

Table M**Total Physicians and International Medical Graduates by Activity for 1980 and 2010**

Activity	1980		2010	
	Total	IMGs	Total	IMGs
Total Physicians	467,679	97,726	985,375	254,396
Patient Care	376,512	72,935	752,572	192,046
Office-Based Practice	272,000	45,764	565,024	140,246
Hospital-Based Practice	104,512	27,171	187,548	51,800
Residents/Fellows	62,042	11,424	108,142	28,434
Full-Time Staff	42,470	15,747	79,406	23,366
Other Prof. Activity	38,404	8,656	42,290	6,908
Medical Teaching	7,942	1,569	14,009	1,812
Administration	12,209	1,533	9,909	1,654
Research	15,377	4,918	13,755	2,462
Other	2,876	636	4,617	980
Not Classified	20,629	10,235	64,153	25,748
Inactive	25,744	2,731	125,928	29,608
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Source: Tables 6.1 and 6.9

percentage climbed to 25.8% of the total count of 985,375 physicians in 2010.

As a study of Table M and Table 6.9 indicates, however, the percentage of IMGs in full-time staff positions decreased from 16.1% in 1980 to 9.2% 30 years later. This decrease may be attributed in large part to the variety of questions raised in the 1970s regarding the escalating number of alien physicians in the US and the enactment of federal legislation in 1976 that placed limitations on the immigration of foreign nationals.* Figure 6.3 depicts the percentage change of IMGs and total physicians by major professional activity categories from 1980 to 2010.

Specialty

All specialties listed in Table 6.6 except Aerospace Medicine, General Practice, Public Health, and Radiology had a larger number of IMGs in 2010 than in 1975. The following specialties increased more than 100% from 1975 to 2010: Allergy and Immunology, Anesthesiology, Cardiovascular Dis-

eases, Child Psychiatry, Colon and Rectal Surgery, Diagnostic Radiology, Family Medicine, Forensic Pathology, Gastroenterology, General Preventive Medicine, Internal Medicine, Neurology, Pediatrics, Pediatric Cardiology, Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation, Plastic Surgery, Psychiatry, Pulmonary Diseases, Radiation Oncology, and Thoracic Surgery. Table N displays the percentage of total IMGs among the largest IMG specialties, ranked by size, in 2010. The table also provides percentages and ranks for 1980.

Table N**Percentage of IMGs in Highest IMG Self-Designated Specialties Ranked by Size, 2010**

Specialty	Percentage of Total IMGs		Rank	
	1980	2010	1980	2010
Internal Medicine	13.4%	24.0%	1	1
General/Family Practice	9.4%	9.6%	2	2
Pediatrics	6.8%	8.0%	5	3
Psychiatry	7.0%	4.9%	3	4
Anesthesiology	6.0%	4.5%	6	5
Cardiovascular Disease	2.3%	2.8%	9	6
Obstetrics/Gynecology	5.4%	2.7%	7	7
General Surgery	6.9%	2.6%	4	8
Pathology	4.0%	2.4%	8	9

Source: Table 6.7

* Health Professions Educational Assistance Act of 1976 (P.L. 94 484). Title VI of P.L. 94 484 "Limitation of Foreign Medical Graduates" as amended by the Health Services Extension Act of 1977 further required IMGs emigrating to the US for Graduate Medical Education to take and pass the VISA Qualifying Examination (VQE).