

## Re: Canadian doctors coming to the US

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"dahmd" <dahmd@cfl.rr.com> wrote in message  
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> *"George Conklin" <nilknoc@earthlink.net> wrote in message  
> news:JkdVc.3559\$2L3.2637@newsread3.news.atl.earthlink.net...*

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>> news:412530B4.7080106@earthlink.net...*

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>>> *Howard McCollister wrote:*

>>>> *"fresh-horses" <fresh-horses@despammed.com> wrote in message  
>>>> news:abf8de5b.0408190942.3459afc9@posting.google.com...*

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>>>>> *Physicians do not pay the whole cost of their educations. The tax  
>>>>> payer picks up the heft of the tab.*

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>>>>> *The typical medical student will graduate from medical school with  
> about*

>>>>> *\$120,000 in debt for tuition and fees.*

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>> *True, but this does not count the \$1 million the public has invested  
in*

> *each medical student.*

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> *I gotta have a reference on this one. When I was in med school the state  
> legislature spent less than 100K on each student. Considering the free*

*care*

> *we provided during residency, it probably was a wash, although, sincerely,*

*I*

> *appreciate the expenditure.*

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> *Ashley*

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The calculations were done by Eastman Kodak when they stated that medical training added 17% to the hospital bills upfront, plus much less efficiency because training costs money well beyond free care. Then there is the Medicare subsidy to hospitals which is a direct cost.

As for Canada, they have to invest a lot of students who leave the country. They call it the brain drain. It is especially acute for nations like India where there are few doctors and a lot of people and not much cash. We should at least train the physicians we need and not give the cost to someone else.

As for medical education, it ought to be free to the student and that should reflect itself in the fees charged to patients. No med student should graduate with huge debts.