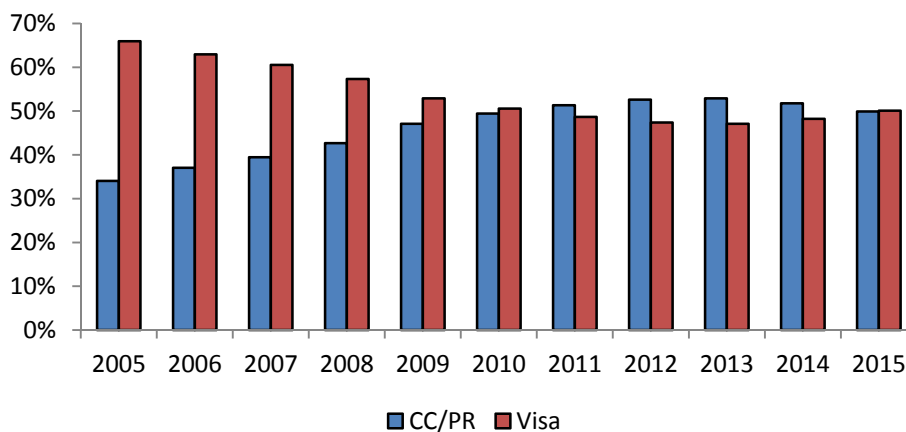


International Medical Graduates (IMGs) play a longstanding role in providing care to Canadians with approximately 20,000 IMGs licenced in Canada in 2016 or one quarter of all licenced physicians nationally. The IMG database consists of information from the Medical Council of Canada (MCC), Canadian Post-MD Education Registry, and Scott’s Medical Directory.

### IMGs Passing Medical Council of Canada Exams

Many IMGs write MCC exams as initial steps toward medical practice in Canada. The three main exams are MCCEE, MCCQE I and MCCQE II. In 2015, a total of 2,667 IMGs passed the MCCEE with the representation being highest from Saudi Arabia (241), Ireland (197) and Iran (180). The proportion of IMGs that have passed exams within two years of their medical degree has increased between 2011 and 2015 for the MCCEE (2.6%), MCCQE I (10.5%) and MCCQE II (9.8%).

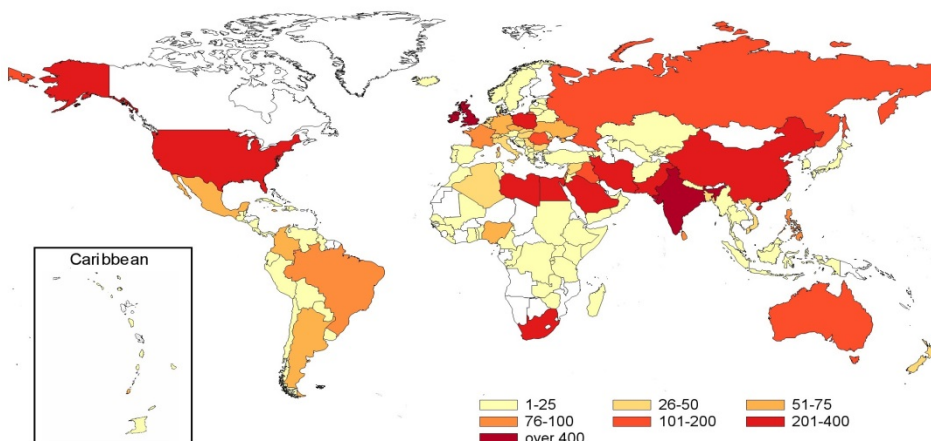
### IMGs in Postgraduate Training



In the past decade, there has been a gradual decline in the proportion of visa trainees relative to all IMGs in Canadian postgraduate training resulting in roughly equal numbers of visa trainees (2,270) and Canadian citizen/permanent resident IMGs (2,262) in 2015.

### IMGs in Practice

The proportion that IMGs represent of all practising physicians in each jurisdiction varies significantly. For instance, in Saskatchewan half of all practising physicians are IMGs (53%) whereas in Quebec one in 10 physicians is an IMG (CIHI, 2015).



Of the 20676 IMGs in practice in Canada in 2016, 7754 (37.5%) were known to have had Canadian postgraduate training. These IMGs most frequently graduated from medical schools in India (771), Ireland (445), and United Kingdom (415).