

## MEDICAL BOARD STAFF REPORT

DATE REPORT ISSUED: April 21, 2016  
 ATTENTION: Medical Board of California  
 SUBJECT: Recognition of Universidad Autonoma de Guadalajara  
 School of Medicine, International Program  
 STAFF CONTACT: Curtis J. Worden, Chief of Licensing

### REQUESTED ACTION AND RECOMMENDATION:

After review and discussion, recognize the Universidad Autonoma de Guadalajara School of Medicine, International Program (UAG) four-year curriculum and deem it to be in substantial compliance with the requirements of Business and Professions Code sections 2089 and 2089.5 and California Code of Regulations, Title 16, Division 13, Section 1314.1.

### BACKGROUND AND ANALYSIS:

UAG is a private, non-profit medical school, founded in 1935, and located in Guadalajara, Mexico. UAG's medical school consists of the medical school program that primarily educates the citizens of Mexico to practice medicine in Mexico and the International Program that primarily educates citizens from other countries to practice medicine in other countries, including the United States. The Board currently recognizes UAG's medical school program that primarily educates the citizens of Mexico to practice medicine in Mexico, pursuant to California Code of Regulations (CCR) section 1314.1(a)(1). The Board also currently recognizes UAG's International Program's five-year curriculum pursuant to CCR section 1314.1(a)(2). UAG is requesting the Board to recognize a four-year curriculum for UAG's International Program.

At the January 22, 2016 Board meeting, the Board reviewed the UAG International Program's proposed four-year curriculum. The Board requested additional information regarding the clinical rotations at UAG's affiliated hospitals in Mexico, the oversight of UAG students in clinical rotations, and the oversight of the hospitals where the UAG students are receiving clinical clerkships.

UAG has provided the Board with additional information regarding UAG's oversight of the students and hospitals during the clinical rotation clerkships. Board staff and Medical Consultant Dr. Nuovo have reviewed UAG's policy and procedures regarding student expectations and evaluations during clinical clerkship rotations, and reviewed actual student evaluations and UAG's hospital site visits evaluations. UAG visits sites and evaluates the affiliated hospitals twice a year. Based upon the additional information provided by UAG, UAG has demonstrated the necessary oversight to ensure the quality of the clinical clerkship rotations completed in the UAG affiliated hospitals in Mexico and the necessary oversight of the students who are completing clinical clerkships in those hospitals.

The report prepared by Dr. Nuovo has been included for review (pages BRD 17 – 2).

**MEMO**

April 21, 2016

To: Members

Medical Board of California

From: Jim Nuovo, MD

Professor & Associate Dean of GME

UC Davis

Re: Evaluation of the Universidad Autonoma De Guadalajara Self-Assessment Report

**Background:** The Medical Board of California (Board) requested a review of the materials provided by the Universidad Autonoma De Guadalajara (UAG) Medical School. These were submitted as part of a self-assessment report in the evaluation of UAG's proposed four year curriculum for recognition by the Board.

My report is based on my review of the documents provided to the Board by UAG, from a response by the School to additional questions posed after review of the Self-Assessment Report and from additional information provided to Curt Worden.

The goal of this review was to determine if the medical education received in this program meets the requirements of current California statutes and regulations.

**Documents for Review Included the Following:**

1. UAG Self-Assessment Report.
2. UAG response to questions that arose from an evaluation of the Self-Assessment Report.
3. Additional materials provided from the School to Curt Worden.

**Recommendations:**

After review of all of the information provided by UAG, I feel that the School is in substantial compliance with the required statutes and regulations to justify recognition. The additional materials provided demonstrate compliance with the prior concerns that were stated in my January 12, 2016 memo. Specifically, I feel that the description of the clinical rotations meets the requirements of Business and Professions Code 2089.5; specifically, (d) that "54 weeks shall be performed in a hospital that sponsors the instruction" and 2089.5; specifically, (e)(8) that "the hospital shall ensure a minimum daily census adequate to meet the instructional needs of the number of students enrolled in each course area of clinical instruction." Further, I feel that the materials provided by the School demonstrate sufficient oversight in the quality of the clinical rotations available to the students.