



## UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND

### MEMORANDUM

TO: Department Chairs and Program Directors

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SUBJECT: Designating Academic Degrees as Earned

Recently, it was brought to my attention that some clinical faculty awarded foreign medical degrees (e.g. M.B., Ch.B., M.B.B.S., etc.), have been identifying themselves, for academic and clinical purposes, as having been awarded the M.D. degree. Curriculum vitae submitted to the APT Committee, professional business cards, letterhead and prescription forms have been printed with the M.D. degree noted.

I would like to clarify the School's position on this matter. All academic degrees must be designated as awarded. The practice of designating degrees incorrectly, regardless of what the degree may be similar to (M.D. *or* Ph.D.), must cease immediately.

In this vein, the Dean's Office is in the process of updating database tables to accommodate all varieties of academic degrees. Your cooperation is being requested in this endeavor. You can provide or update degree information or ask any questions about this issue by contacting the Office of Academic Administration on ext. 6-2656.

Please distribute this communication to your faculty and thank you for your immediate attention to this matter.

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