U.S. Licensing Process for International Medical Graduates (IMGs)

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1) Application for USMLE Exam/ECFMG
   - Obtain transcripts from Medical School
     - Must be ACGME accredited
   - ECFMG verifies diploma
     - Assigns identification number
   - USMLE authorization

2) USMLE Exams
   - Step 1 - Basic Sciences
     - Numerical Score
   - 2022 Changes: Pass/Fail
   - Step 2 CK - Clinical Knowledge
     - Numerical Score
   - Step 3 - optional, taken in residency
     - Numerical Score
   - Fulfill one of the ECFMG Pathways to qualify for ECFMG certification

3) OET Exam*
   - Applicants who take OET Medicine on or after April 1, 2022 must attain a minimum score of 350 on the Listening, Reading, and Speaking sub-tests, and a minimum score of 300 on the Writing sub-test, in one test administration

4) ECFMG Certificate is GRANTED

5) US Clinical Experiences (ongoing)
   - Clerkships
   - Observerships
   - Shadowing
   - Target 1 or 2 Specialties
     - Obtain Letters of Recommendation
     - Build professional network
     - Minimum 4 or more experiences
     - Length: 1 month or longer

6) Graduate Medical Education Program ("Residency") Application
   - ERAS Application
     - Early June: Registration begins; start application
     - Sept 1-15: Submission begins
   - NRMP (MATCH) Application

   MUST Include:
   1. Up to 4 US letters of recommendation of clinical work or volunteer experience
   2. Personal Statement (one page)
   3. CV, Dean's Letter, MSPE, Others

   APPLICATION TARGET DEADLINE:
   Mid-Sep or no later than early Oct

7) Medical Residency Interview Invitations
   - October - January

8) Submit Rank Order List
   (if had residency interviews)
   - Early February - Early March

9) "The Match" & SOAP
   - Mid-March: Medical residency "Match" results revealed

10) "Residency" Graduate Medical Educational Program
    - USMLE Exam Step 3, if not already taken

11) Medical Board of Colorado Application

12) License to Practice Medicine
    CONFERRED

*NOTE: The OET Exam and the USMLE Exams can be taken simultaneously, but both are required for ECFMG Certification