



Immigration Success Story

The National Interest Waiver Gives the US an Advantage in Cancer Treatment

Exceptional scientists are sought after by many countries and organizations, and under the U.S. immigration laws they can apply to obtain a "green card" through an application for National Interest Waiver (NIW) which allows a foreign national the opportunity to self-petition for a "green card" and bypass the typical Labor Certification requirement as it is in the best interest of our nation to retain bright and capable scientists.

A "green card" based on "national interest" is generally granted to a person who has exceptional ability (a degree of expertise significantly above that ordinarily encountered in the sciences, arts, or business) and whose employment in the U.S. would greatly benefit our nation.

Our client, Roelf, is well-known for the development and implementation of novel proton therapy technologies. He has helped many global institutions develop programs to expand the availability of proton therapy to cancer patients and significantly reduce the investment required to complete a proton center's installation and preparation for patient treatment.

To prove that it was in the best interest of our nation to have Roelf in the U.S., we prepared a petition that included copies of his publications, educational background, letters from colleagues and highly regarded practitioners in his field, evidence of his participation in global medical panels and conferences, and copies of presentations and papers given at those conferences. We filed a significant package of substantive evidence with USCIS, and approximately seven months later Roelf's application for NIW was received. He now lives permanently in the U.S. with his family and continues to work on the development of one of the most promising cancer treatment methods in the world.

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