

## A Note About Joint Commission Accreditation (JCI)

A hospital may advertise Joint Commission International (JCI) accreditation to promote the quality of its services. However, JCI only accredits the safety of the policies, procedures, and practices used to deliver the services. As long as medical staff are licensed to practice in the Cayman Islands, JCI does not validate the training, qualifications, and experience of the medical staff, nor the credentialing process through which they received their license to practice.

## The Principal List Identification Programme (PLIP)

In order to make informed healthcare choices for you and your family, you should have an understanding of the system AND a clear way to identify Principal List providers. This is why the CIMDS is introducing the Principal List Identification Programme (PLIP).

You can be assured that your healthcare provider or facility has a Principal List affiliation if you see the green check.



You can also find a list of Principal List doctors and dentists in Cayman on The Department of Health Regulatory Services website at [dhrs.gov.ky](http://dhrs.gov.ky)



Established in 1984, the Cayman Island Medical and Dental Society (CIMDS) is the largest nonpartisan group of registered doctors and dentists in the country. Made up only of healthcare providers on the Principal List, the CIMDS is committed to ensuring patients receive the highest quality medical care delivered by well-trained and experienced doctors and dentists.

[cimds.org.ky](http://cimds.org.ky)

Principal List credentialing by the Cayman Islands Medical and Dental Council (MDC) — the process of obtaining, verifying, and assessing the qualifications, background, and legitimacy of the licensure, education and training of Principal List providers in Cayman — validates that a physician or dentist is qualified and competent to provide quality health care services as per the Cayman Islands Health Practice Law. The PLIP was created by the CIMDS solely to raise awareness and to help the public more easily identify Principal List providers. Principal List providers may or may not utilize or display materials associated with the Cayman Islands Medical and Dental Society (CIMDS) Principal List Identification Programme (PLIP).

## The Principal List

Your health,  
your choice™

What you need to know about choosing a healthcare provider in the Cayman Islands.



## What is the Principal List?

Until 2010, all doctors and dentists seeking to work in the Cayman Islands had to be evaluated by the Medical and Dental Council (MDC), a panel of senior medical professionals with the knowledge and experience needed to verify their qualifications. The law governing health practice – The Health Practice Law – at that time limited healthcare providers to those from one of seven countries: Australia, Canada, Jamaica, New Zealand, South Africa, United Kingdom, and the United States. Those who met the standards were licenced to provide medical care to the citizens of Cayman and were enrolled in a registry called the **PRINCIPAL LIST**.



## The Institutional List

In 2010, the law was changed to establish alternative licencing standards to meet the need of medical tourism facilities, including accepting qualifications from anywhere in the world. Practitioners are not required to provide proof of specialist qualifications. The healthcare providers in a medical tourism facility are licenced by the MDC under mandated Cabinet orders. Practitioners licenced this way are limited to practicing in an institution designated as a medical tourism facility and are enrolled in a registry called the **INSTITUTIONAL LIST**.

### Institutional List providers:

- may come from countries where training and qualifications cannot be fully validated
- are not required to demonstrate proof of specialty training



## Your health, your choice™

When you choose a Principal List doctor or dentist, you can rest assured you have a healthcare provider who:



is registered in one of the seven countries with standardized, high quality medical training;



has training, qualifications, and overseas registration that can be fully validated by the Cayman Islands Medical and Dental Council (MDC); and



may work in any registered healthcare facility in the Cayman Islands.