

**GAC Advice – Buenos Aires Communiqué 24 June 2015
(as of 13 August 2015)**

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- c. In the October 2013 proposal, .DOCTOR was not proposed to be classified as “highly-regulated,” and thus it would be required to have 3 additional PICs in its Registry Agreement.
4. In the GAC’s [Buenos Aires Communiqué](#) (20 November 2013), the GAC [advised](#) the Board “to re-categorize the string .doctor as falling within Category 1 safeguard advice addressing highly regulated sectors, *therefore ascribing these domains exclusively to legitimate medical practitioners*. The GAC notes the strong implications for consumer protection and consumer trust, and the need for proper medical ethical standards, demanded by the medical field online to be fully respected.” (Emphasis added.)
5. The NGPC considered the GAC’s Buenos Aires advice, and in the iteration of the [Scorecard from 5 February 2014](#), the NGPC:
 - a. adopted the proposed [implementation](#) of Category 1 Safeguards that was sent to the GAC in October 2013; and
 - b. accepted the GAC’s Buenos Aires advice to reclassify .DOCTOR to highly-regulated so that it would be required to have the 8 additional PICs, and to “**ensure that domains in the TLD are restricted to legitimate medical practitioners.**” (Emphasis added.)
6. In January 2015, staff contacted the three contending .DOCTOR applicants in advance of the “private auction,” which was scheduled for late January 2015. To implement the NGPC’s action regarding .DOCTOR, staff informed the applicants that in addition to the standard eight PICs for Category 1 strings in the highly-regulated category, an additional PIC would be required to ensure that domains would be restricted to legitimate medical practitioners. The additional PIC would read as follows: “Registry Operator will ensure that the domains in the TLD are ascribed exclusively to legitimate medical practitioners.”
7. On 21 January 2015, Donuts sent an email to the CEO and some members of the NGPC raising concerns that the PIC developed by staff for .DOCTOR goes

beyond what the NGPC action called for in its 5 February 2014 Scorecard/resolution. The email stated that .DOCTOR is being singled out for disparate treatment far beyond that of any other highly sensitive TLD. The NGPC discussed the email from Donuts at its [12 February 2015 meeting](#), and after discussion, the sense of the NGPC was for staff to continue to move forward with implementation of the NGPC's 5 February 2014 resolution on the matter.

8. On 12 March 2015, Brice Trail filed Reconsideration Request 15-3.