

## Updates on Pain Medicine

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## Pain Medicine Programs

- Total for 2017: 102 programs
- Participating in match: 98
- % participation: 96%



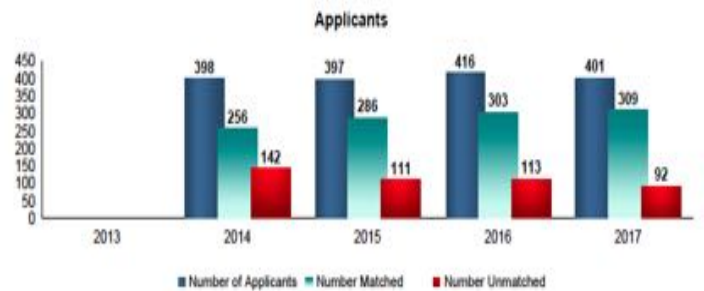
## Pain Medicine Positions

- Total for 2018: 367 positions
- Participating in match: 335
- % participation: 91%



## Applicants

- Applicants for 2018: 437
- Matched: 331
- Not matched: 105



## Positions and applicants

- In 2018:
  - 1.3 applicants per position
  - 76% matched



Began participation in the SMS for appointment year 2014.

## The applicants

Year	Program	Positions	Filled	% not matched	%US Grad	% US FMG	Osteo-paths	Interna-tional
2014	82	261	256	36	73	8	9	10
2015	84	286	286	27	69	9	14	7
2016	90	305	303	37	71	10	14	5
2017	93	316	309	23	70	9	15	6
2018	98	335	331	24	61	8	14	7

## Program Director Survey data

- Results lag 1 year.
- Survey on 2016.
- 90 programs in the match
- Limited responses, max 25

## General information

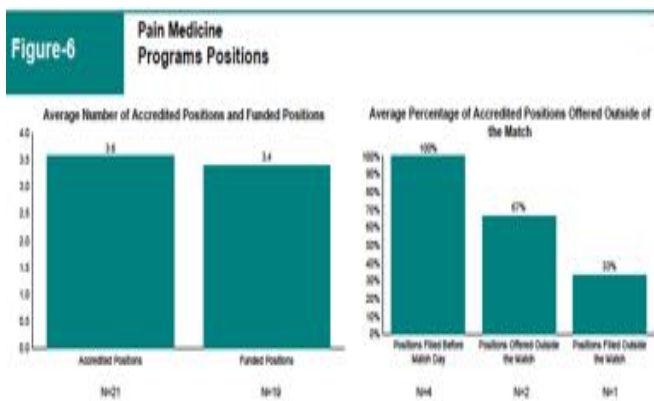
2016 Survey  
 Number of responses 21  
 Response rate 25.0%

### Match Information\*

	Appointment Years		
	2016	2015	2014
Number of programs in the Match	90	84	82
Number of positions in the Match	305	286	261
Number of applicants ranking specialty	416	397	398

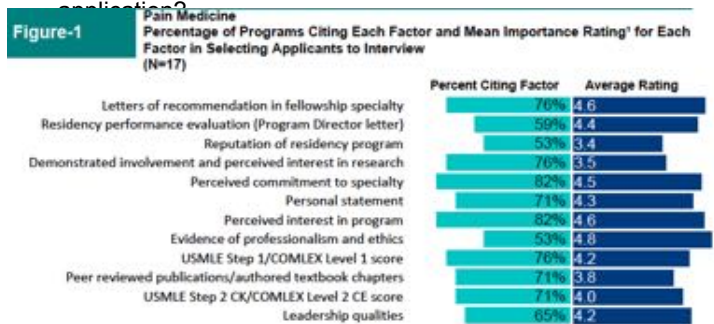
\* Source: NRMP Data Warehouse

## Who responded?



## How do we select the applications

- Approximately 150 applications per program
- What becomes important for PD in looking at an application?



## What do we think is of less importance?

- What factors have less importance and how do we rank this factor?

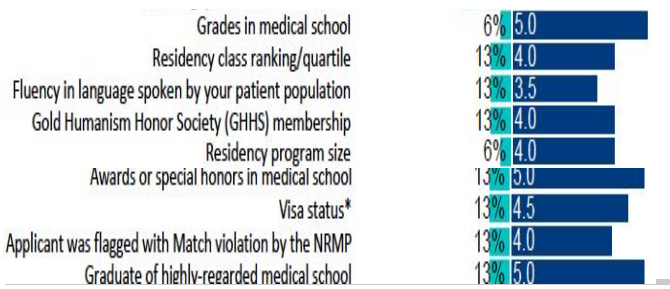


## What is important during an interview



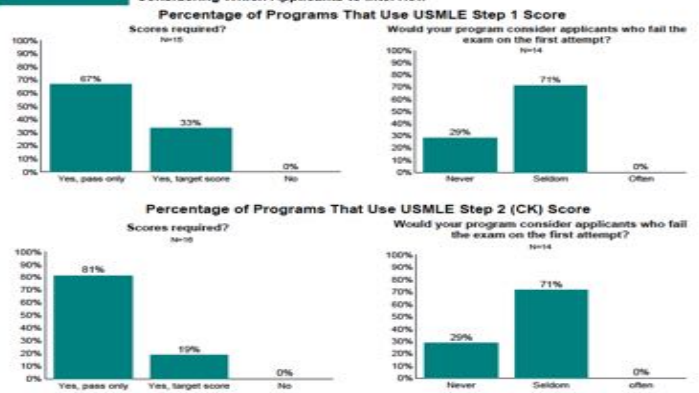
## What is less important during an interview?

- AOA only 19%



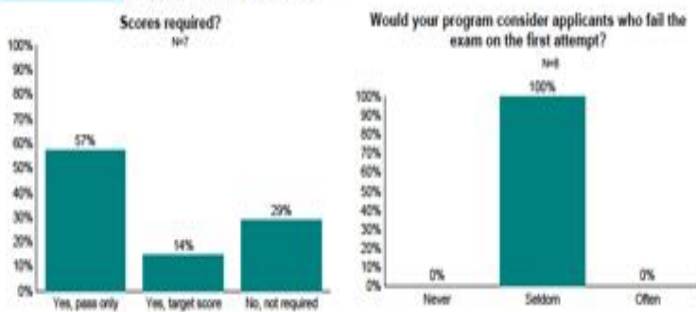
## Objective measures: do scores count?

Figure-3 Pain Medicine Programs That Use USMLE Step 1 and Step 2 Clinical Knowledge (CK) Scores When Considering Which Applicants to Interview



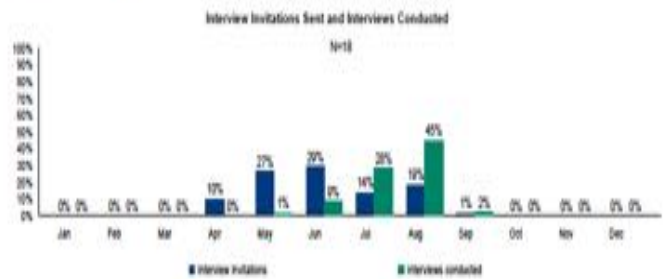
## Core Specialty Exam Value

Figure-5 Pain Medicine Programs That Use Core Specialty Certifying Examination When Considering Applicants for Interview



## When do interviews happen?

Figure-8 Pain Medicine Program's Interview Activities



## Conclusions

- Consistent high competitive fellowship with 25% applicants not matching despite slight increase in number of positions every year
- High percentage of positions and programs in the match
- High volume of applicants per program
  - Choosing the good applicant from the application stack
  - Common criteria of quality of an applicant
  - Choosing an applicant to fit a program
  - Do we spent enough time during interview?
  - When shall we interview?
- Many benefits of the match, some disadvantage.
- Building a community of pain PD with similar aspirations for their incoming trainees.