

## Texas ranks second nationally in retention of in-state trained physicians

A letter to the editor in the August 22 edition of Syracuse.com notes that more than half of newly trained doctors are fleeing the State of New York.

The opinion piece reports that New York trains approximately 16,000 medical students each year. Only 45 percent of those newly-trained physicians choose to stay in-state to work.

The latest facts are even more discouraging. According to the American Association of Medical Colleges, only 36.4%--slightly more than a third, of those who received their undergraduate medical education in New York established a medical practice there. That ranks New York, a state with no medical liability reforms, 28th nationally in physician retention.

Meanwhile, California and Texas, two states with comprehensive medical lawsuit reforms, rank first and second nationally, retaining 62.7% and 59.7 of their medical school graduates.

<b>Medical School Graduates Retained in-state for Practice</b>		
<b>Rank</b>	<b>State</b>	<b>Percent Retained</b>
1	California	62.7%
2	Texas	59.7%
3	Arkansas	58.9%
4	Mississippi	54.2%
5	Hawaii	53.0%
6	Indiana	51.8%
7	Minnesota	51.8%
8	Alabama	49.7%
9	Florida	49.5%
10	South Carolina	48.5%
<i>State Median: 38.7%</i>		
<i>Source: AMA Physician Masterfile (December 31, 2014) Association of American Medical Colleges 2015 State Physician Workforce Data Book</i>		