

ECFMG & FAIMER

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ECFMG's Role in US Healthcare

- Private, non-profit, non-governmental organization committed to promoting excellence in international medical education
- Formally incorporated as an independent organization in 1956
- Responsible for establishing International Medical Graduates' (IMGs') eligibility to take examinations
- Responsible for certifying IMGs readiness to enter postgraduate medical education (residency) programs

ECFMG History

- 1954** - Cooperating Committee on Graduates of Foreign Medical Schools (CCGFMS) created by AMA, AAMC, FSMB and AHA.
- 1956** - CCGFMS recommends creation of Educational Council on Foreign Medical Graduates (ECFMG).
- 1970** - Commission on Foreign Medical Graduates (CFMG) created to deal with Exchange Visitor Program.

ECFMG History

1974 - Merger of CFMG and Educational Council to form Educational Commission for Foreign Medical Graduates (ECFMG). The seven organizational members included ABMS, AAMC, AHA, AHME, AMA, FSMB and NMA.

1998 - The American Hospital Association (AHA) departs as an organizational member.

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Organizational Members

American Board of Medical Specialties (ABMS)

American Medical Association (AMA)

Association of American Medical Colleges (AAMC)

Association for Hospital Medical Education (AHME)

Federation of State Medical Boards (FSMB)

National Medical Association (NMA)

ECFMG Vision Statement

The values of ECFMG are expressed in its vision statement:

“Improving world health through excellence in medical education in the context of ECFMG’s core values of collaboration, professionalism, and accountability.”

ECFMG Mission Statement

The charge of ECFMG is expressed in its mission statement:

“The ECFMG promotes quality healthcare for the public by certifying international medical graduates for entry into U.S. graduate medical education, and by participating in the evaluation and certification of other physicians and healthcare professionals. In conjunction with its Foundation for Advancement of International Medical Education and Research (FAIMER®), and other partners, it actively seeks opportunities to promote international medical education through programmatic and research activities.”

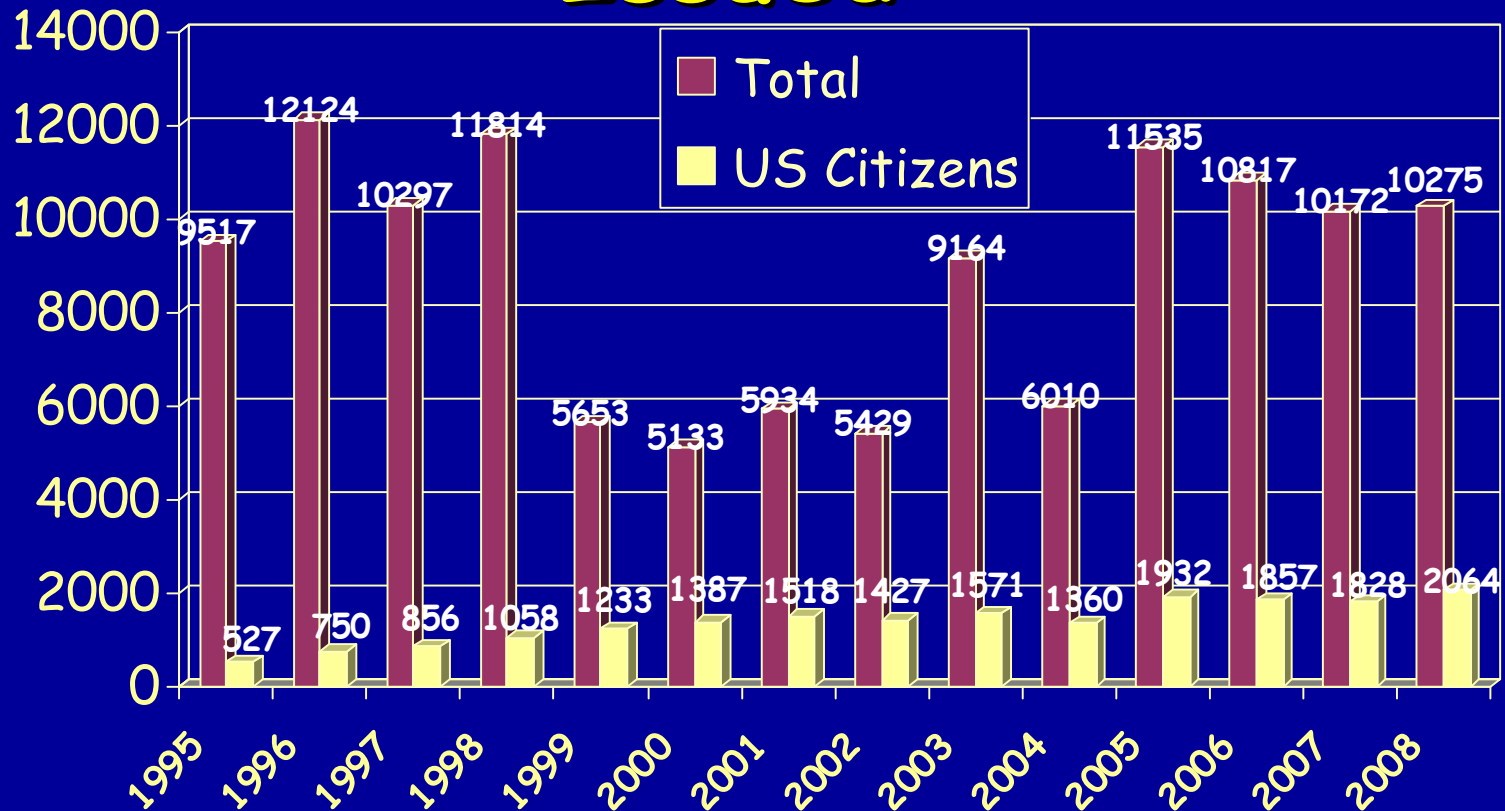
Purpose of ECFMG Certification

ECFMG certification assures residency program directors and the U.S. public that international medical graduates have met the minimum standards to enter residency programs in the United States.

Standard ECFMG Certificate

- Issued to applicant once he/she has passed USMLE Step 1, Step 2 CK, Step 2 CS (or CSA), and after receipt of final medical diploma and final medical school transcript and primary source verification of diploma and transcript.
- Required to enter ACGME-accredited residency programs in the United States.
- Required to take USMLE Step 3.
- Prerequisite for unrestricted licensure in all states.

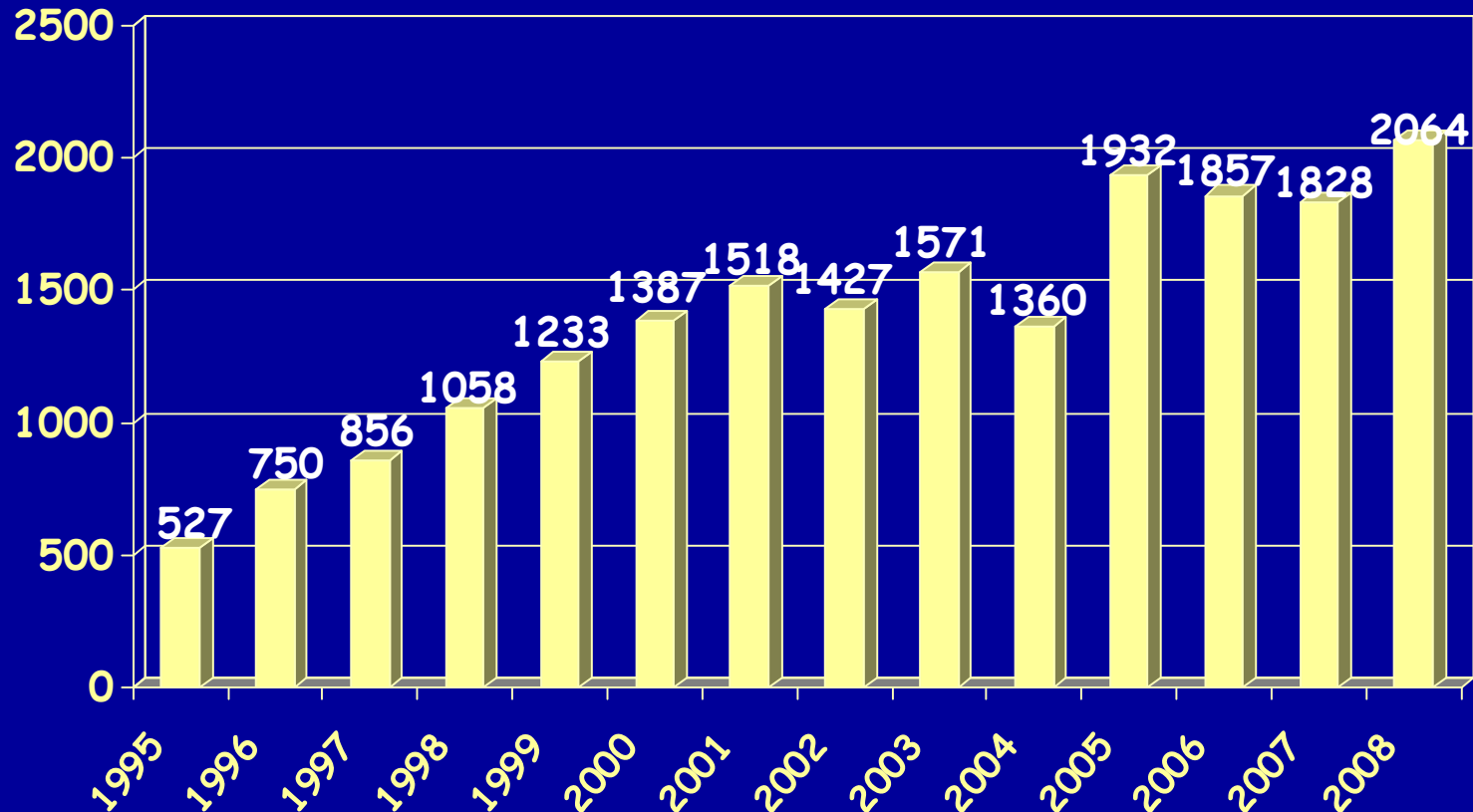
ECFMG Standard Certificates Issued*



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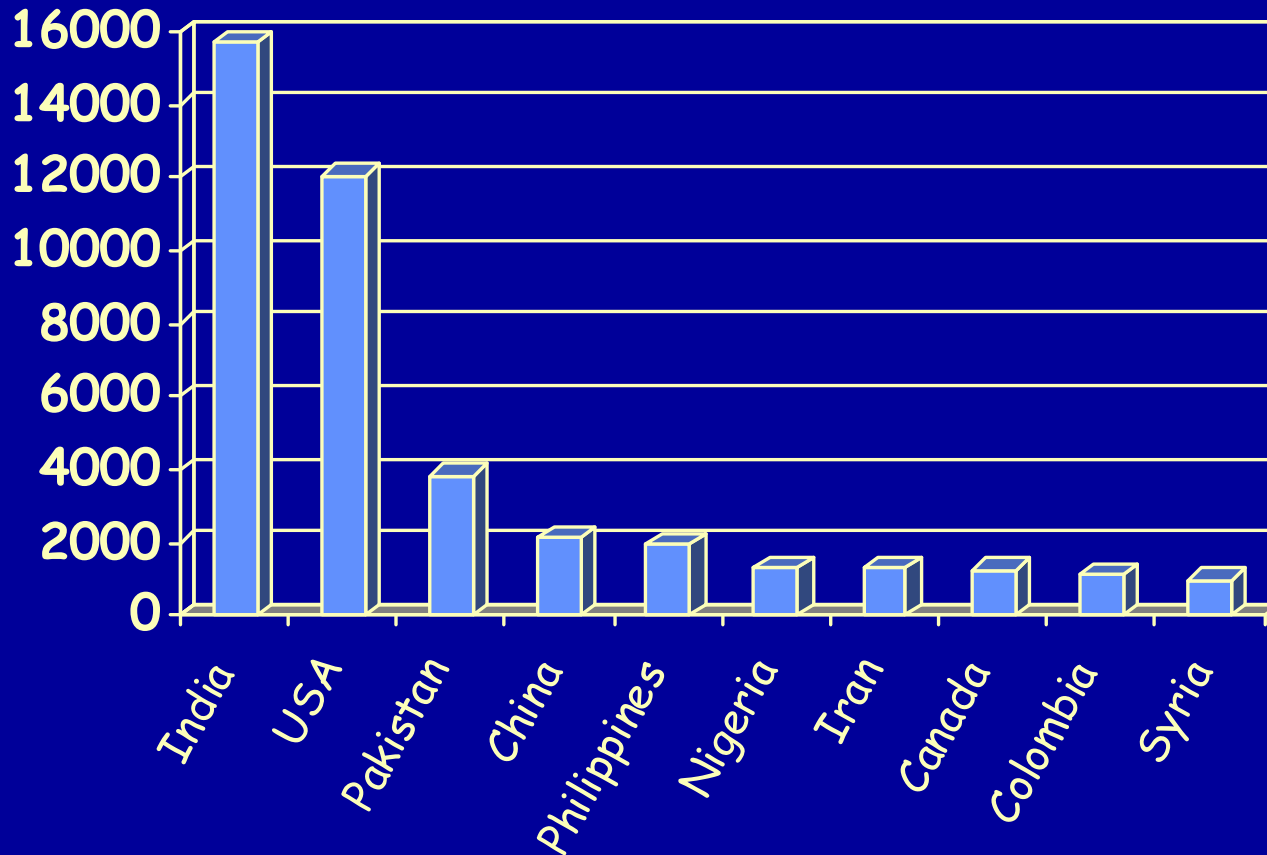
ECFMG Standard Certificates Issued* (US Citizens at entry to medical school)



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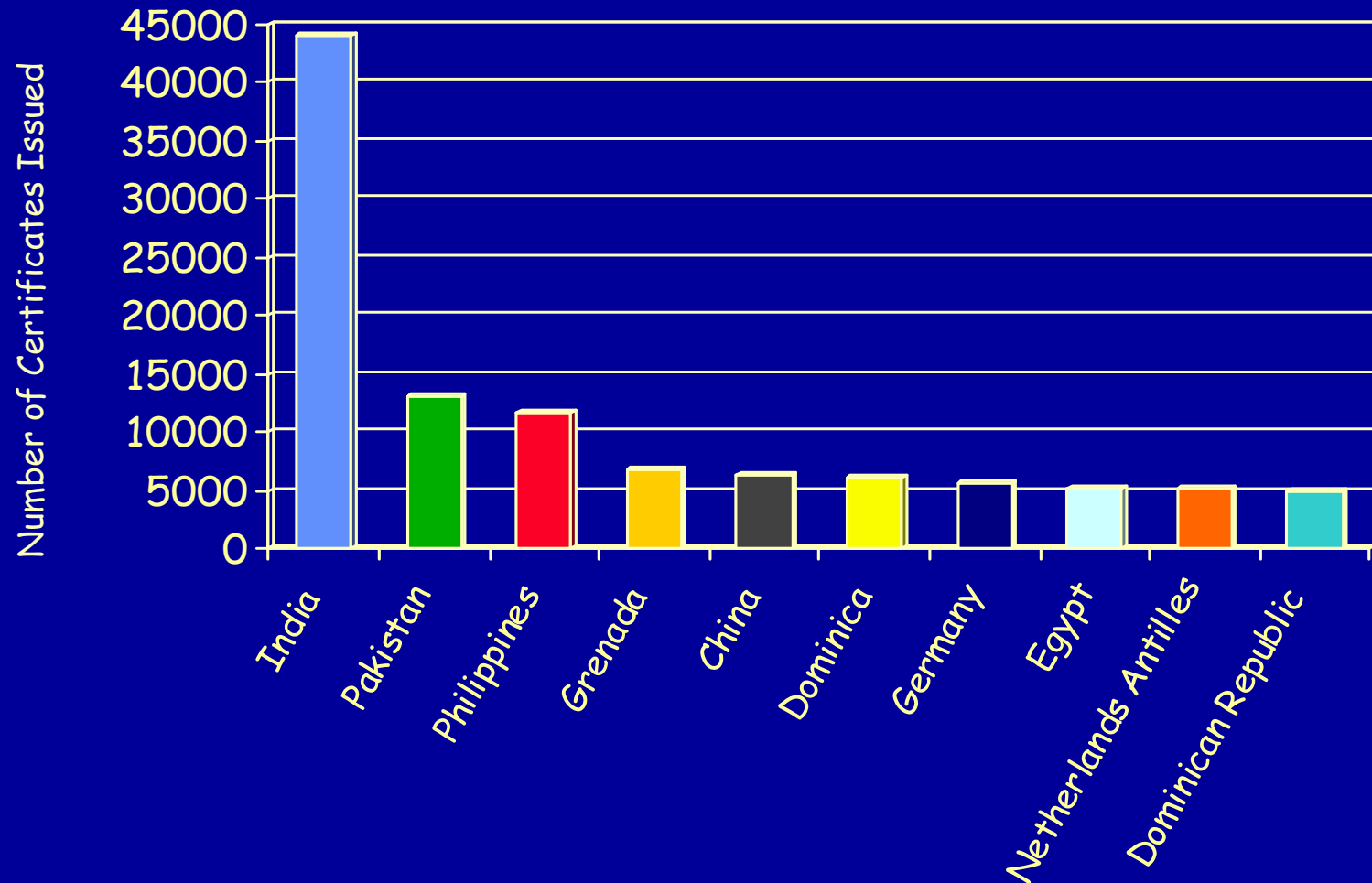
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ECFMG Certifications by Citizenship at Entry to Medical School (2002 - 2008)



63,403 total ECFMG certificates issued

Top 10 Countries of Medical School Certificants, 1982-2008

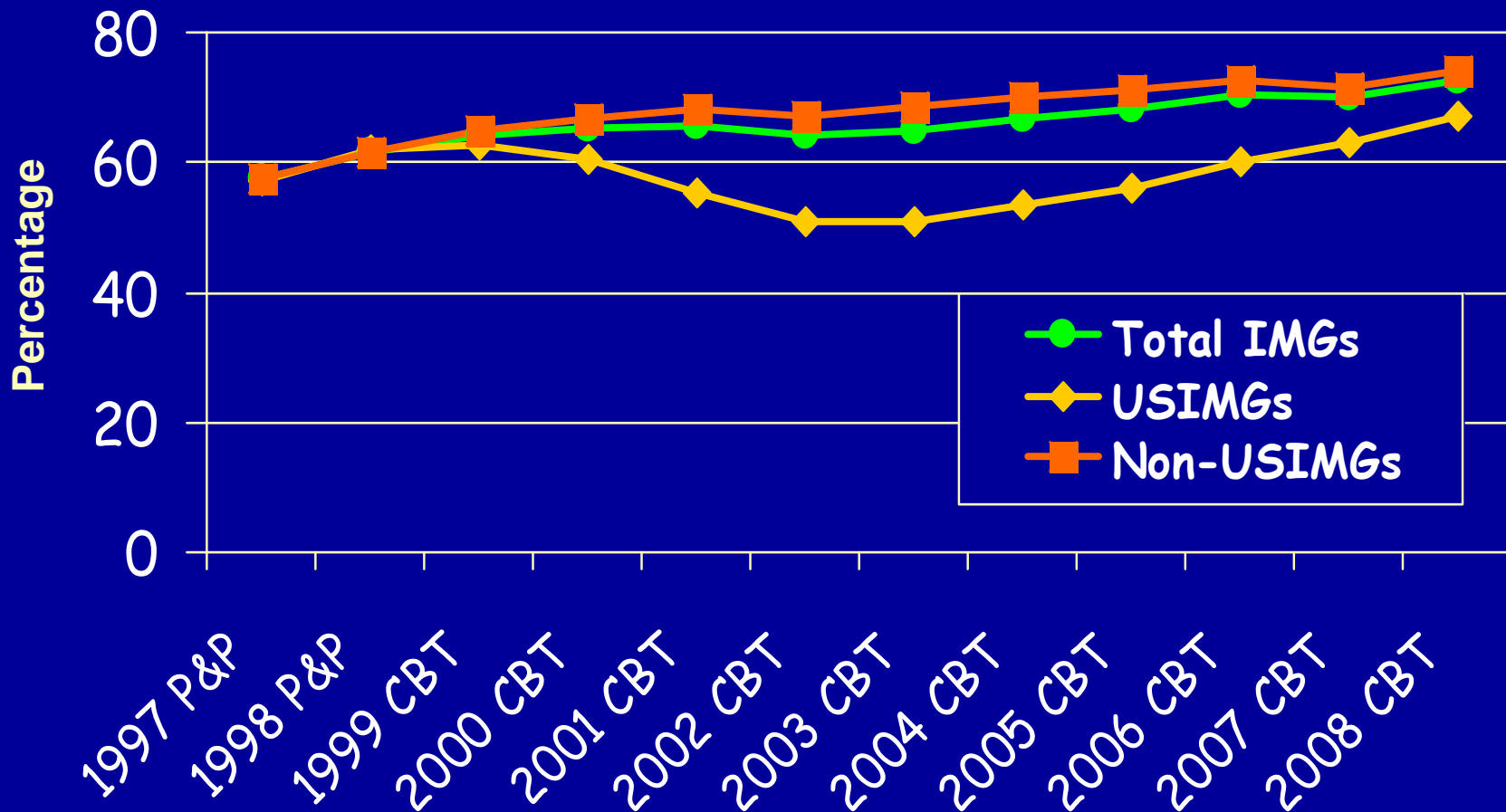


Top 10 Countries based on aggregate data over a 27-year period.

USMLE Step 1

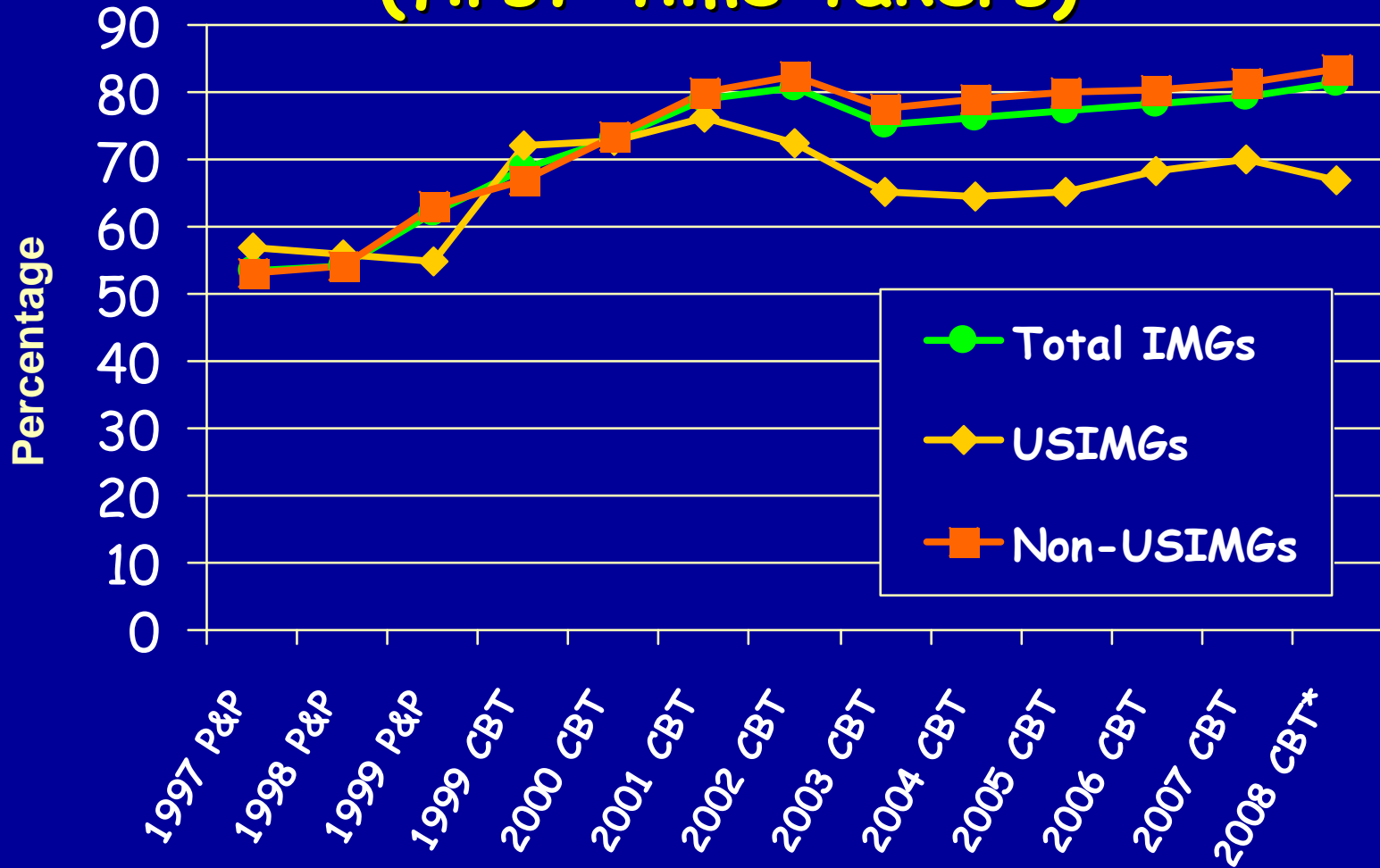
Percent IMGs Passing 1997-2008

(first-time takers)



USMLE Step 2 CK

Percent IMGs Passing 1997-2008* (first-time takers)



* January through June 2008. Not a complete cohort.

ECFMG Certification

- All students/graduates (341,855) who initially applied for an examination leading to ECFMG certification (1981-2005)
- 183,238 (53.6%) ultimately achieved certification (as of March 2009)
 - 61.6% of USIMGs
 - 52.6% of Non-USIMGs
- Of those applicants (1981-2005) who achieved certification 73% appeared in the AMA master file (2008)
 - 88.7% USIMGs
 - 70.2% Non-USIMGs

Exchange Visitor Sponsorship Program

J-1 Visa

- Temporary non-immigrant visa
- Reserved for TRAINING purposes
- J-1 Visa holder="Exchange Visitor"

Top Specialties for J-1 Physicians*

<i>SPECIALTY</i>	<i>COUNT</i>	<i>% of TOTAL</i>
Internal Medicine	2884	44.4%
Pediatrics	675	10.6%
Family Medicine	503	7.5%
General Surgery	486	7.4%
Psychiatry	369	5.7%
Neurology	236	3.7%
Obstetrics & Gynecology	179	2.7%
Pathology	163	2.4%
Orthopaedic Surgery	91	1.4%
Anesthesiology	88	1.3%

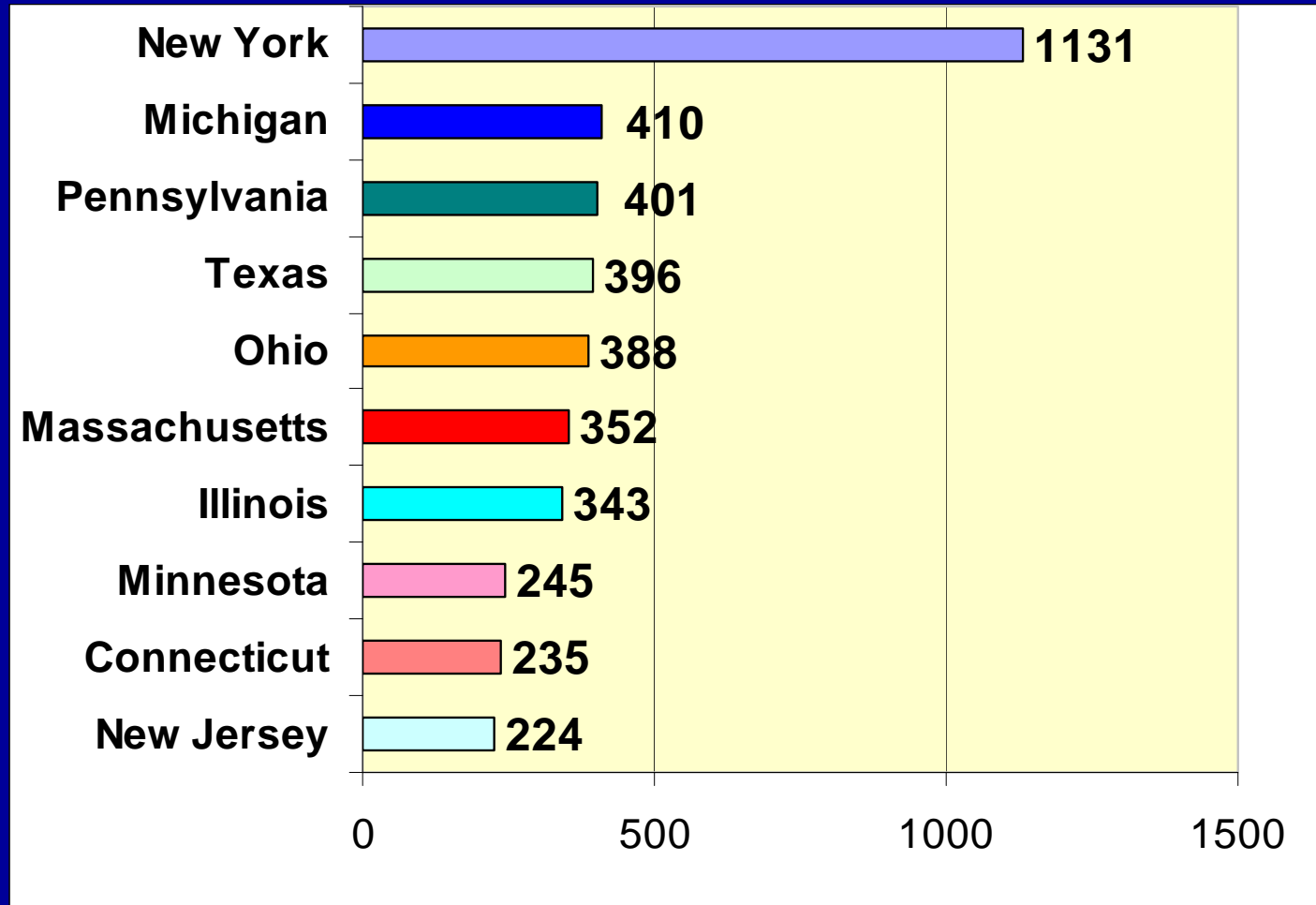
*Sponsorship Period July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008

Total Number of J-1 Physicians Sponsored in Top Countries of National Origin*

India	1177
Canada	638
Pakistan	556
Lebanon	384
Philippines	380
Syria	228
Jordan	208
Peru	159
Thailand	140
Mexico	129

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Top States with J-1 Physicians*



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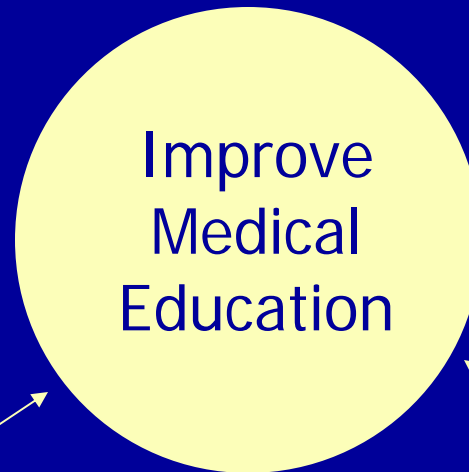
Patterns of Global Physician Migration

Sub-Saharan Africa	→	South Africa
South Africa	→	Canada, New Zealand, Australia
India	→	U.S., U.K., Canada
Pakistan	→	U.K., U.S.
Albania	→	Greece
Germany	→	Denmark, Sweden
European Union	→	Much movement primarily to U.K. from Eastern Europe, Spain, Italy

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Foundation for Advancement
of Medical Education &
Research

Strategic Plan



Faculty
Development

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Support Quality
Improvement

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Inform Policy
and Practice

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Strategic Plan

- Given its resources FAIMER needed a geographic focus
 - Increases ability to have a measurable impact
 - Increases ability to support-create regional medical education
 - Allows meaningful oversight
- South Asia, Africa, and Latin America



Faculty Development

- **Programs**
 - **FAIMER Institute**
 - **International Fellowship in Medical Education (IFME)**
 - **Regional Institutes**



Programs: FAIMER Institute



- Curriculum based on needs assessment
- Two-year program aimed at faculty
 - 16 Fellows per year
 - Requires a project that has institutional support
 - Mixed face-to-face and distance learning
 - Ongoing external evaluation

Programs: Regional Institutes

- Enhances relevance, networking, efficiency
- Run by FAIMER Fellows
- Mostly FAIMER funded
- Mumbai ('05), Ludhiana ('06), Coimbatore ('07), Brazil ('07), Southern Africa ('08)



- **January 2006:**
 - 56 FAIMER Institute Fellows
 - 41 Fellows at 2 FAIMER Regional Institutes

- **June 2009 (projected):**
 - 104 FAIMER Institute Fellows
 - 286 Fellows at 5 FAIMER Regional Institutes

Thank you very much!

Questions?

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