InCUS Meeting Concludes

The Invitational Conference on USMLE Scoring (InCUS) concluded March 12, 2019, resulting in extensive and practical input about examination score reporting and collaborative recommendations to the USMLE program. We are grateful to all the meeting attendees for sharing their insights and we learned a great deal. We are also grateful to the 30+ organizations that shared comments prior to the meeting.

Engaging with state licensing representatives, medical school educators, residency program directors, practicing physicians, and students among others has long been important for the USMLE program. The attendees at the meeting did not represent a singular position but engaged in collaborative dialogue around the current systemic challenges in residency application, screening, and selection. Participants voiced optimism and a real appetite for change.

Over the next few months, the USMLE program and the InCUS planning committee will consolidate all the recommendations and post a summary for public commentary. This summary will include recommendations (short-term and potentially long-term) to the USMLE governance.

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