

THE MOST IMPORTANT LECTURE OF THE YEAR

What forms and certifications you
do before you graduate

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GET ORGANIZED

- Start a folder for professional documents...
 - Diploma from bachelors degree
 - Medical school diploma
 - Birth certificate
 - Many, many 2X2 passport photos of yourself (trust me, you will need at least a dozen)
 - COMLEX or USMLE scores
 - Updated CV

Medical Boards

- Take ASAP
 - Retaining knowledge
 - \$\$\$\$
 - Can't get license without passing all three
 - Can concentrate on ONLY rehab stuff

FCVS

- The Federation Credentials Verification Service (**FCVS**) was established to provide a centralized, uniform process for state medical boards as well as private and governmental entities to obtain a verified, primary source record of a physician's core medical credentials.

FCVS

- **When should you use the FCVS?**

There are 6 states that require you register with the FCVS in addition to completing the state application process, please see the following:

- New York- Only if you are an International Medical School Graduate
- Ohio- All applicants must establish an FCVS profile
- Rhode Island- All applicants must establish an FCVS profile
- New Hampshire- All applicants must establish an FCVS profile
- Maine- All applicants must establish an FCVS profile
- Utah- All applicants must establish an FCVS profile

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- Purpose:
- Identity
 - You submit a certified birth certificate or original passport
 - You submit any name change documents (if applicable).
- Medical Education
 - Official Transcripts
 - Deans Certification
 - Photocopy of Diploma (sent to school to be certified)
 - 5th Pathway
- Post Graduate Training
 - Verification of Post Graduate Training

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- Exam History
- ECFMG
- Board Action History
- - B. Fee**
 - May be a lot, but worth it
 - Approximately 400-500 bucks!
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 - C. Time Line**
 - Minimum of 90 days to establish a profile
 - Minimum of 30 days for subsequent profile

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- **D. Key Benefits**
- Establish a permanent profile that can be used for many licensing or credentialing process
- Complete the process one time. Many state medical boards will accept the FCVS profile.
- Can be a great option for International Medical Graduates whose Medical Schools do not respond in a timely manner.

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- - E. Considerations**
 - You must complete an eleven page application (this is in addition to the state board application and forms) in order to establish a profile.
 - If the FCVS is having difficulties in verifying your credentials, they will leave it up to you to get the end result.
If you are a foreign graduate and your school is not responding, the FCVS will send up to five request letters (one monthly). If your school still does not respond they will simply use your documents to verify the authenticity of your education. The only problem with this is that most boards will only accept an FCVS profile if all of your credentials were verified by the primary source. In essence, if the FCVS cannot get all of the required verifications, your profile will not even be worth the paper it is printed on.

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- The FCVS is a ***partial service***. Even if the state medical boards will accept the FCVS you will still need to complete the boards application and verify additional documents such as: Clinical Clerkships (for international graduates), Hospital Privileges, Employment, Reference Letters, AMA and AOA profiles, NPDB Databank Queries, License Verifications, Medical Society Verifications, DD214 Military Discharge, Claims History Reports, Malpractice Documentation and Specialty Board Certification.
- Slow. . . Using FCVS can actually delay the process.
- The slightest error or omission on the applicants' part will cause major delays in the process.

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- ROGER RECOMMENDS:
 - Complete this as soon as you pass Step #3
 - Price may go up
 - Never have to worry about credentialing again, (which could be a real pain if you apply for license in more than one state)
 - This takes a long time, so get it early
 - Easy to update information

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- WWW.FCVS.ORG

License

- Once FCVS is done, apply for your state license early in your senior year (once you know which state you will be practicing in).
- This may also take a long time, but FCVS makes it easier process
- The process should take 2-3 months and you can call to follow up application.

License

- In NY, go to:
- **<http://www.nysed.gov/>**
- Then follow link to licensing and certification.

License

- Here you will find another application, approximately 15 pages or so.
 - You can just check the FCVS box and most of the work is done for you.
- **PRICE: \$\$\$**
 - About 600-700 bucks!!!
- **DO NOT FRAME YOUR LICENSE** until all paperwork done!!!

DEA

- Once you get your license, apply for this ASAP.
- If you are a NUMC employee, you don't have to pay the \$500 fee. We are a govt. agency, and are therefore, exempt (thank you Henry!)
- Application process only takes about 3 weeks.

DEA

- **<http://www.deadiversion.usdoj.gov/>**

Prescription Pad

- Congrats... now you can call back the dept of education (medical licensing division- follow links on webpage) and order you prescription pads giving them your new DEA#.
- These are FREE!!!
 - However, they ask that you only order the amount that you think you will need for the next 4 months at a time.

NPI

- NPI= National Provider Identifier
- **Getting an NPI is free and easy!!!**
- Application is online.
- It only takes a few days for e-mail confirmation with assignment on NPI
- You will need this # in order to bill medicare and it will be used as your ID# on all of your bills to insurance companies.

NPI

- **<https://nppes.cms.hhs.gov/>**

Medicare

- Enroll as soon as you have all of the above complete.
- Although enrollment is open, it takes approximately 6 months to get on the plan.
- No fee for enrollment.
- Application is long, tedious and confusing (you may require further assistance in completing forms)

Medicare

- <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/center/physician.asp>
 - Follow links to *physician medicare enrollment* and application forms

Workers' Compensation

- Allows you to see workers' compensation cases.
- Need license
 - Special certification may be needed for independent medical exams (IME's)

Workers' Compensation

- Download Application at:
 - <http://www.wcb.state.ny.us/content/main/forms/mr-ime-1.pdf>

Workers' Compensation

- Submit in duplicate to your County Medical Society.
- Nassau County:
 - http://www.nacmed.org/nacmed-members_area.htm

Workers' Compensation

- Alternatively, osteopathic physicians may submit to their County Medical Society or the New York State Osteopathic Medical Society.
 - *D.O.'s can just fill out and give to Dr. Perry (NY State Osteopathic medical Society President)

Specialty Boards-ABPMR

- Application for American Board of PM&R (ABPMR) will be sent to program directors and given to resident about February on senior year.
- Fill out application (easy) and send check (\$1400). If late with payment, it is extra \$500.
 - Part II costs \$1800 the following year.

Specialty Boards-ABPMR

- Follow ABPMR website instructions which are self-explanatory.
 - Includes file to be printed out, then brought to program director for approval.

Specialty Boards-AOBPMR

- Why D.O.'s should take this:
 - Necessary if you ever want to be a program director of osteopathic program
 - Not many of them out there
 - Relative bargain (only \$1000 for both parts)
 - Test given at AOA convention each September which is always fun
 - Insurance policy if ABPMR boards don't go well.

Specialty Boards-AOBPMR

- To apply, first join AOCPMR (American Osteopathic College of Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation (free for residents))

–<http://www.aocpmr.org/>

Specialty Boards-AOBPMR

- Apply for test at:

—<http://www.aobpmr.org/>

Moonlighting

- You need:
 - Malpractice insurance
 - Permission from program director

Moonlighting

Malpractice Insurance:

Only 2 companies insure physicians in Nassau County:

- 1) MLMIC

- 2) PRI

Moonlighting

Only MLMIC will insure you while you are a resident...

www.mlmic.com

Hospital Affiliations

- Good practice to be affiliated with hospital
 - Insurance plans
 - Earnings Potential
- Relatively inexpensive
 - Costs about 100-200 bucks
- Very Long Application Process with a lot of paperwork, so get started early.

Final Thoughts

- ***Keep AAPMR membership valid.
 - \$75/year
 - Journals are great source of board review
 - Be aware of all updates
 - *AAPMR Job Board* is GREAT source of job opportunities.

Final Thoughts

- ***DO's MUST keep their AOA memberships valid for at least 2 years prior to taking board exam.
 - \$60/year

Final Thoughts

- Save all receipts, all of these fees are TAX DEDUCTIBLE!!!

Final Thoughts

- During early part of senior year, get your CV on all headhunter websites...
 - You will be getting calls constantly throughout the year concerning job opportunities.
 - Free for us, employers pay for service only
 - www.physicianwork.com
 - www.therecruiter.com
 - www.physicianrecruiting.com
 - Many, many others....

SUMMARY

- 1) Pass STEP 3
- 2) Complete FCVS
 - www.fcvs.org
- 3) NY state license (or other state you plan on working in)
 - <http://www.nysed.gov/>
- 4) DEA #
 - www.deadiversion.usdoj.gov/

Summary

5) Order Prescription Pads

<http://www.nysed.gov/>

6) Get your NPI

<https://nppes.cms.hhs.gov/>

7) Enroll in Medicare

<http://www.cms.hhs.gov/center/physician.asp>

8) Worker's Compensation Board

<http://www.wcb.state.ny.us/content/main/forms/mr-ime-1.pdf>

Summary

- Others:
 - ABPMR
 - AOBPMR (osteopaths only)
 - <http://www.aobpmr.org/>
 - AOCPMR (osteopaths only)
 - <http://www.aocpmr.org/>
 - Medical Malpractice Insurance
 - <http://www.mlmic.com/>
 - Hospital Affiliations
 - Contact the hospital staffing department

Summary

- Professional Memberships:
 - AAPMR
 - AOA
- Post Your CV EVERYWHERE

Thank you for your attention!!!

