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**WHY ARE AMERICAN DOCTORS BEING SHUT OUT OF AMERICA?**

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**Summary:**

Nearly one-quarter of Doctors who are currently working and practicing in the United States of America’s medical companies received their degrees abroad, resulting in shortage of the residency slots for the Americans who graduated in their own country.

That is why they are restricting all the doctors and physicians to work in their hospital if they graduated or received their degree outside the country, even though you are an American, you are still restricted to work inside the American hospitals. They want to block or restrict these doctors because of the fact that, U.S. medical schools are graduating more doctors, but the number of residency slots isn’t increasing proportionally, it’s a total mismatch. But blocking an American to work in an American hospital is unfair just because they received their degree abroad, it is not a valid reason to restrict them in their own country.

However, the number of residency slots available considerably outstrips the number of newly graduated doctors from U.S. schools. The New England Journal of Medicine projects that by 2023-24, there will be 4,500 more residency slots available annually than new U.S. medical graduates.

Most important, however, is America's grave need for new doctors. By 2030, the United States could be short nearly 105,000 physicians, according to the Association of American Medical Colleges. More than 40 percent of that burden could be in primary care -- the family practitioners, internists, pediatricians, and geriatricians who are on the front lines of patient care.

But in fact, U.S. graduates only filled over 90 per cent of residency slots in orthopedics, More than half of the 870 medical-school graduates of St. George's University took residencies in either internal or family medicine in 2016.

**Reaction:**

I think that blocking or restricting Doctors that received their diplomas outside the U.S. is a big mistake, for the fact that it is better to accept other countries practices in medical related fields. Not only it will make the medical study more wide-reaching, it will also help doctors to have a decent job even though they got their degrees outside their own country. Like stated in the article “Doctors educated outside the United States are essential for delivering care inside the United States, Restricting their access to U.S. residencies would be a mistake.”

“America should embrace all qualified doctors, no matter where they come from.”

Yes, maybe the residency slots are being taken up by the foreigners, but it doesn’t mean that you will restrict them to work in an American hospitals. Same with the Americans, it is still their rights to work in an American establishment, because they are, like stated, an American. You cannot block them just because they did not take their degrees in the United States of America.

They should accept all the qualified doctors and not hire them just because they are not from the U.S.