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CONDITIONS FOR ENTRY INTO THE POSTGRADUATE TRAINING PROGRAMME FOR FOREIGN QUALIFIED DOCTORS IN INTERNAL MEDICINE IN CAPE TOWN

The conditions and requirements for postgraduate training of foreign-qualified doctors in Internal Medicine at Groote Schuur Hospital and the University of Cape Town are as follows:

1. Professional requirements:
 - a. Completion of a basic five or six year medical degree in a medical school that is recognised by the World Health Organisation.
 - b. Completion of internship training.
 - c. At least one year of post-internship experience as an independent medical practitioner.
 - d. Submission of a letter of application and full CV with three contactable referees for consideration by the Registrar Selection Committee of the Department of Medicine. Address your application to Mrs Lorraine Wakefield (lorraine.wakefield@uct.ac.za).
2. Regulatory approval to practice in South Africa as a supernumerary doctor:
 - a. Registration with the Health Professions Council of South Africa as a Supernumerary Medical Practitioner.
 - b. Permission from the Foreign Workforce Management Programme of the national Department of Health to take a training post in South Africa.
3. Duration and outcomes of specialist training
 - a. First year of medical officer training in which the trainee is expected to pass the Higher Diploma in Internal Medicine of the College of Physicians of South Africa (see http://www.collegemedsa.ac.za/view_exam.asp?Type=Link&ExamID=49). It is recommended that trainees also take the ACLS course in the first year (see <http://www.emergencycareglobal.co.za/default.asp?pageid=2535>).
 - b. Three to four years of training as a medical registrar, provided the candidate meets the minimum clinical standard expected of a registrar in the first year of medical officer training.
 - c. Medical registrars are expected to write and pass Parts I and II of the Fellowship of the College of Physicians of South Africa to qualify as specialist physicians (see http://www.collegemedsa.ac.za/view_exam.asp?Type=Link&ExamID=39).
4. Cost of specialist training and other conditions:
 - a. Living expenses in Cape Town require a minimum of US\$2,000.00 per month.
 - b. A car is required to work in the secondary level hospitals that are affiliated to Groote Schuur Hospital.
 - c. Fees for university registration fees, books, courses, and examinations cost a minimum of US\$4,000.00 per year.
 - d. Annual leave is limited to 22 working days per year, subject to the availability of vacation relief staff.

Applications for training positions are considered twice per year (in May and October) for the start dates of 1 January and 1 July, respectively. A period of 6-9 months should be allowed to obtain regulatory approval by the Health Professions Council of South Africa and the national Department of Health to practice medicine in South Africa.

As of 15 January 2009