

# The Dilemma of “Foreign Born” Medical Professionals with Addiction Histories

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# *United States*

- **Physicians**

- 29% born elsewhere
- 7% not US citizens
- 25% foreign medical graduates

- **Dentists**

- 24% born elsewhere
- 4% not US citizens

- <https://jamanetwork.com/journals/jama/article-abstract/2717463>

# United Kingdom



Of every 1,000 NHS staff in England...

- ...873 are British
- ...56 are from other EU countries
- ...43 are Asian
- ...19 are African
- ...9 are from somewhere else

**These figures vary substantially across England. In London, 113 of every 1,000 staff (11.3%) are from the EU.**

- <https://researchbriefings.parliament.uk/ResearchBriefing/Summary/CBP-7783>
- October 2018

# *Elsewhere*

- **Israel:**
  - 58% foreign medical graduates
- **New Zealand:**
  - 40 % foreign medical graduates
- **Ireland:**
  - 40 % foreign medical graduates
- <https://www.nytimes.com/2017/10/06/upshot/america-is-surprisingly-reliant-on-foreign-medical-graduates.html>

# Australia

- **Overseas Trained Doctors (OTDs) in 2011:**
  - **GPs** – 56% foreign born
  - **Specialists** – 47% foreign born
  - *Of the 15,168 additional medical practitioners in Australia between the 2006 and 2011 censuses, 10,452 (68.9%) were foreign-born, including large increases from such countries as India, Nepal, Philippines, and Zimbabwe.*
  - **Caveat:** Not all foreign-born are foreign-trained
- USD\$ 1.7 B in medical education savings
- *Foreign-born health workers in Australia: an analysis of census data*
- <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC3882294/>

# *Challenges*

- Good news:
  - Help is out there
- Bad news:
  - Communication is poor
- Solution:
  - Better communication

# *Coordinating transition and aid*

- **United States**
  - FSPHP.org
    - See links to all State programs
  - IDAA.org
- **United Kingdom**
  - BDDG.org
  - *NHS developing PHP*
- **Canada**
  - Each Province has its own programme
  - See FSPHP.org also
- **Republic of Ireland**
  - <https://practitionerhealth.ie/>
- **Israel**
  - *Work in progress*
    - <https://www.tau.ac.il/profile/shaullevran>
    - *Israel Center on Addiction*
      - *Dr. Shaul Lev-Ran*
- **Europe**
  - *Network of PHPs in progress*
  - <http://www.eaph.eu/>

*Thank you!!*