



Dear Colleagues:

As most of you know, on June 13, NBME released the [InCUS recommendations on USMLE scoring](#). Many individual members are submitting comments regarding the recommendations and we encourage you to do so. AAIM is also working diligently to craft a response. The Alliance has created three work groups who are meeting by conference call every week since time is short. One work group is focused on student impact and another on residents and residency programs. These two groups are providing input to an overarching group that aims to synthesize all this thoughtful work and derive an overall response for our organization.

See who is on the task forces

How is AAIM developing its unified consensus statement? It is a delicate balance of perspectives—community and university, USMGs and IMGs, small and large institutions, student and program director wellness. Some of what the work groups have been doing includes:

- Clarifying with ECFMG President and CEO William F. Pinsky, MD, perspectives of IMGs as well as what innovations are and are not possible internationally
- Surveying small groups of members to ensure opinions are representative
- Including community-based institution leaders in the discussions
- Not only enumerating consequences of a change in USMLE scoring—particularly those that are unintended but also proposing actionable recommendations

Most importantly, the Alliance has openly acknowledged that the current system is broken. We have opened pathways for discussion and opportunities for change with many key stakeholders. As members of the largest departments in most medical schools and teaching hospitals, Alliance members will be crucial change leaders at the local level. AAIM will provide periodic updates about the progress we are making. Be assured you have a number of thoughtful, hard-working and dedicated educators who are working for you at this very moment.

Sincerely,

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