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Dear Folks

Unfortunately this is open to abuse i.e. If the supervising practitioner “likes” the person they are supervising, then the person is more likely to gain accreditation. I am an Australian graduate. When I was in the USA 15 years ago, I was told by our college that NO training I undertook there would be counted toward fellowship. So I went through the local process on my return to Australia (under supervision) and passed all required exams. I have, some years later witnessed an American graduate be “supervised” for several months. HE was not of local standard but was “passed” by those who supervised him, presumably because he was “one of the boys”. This, in spite of protests from several (including myself). Similarly if someone is of a particular ethnicity background, or is not “liked” by the supervisors (or both) this can work against them. We need to be fair and transparent at all times.

Regards

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