

Table 3. Practice and Immigration related challenges of IMGs in the COVID-19 pandemic

Characteristic	Response
<b>Practice related challenges</b>	
Quarantined due to COVID-19 exposure. No. (%) (n=2275)	261 (11.5)
Infected with COVID-19 virus. No. (%) (n=2275)	28 (1.2)
Lost work days/shifts due to COVID-19 exposure or infection. No. (%) (n=2275)	188 (8.3)
Taking a pay cut/loss of revenue due to the pandemic related issues No. (%) (n=2045)	622 (30.4)
Number of work days lost, mean (SD), days (range 0-45 days)	0.8 (3.1)
Became unemployed due to the pandemic related issues No. (%) (n=2057)	19 (1%)
<b>Immigration challenges</b>	
Will your family face hardship due to your unemployment or disability? No. (%) (n=2193)	1988 (90.6)
Is your family at risk of deportation in case of your death or disability? No. (%) (n=1996)	1433 (71.8)
Does suspension of premium VISA processing by USCIS affect your stay or work in the US? No. (%) (n=2259)	1470 (65.1)
Do visa restrictions limit you from providing additional coverage in places of need (like NY, Seattle, New Orleans etc) during COVID-19 pandemic? No. (%) (n=2091)	1984 (93.1)

Are you willing to serve in COVID-19 hot spots where there is need for physicians in front lines but unable to do so because of immigration restrictions? No. (%) (n=2212)	1854 (83.8)
Do visa work restrictions limit you from providing telemedicine services to patients? No. (%) (n=1927)	1307 (67.8)
Did a recruiter or a hospital reach you to work at a site, city or state due to staffing shortages during the COVID-19 pandemic? No. (%) (n=2084)	1188 (57)
Do you think a Permanent Residency status will help resolve most of the professional and personal concerns mentioned earlier? No. (%) (n=2247)	2220 (98.8)
<b>As an IMG, what is most concerning to you in the COVID-19 pandemic era?</b> <b>Mean score (range 1-4) (n=2275)</b>	
Risk of getting infected with COVID-19 virus.	3.02
Risk of family deportation due to loss of employment or death.	2.38
Risk of losing a job due to the pandemic related issues.	2.33
Risk of facing financial hardships.	2.27