

## What's NEW?

### Medical Terminology Workbook - Facilitator Guide

The manual was developed and adapted from "English for the Health Professionals - Medical Terminology Guide", currently in use by the Prince Edward Island (PEI) Association for Newcomers to Canada. The purpose of this manual is to provide activities for internationally educated health professionals to enhance their knowledge of basic medical terminology. If you would like a printed copy of the manual, contact the IMG Bridging Program 902.406.8830.



## IMGs in the News

### Indian doctor makes to the top in Canada

Indo-Asian News Service  
With most Indian doctors in Toronto driving taxis because of non-recognition of their degrees, few have established themselves in their medical profession in Canada. But Amritsar-born physician Birinder Ahluwalia has made it to the very top of his trade, with his BSA Diagnostic Medical Imaging Centre in Toronto rated as one of the biggest and best in this country. "Last year, we treated a record 70,000 patients and the numbers will be even higher this year. I don't know of any other medical centre in Canada treating more patients than us," Ahluwalia, who is equally well known in cultural circles as one of the founders of the city's Spinning Wheel Film Festival, said in an interview. To read more:

<http://www.hindustantimes.com/Indian-doctor-makes-to-the-top-in-Canada/Article1-574114.aspx>



### Governments boost training for immigrants

By Bruce Owens -Winnipeg free Press  
OTTAWA will spend more than \$2 million over the next two years to help immigrants to Manitoba hone their skills and credentials so they can find work more quickly.

Minister of State for Democratic Reform Steven Fletcher and Manitoba's Advanced Education Minister Diane McGifford announced the post-secondary programs on Friday.

The money can't come soon enough for Zaheer Ahmad, a student at the University of Winnipeg's internationally educated IT professionals bridge program. "This will fill in gaps to help us polish our skills," Ahmad said, adding the program will include work placement so students such as him can get work experience. He immigrated from Pakistan three years ago.

To read more:

<http://www.winnipegfreepress.com/local/governments-boost-training-for-immigrants-98658204.html>

### B.C. gets more new doctors

By Jennifer Moreau, Burnaby Now  
The executive director of a group that helps foreign doctors is happy to hear the province has more physicians but thinks more can be done to solve B.C.'s doctor shortage.

Patrick Coady is the executive director with the Association of International Medical Doctors of B.C., a group that lobbies the provincial government to integrate foreign-trained doctors into B.C.'s medical system. The College of Physicians and Surgeons of B.C. recently reported there were 10,855 B.C. doctors in 2009, a 488 increase from 10,367 in 2008 - that's more than double the increase from the previous year. To read more:

<http://www.burnabynow.com/news/gets+more+doctors/3260436/story.html>

### Province explores process to assess foreign-trained MDs

By Hannah Scissons, the StarPhoenix  
The provincial government and medical groups say they are making progress on developing a system to assess foreign doctors who come to Saskatchewan. "Discussions are at a relatively advanced stage now, with the expectation of an evaluation program by 2011, but the details

aren't yet established," said Bryan Salte, spokesperson for the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Saskatchewan. A system to license international medical graduates (IMGs) is something the college has wanted to develop "for some time," said Salte. The provincial government indicated support for it as part of the physician recruitment strategy announced one year ago. Nationally, the licensure of IMGs is also being addressed through work by various provincial licensing organizations, including the college, to develop national standards. To read more:

<http://www.thestarphoenix.com/health/Province+explores+process+assess+foreign+n+trained/3218799/story.html>

## Useful Links

### Communication and Culture Competence Program

It is an online course for IMGs to learn more about Canadian professional competencies. The goal of the site is to present and illustrate the Medical Council of Canada objectives that are most likely to be unfamiliar or difficult to understand by those not trained in the Canadian system.



<http://icarus.med.utoronto.ca/ccc/about.html>

*Failure is blindness to the strategic element in events; success is readiness for instant action when the opportune moment arrives.*

**Newell D. Hillis**



## Volunteer Opportunities

If you would like to volunteer at the IMG Bridging Program, please call 902.406.8830.