Canada from July 2009 through June 2010. (d) Clinical Fellowship in Adult Hematology-Multiple Myeloma at the University of Toronto Princess Margaret Cancer Center in Toronto, Ontario, Canada from July 2010 through June 2013.
(4) Appropriate medical license or certificate.	(4) College of Physicians & Surgeons of Alberta, registration number: 022856, issued August 2019, Calgary, Alberta, Canada.
(5) Acceptable scores on a clinical competency examination acceptable to the Department.	(5) Passing Medical Council of Canada Evaluating Examination, MCCEE, January 2013.
(6) Not less than five years of satisfactory professional experience.	(6) Five years of satisfactory professional experience.
(7) United States citizen or alien lawfully admitted for permanent resident status in the United States.	(7)
(8) Evidence of good moral character.	(8)
(9) Course in the identification of child abuse and maltreatment.	(9)

**RECOMMENDATION:** The Committee on the Professions, in concurrence with the Executive Secretary of the State Board for Medicine, recommends that the applicant's qualifications be accepted to fulfill the requirements for licensure by endorsement.

**MEDICINE**

24-162-60

Raja Narayanan

Hyderabad, Telangana, India

(Maulana Azad Medical College, University of Delhi, New Delhi, Delhi, India, Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery, March 1998)

Petition for: Endorsement of applicant’s medical license from India.

Statement of Problem: Commissioner’s Regulations allow endorsement of an applicant’s license from another jurisdiction if appropriate requirements are met, and the applicant has not failed any part of New York State’s licensing examination. A license granted in a foreign country can be endorsed if licensure in that country is regulated by an organization designated as responsible for quality assurance and acceptable to the Board of Regents. Additionally, the applicant must satisfactorily demonstrate completion of an acceptable proficiency examination, clinical competency examination, three years of American Council on Graduate Medical Education (ACGME) accredited postgraduate training or the equivalent, and five years of satisfactory professional experience.

Dr. Narayanan lacks three years of accredited postgraduate training. The Executive Secretary of the State Board for Medicine has reviewed the documentation submitted in support of Dr. Narayanan’s application. He recommends that Dr. Narayanan’s training be accepted as the equivalent of the three years of ACGME-accredited postgraduate training required for licensure.

Commissioner’s Regulations allow the Board of Regents to accept appropriate foreign medical licenses and diplomate certificates to fulfill the license, proficiency, and clinical competency requirements for New York State licensure by endorsement. Dr. Narayanan obtained his medical license in India in 2012. His Indian license is active and in good standing. Additionally, Dr. Narayanan is ECFMG certified and holds a Master of Surgery in Ophthalmology certification.

The Executive Secretary of the State Board for Medicine recommends that Dr. Narayanan’s Indian license be endorsed, and his Master of Surgery in Ophthalmology certification be accepted to fulfill the clinical competency requirements for endorsement.

<b>APPLICABLE REQUIREMENTS:</b>	<b>QUALIFICATIONS:</b>
Sections 60.1, 60.3, and 60.5 of the Commissioner’s Regulations require:	
(1) Six years of postsecondary education, including at least 32 months of medical education.	(1) . Maulana Azad Medical College, University of Delhi, New Delhi, Delhi, India, Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery, March 1998.
(2) Proficiency examination.	(2) ECFMG certification, 0-586-652-0 issued December 1998.



(3) Three years of approved postgraduate hospital training.	(3) (a) Junior Residency in Ophthalmology at Guru Nanak Eye Center, Maulana Azad Medical College in New Delhi, Delhi, India from May 1998 through April 2001 (b) Senior Residency in Ophthalmology at Guru Nanak Eye Center, Maulana Azad Medical College in New Delhi, Delhi, India from October 2001 through October 2002. (c) Fellowship in the Diseases of the Retina and Vitreous at Gavin Herbert Eye Institute, University of California Irvine in Irvine, California from February 2003 through February 2006.
(4) Appropriate medical license or certificate.	(4) License #74450, issued May 2012, Telangana Medical Council, Hyderabad, Telangana, India.
(5) Acceptable scores on a clinical competency examination acceptable to the Department.	(5) Master of Surgery in Ophthalmology, passed clinical examination on May 3, 2001, Maulana Azad Medical College, New Delhi, India.
(6) Not less than five years of satisfactory professional experience.	(6) Five years of satisfactory professional experience.
(7) United States citizen or alien lawfully admitted for permanent resident status in the United States.	(7)
(8) Evidence of good moral character.	(8)
(9) Course in the identification of child abuse and maltreatment.	(9)

**RECOMMENDATION:** The Committee on the Professions, in concurrence with the Executive Secretary of the State Board for Medicine, recommends that the applicant's qualifications be accepted to fulfill the requirements for licensure by endorsement.

## **MEDICINE**

**Petition for:** Conferral of the degree Doctor of Medicine (M.D.) pursuant to Section 6529 of the Education Law.

**Summary Statement:** The petitioners listed below are all graduates of foreign medical schools who have been licensed in New York.

The applicable requirements of Section 3.57 of the Rules of the Board of Regents require completion of a medical education program in a foreign medical school satisfactory to the Department which does not grant the degree Doctor of Medicine (M.D.), and in which the philosophy and curriculum were equivalent, as determined by the Department in accordance with the policy of the Board of Regents, to those in programs leading to the degree Doctor of Medicine (M.D.) at medical schools in the United States satisfactory to, or registered by, the Board of Regents and the Department. Secondly, petitioners must have licensure to practice medicine in New York State in accordance with provisions of Section 6524 or 6528 of the Education Law or their equivalent as determined by the Board of Regents pursuant to their authority under Section 6506 of the Education Law.

<b>NAME OF PETITIONER</b>	<b>QUALIFICATIONS</b>
<u>24-102-60C</u> Wisam Al-Mutawalli Manlius, NY 13104	(1) University of Mosul, Mosul, Iraq, Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery, 06/30/2005 (2) License # 332191, Issued 08/01/2024
<u>24-103-60C</u> Ahmed Ayad New York, NY 10019	(1) Cairo University, Cairo, Egypt, Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery, 02/01/2014 (2) License # 332446, Issued 08/14/2024
<u>24-104-60C</u> Jin Feng New York, NY 10019	(1) Shanghai Jiao Tong University, Shanghai, China, Bachelor of Medicine, 06/30/2017 (2) License # 331645, Issued 07/03/2024
<u>24-105-60C</u> Bhupinder Singh Hoonjan Pittsford, NY 14534	(1) University of London, London, United Kingdom, Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery, 06/21/2012 (2) License # 329373, Issued 04/19/2024
<u>24-106-60C</u> Akari San Shwin Brooklyn, NY 11213	(1) University of Medicine 1, Yangon, Myanmar, Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery, 12/04/2007 (2) License # 331664, Issued 07/03/2024
<u>24-107-60C</u> Jasvinder Singh Valhalla, NY 10595	(1) University of Delhi, New Delhi, India, Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery, 03/05/2005 (2) License # 283551, Issued 03/23/2016

**RECOMMENDATION:** The Committee on the Professions recommends that the petitioners be awarded the degree Doctor of Medicine (M.D.) in accordance with provisions of Section 6529 of the Education Law.