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Department of Medicine

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National Trends

In this year's NRMP there were 14,566 graduates of US. allopathic medical schools. Of these, 2632 applied for 4853 positions in categorical internal medicine. This percentage (53.5) ranks next to last for the major disciplines as shown in Table 1.

Table 1

Anesthesiology	83.5%
Dermatology	96.4%
ER	77.9%
Family Medicine	42.2%
Internal Medicine	53.5%
Medicine/Peds	68.1%
Neurology	62.8%
OB/Gyn	74.2%
Ortho	91.6%
Pediatrics	70.3%
Psychiatry	61.7%
Radiology	86.4%
Surgery	77.4%

For preliminary internal medicine there were a total of 1880 positions. 1504 U.S. seniors matched into these positions (80%).

Only 25 programs went unfilled, compared to 31 in 2008.

Table 2 shows the trends over the past 5 years for both categorical and preliminary medicine.

Table 2- U.S. Seniors

	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
Categorical	2659	2668	2680	2660	2632
Preliminary	1526	1469	1491	1471	1504

Disciplines who saw significant increases in applicants in 2009 were Anesthesiology (15%increase), Emergency Medicine (5% increase), and Radiology (7% increase).

For a more detailed explanation and the full data set go to the NRMP website, www.nrmp.org.

UNC- The Selection Process

For 2009, we received 2338 applications, 1708 categorical and 690 preliminary. The number of U.S. graduates were 971 for categorical and 461 for preliminary. These are 37% and 30% of the national applicant pool. Both numbers are less compared to prior years.

We screened all applicants from their ERAS applications and invited and interviewed 91 preliminary and 258 categorical applicants.

The interview day included the following:

1. A recruiting dinner the night before the interview day. Applicants were assigned to residents and a chief resident attended each dinner.
2. On interview days, Dr. Runge began with an overview of the strengths of our department.
3. Dr. Berkowitz next discussed the strengths of our residency.
4. The chief residents also reviewed the workings of the program with the applicants.
5. Applicants were taken on a tour, sat in on residents report and had lunch with residents.
6. Each applicant had 2 faculty interviews. A focused group of faculty did all of the interviews.

After the interview day, applicants were encouraged to return for second-look interviews. Before the match, top applicants were informed of their high likelihood of matching here.

UNC – Results

All of our positions were filled in the match. The following students matched into our program.

Preliminary

Earl Bain	UNC
Andrew Barina	St. Louis Univ
Anna Burkhead	UNC
Sona Chikarmane	Harvard
Ian Han	Duke
Sean Rotolo	U. South Alabama
Chris Sayed	UNC
Cooper Wriston	Duke

Categorical

Amanda Allen	UNC
Edward Barnes	South Carolina
Patrick Barrett	Indiana
Stacy Cowherd	UNC
Adam Creech	UNC
Scott Haake	Miami
Kamal Kolappa	UNC
Jacob Kurlander	Michigan
Caitlyn Molino	Eastern Virginia
Evan Morgan	West Virginia
Niyati Mukherjee	Rochester
Tara O'Brien	Marschall
Fernanda Payan	Texas Tech
Alexis Ponder	Morehouse
John Rommel	Brown
Pahresah Roomiany	Utah
Derek Seib	Indiana
Shatima Seward	Wake Forest
Stephen Telloni	Ohio St
Kiran Vinkatesh	UNC
Ben Vincent	UNC
Grant Williams	Drexel
Sherwin Yen	Case Western

Programs Competing with UNC

The NRMP provides us with match results for all ranked applicants. Below are the programs that matched applicants we had on our rank list. For each program, the number of students matched who were on our list is given and program size.

	Number of students	Program Size
Duke	22	45
Barnes	11	47
U Va	11	30
Emory	11	50
U MIch	10	42
Johns Hopkins	10	34
UTSW	9	48
Colorado	9	46
UAb	8	35
UCSF	7	60
Vanderbilt	7	34
U Penn	7	47
U Wash	6	42
BI-Deaconess	5	48
WFU	5	30
OHSU	5	31
Stanford	4	35
MGH	3	53
Brigham	3	54
Yale	3	44
U Chicago	2	28

Conclusions

The Department of Medicine residency continues to attract a large number of talented students. Our ranked students are also candidates at many of the top programs across the country. Because the overall pool of these applicants is small compared to the positions offered, these students compete in a "buyers market." This results in having to recruit students aggressively. Our faculty, chief residents, and residents were all involved in the process and their efforts are appreciated.