

Foreword

This report builds on OECD work since 2007 to monitor trends in the migration of health workers to promote more informed policy dialogues between source and destination countries of doctors, nurses and other categories of health workers. The report is divided in two parts and seven chapters.

Part 1 presents an overview of the most recent trends in the international mobility of health workers, looking at the significant contribution that foreign-born and foreign-trained doctors and nurses have made to the growing number of doctors and nurses in OECD countries between 2000 and 2015/16 (Chapter 1). It also provides a synthesis of new analysis on the internationalisation of medical education in OECD and EU countries (Chapter 2), drawing on the results from four country case studies in Europe and a study on the integration of foreign-trained doctors and nurses in Canada.

Part 2 summarises the results of each of these four case studies on the internationalisation of medical education in France (Chapter 3), Ireland (Chapter 4), Poland (Chapter 5) and Romania (Chapter 6), as well as the study on “brain gain” and “brain waste” in Canada (Chapter 7).

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