



**INTERNATIONAL MEDICAL
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The Commission for Medical Interpreter Education (CMIE) Opens Call to Recruit New Commissioners

Boston, MA, August 13, 2015 – The Commission for Medical Interpreter Education (CMIE), a division of the International Medical Interpreter Association (IMIA) established the first standards for medical interpreter education in 2014. Supported by an Advisory Board made up of recognized leaders in the interpreting field, the CMIE commissioners are experienced trainers and interpreter leaders with wide range of expertise and experience. We seek dynamic individuals in the medical interpreting field to join the commission as we continue to develop, enhance, and promote medical interpreter education best practices.

A CMIE-accredited organization means that the CMIE, a neutral third party, has verified the program in a systematic manner following auditing practices. The education standards include requirements such as minimal admission requirements, standard curriculum, organizational and administrative support, minimal instructor qualifications and continuing quality improvement of educational programs.

To learn more about required qualifications to become a commissioner, please visit:

<http://www.imiaweb.org/education/accreditationteam.asp>

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About IMIA

IMIA is an umbrella nonprofit organization that advocates for qualified medical interpreting for every language minority patient. Working with over 12,000 professionals in the field, IMIA promotes all standards and best practices in the field of medical interpreting. As an international trade association of medical interpreters, it represents practicing medical interpreters as the ultimate experts in medical interpreting. It is also the only national trade association of medical interpreters in the US, and is an official active member of FIT, the Federation of Interpreters and Translators, an international organization comprised of trade associations of interpreters and translators worldwide. IMIA developed the first code of ethics for interpreters and medical interpreter educators, standards of practice, annual conference, Education, Terminology Resources, and Interpreter Registries. In 2009 launched the National Board for Medical Interpreter Certification, and developed the first national certification for medical interpreters. In 2013 IMIA formed the Commission for Medical Interpreter Education and launched the first standards for Medical Interpreter Education, and the accreditation program for educational programs. IMIA continues to be a pioneer in the field with its recent work to develop the first Medical Interpreter Instructor Certification Program. (www.imiaweb.org)