

PHYSICIAN ALIYAH CAMPAIGN

Nefesh B'Nefesh is launching a fellowship program for MDs from North America and the U.K. to help solve the serious shortage of doctors projected to occur in Israel over the next few years. (The Council for Higher Education predicts the current ratio of 3.5 physicians for every 1,000 Israelis will plummet to less than 2.5 per thousand.)

The Physicians Aliyah Fellowship provides grants of approximately \$60,000 to physicians under the age of 40 who are willing to practice at

least nine months a year in Israel. "While currently many physicians making *aliyah* prefer to continue their practices abroad, this fellowship will enable doctors to remain in Israel and sustain their careers domestically," noted Rabbi Yehoshua Fass, co-founder and executive director of Nefesh B'Nefesh.

Israeli Minister of Health Yacov Ben Yizri added, "The Health Ministry will do all in its power to ease the absorption process and assist doctors with their professional integration in Israel."