

Memorandum

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Subject: **Expected Final Year Residents by Number and Specialty 2010**

With slightly less than 800,000 practicing physicians in the United States today, the AMA and various State and Federal Government entities have estimated that about 362,000 will retire within the next few years. The United States is facing a critical shortage of practicing physicians.

Throughout the decade of the 1970's US Medical Schools produced an average of 41,000 physicians per year. In 2008 they produced 17,857. With enrollments capped at 18,000 to the year 2012, we face some difficult times. While the gender split during the 70's was 87% male and 13% female, recent graduating classes showed a gender split of 47% male and 53% female. The AMA states that the average female physician will practice 3.8 years after residency before taking a break for child rearing years. Many of those who decide to return to practice will seek part time work and as such will have a significant negative impact on the numbers of physicians available.

Currently 27% of all practicing physicians in the United States are Foreign Medical Graduates. This number will rise substantially over the next five years as 42% of all first year Residents in 2009 will be FMG's.

A breakdown of the number of residency programs and the number of Residents finishing their training in 2010 is below. For those specialties not listed, the number of final year residents is less than 100. Please note that in some specialties (Internal Medicine and General Surgery, for example) a large percentage of the residents will be entering fellowships.

If you would like a copy of the American Association of Medical Schools November 2008 report on US Physician Supply and Demand we would be happy to forward a copy to you.

Specialties	Programs	Graduating Physicians	2010
Family Practice	463	3,135	
Hospitalist / IM	374	6,105	75% go on to fellowships
Neurology	120	557	
Radiology	188	1,096	
Rheumatology	110	203	
PM&R	79	373	
Cardiology	185	833	
Infectious Disease	144	333	

Otolaryngology	104	271	
General Surgery	248	1,177	75% will go on to do fellowships
Neuro Surgery	95	178	
Ortho Surgery	148	667	
Anesthesiology	135	1,490	
Emergency Medicine	150	1,460	
Gastroenterology	155	425	
Pulmonology/Critical Care	129	415	
Pediatrics (General)	278	2,675	
Pediatric IM	98	351	
Pediatric Cardiology	50	113	
Pediatric Endocrinology	72	73	
Pediatric GI	54	72	
Pediatric Hem/Onc	67	130	
Pediatric Neurology	70	94	
Pediatric General Surgery	35	32	
OBGYN	249	1,177	
Hematology/Oncology	125	439	
Psychiatry, Adult	292	1,245	
Psychiatry, Child	123	378	
Urology	118	239	
Nephrology	141	399	
Endocrinology	128	253	
Dermatology	118	364	