

UTHSCSA Graduate Medical Education Policies

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| Section 2    | General Policies & Procedures                             | Effective:      | December 2005                     |
|              |   | Revised:        | May 2014, June 2015               |
| Policy 2.17. | Medical Degrees Earned by International Medical Graduates | Responsibility: | Designated Institutional Official |

**Medical Degrees Earned by International Medical Graduates**

It is the policy of the GME Committee that all representations related to physicians in training within our sponsored programs - specifically including identification cards and badges - comply with State of Texas Law.

- Physician training permits are considered *licenses* in this context by TMB.
- Physicians' degrees within the U.S. are generally either MD or DO; international degrees are more varied (e.g., MBBS, Medico Cirujano, etc.), however these are treated as 'MD' by the Texas Medical Board

OCCUPATIONS CODE

TITLE 3. HEALTH PROFESSIONS

SUBTITLE A. PROVISIONS APPLYING TO HEALTH PROFESSIONS GENERALLY

CHAPTER 104. HEALING ART PRACTITIONERS

Sec. 104.003. REQUIRED IDENTIFICATION. (a) A person subject to this section who uses the person's name on a written or printed professional identification, including a sign, pamphlet, stationery, or letterhead, or who uses the person's signature as a professional identification shall designate as required by this section the healing art the person is licensed to practice.

(b) A person who is licensed by the Texas State Board of Medical Examiners and holds a doctor of medicine degree shall use:

- (1) physician or surgeon, M.D.;
- (2) doctor, M.D.; or
- (3) doctor of medicine, M.D.

(c) A person who is licensed by the Texas State Board of Medical Examiners and holds a doctor of osteopathy degree shall use:

- (1) physician or surgeon, D.O.;
- (2) osteopathic physician or surgeon;
- (3) doctor, D.O.;
- (4) doctor of osteopathy;
- (5) doctor of osteopathic medicine;
- (6) osteopath; or
- (7) D.O.

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Reference: Healing Arts Act:

<http://www.statutes.legis.state.tx.us/Docs/OC/htm/OC.104.htm#104.001>