Pediatric residencies up 5 percent over last year

Nearly 5 percent more medical school seniors were assigned to U.S. pediatric residencies as compared with last year, according to recently released data from the National Resident Matching Program.

Some 8.89 percent of U.S. pediatric residencies were filled this year, according to NRMP data. There were, however, 2.7 fewer U.S. pediatric residencies, down from 2,068 in 1992 to 2,046 this year.

In total, 1,361 medical school U.S. seniors matched in pediatrics, comprising 10.5 percent of all U.S. seniors paired with residencies.

"The results are very positive," AAP Committee on Residents and Opportunities Chairman Robert Johnson, M.D., said. "The results are consistent with the need for more pediatricians, especially in the area of primary care."

"If the federal health care task force is going to implement its new plan to shift the emphasis toward primary care, then these figures will have to remain consistent over the next few years."

Residents who didn’t match earlier this year will find residency programs before July 1, when most residents begin their programs, according to the NRMP. Still more U.S. seniors fill positions not in

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cluded in the matching program, so the number of first-year pediatric residents is greater than the number filled through the NRMP.

In other primary care specialties, 82.8 percent of U.S. internal medicine residencies and 77.5 percent of U.S. family practice residencies were filled through the NRMP.

Roughly 10 percent of U.S. medical school seniors and foreign-trained physicians have matched in pediatrics every year since 1986.

Corrections

Lead-screening commentary

The April 1993 Commentary "Step-up lead screenings urged" (page 1) incorrectly identifies the AAP recommendation for the age at which infants should be tested for lead poisoning. Infants should, according to the recommendations, be first tested between the ages of 9 months and 12 months.

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Letter from the President

Woman’s Day errors may prompt parents’ questions

Dear Colleagues:

An editorial section published in the May 18 Woman’s Day magazine contains inaccurate information about the Academy which may cause confusion among the parents of your patients. The Academy agreed to work with the magazine on a special "Child Safety Guide" given assurances of advertising and editorial control. Woman's Day violated the agreement by going to press without sending final layout for AAP approval. As a result of this error, several items of incorrect information are contained in the magazine.

One particular error may result in inquiries to members. An article on page 144 incorrectly states that services available through the MCHB/AAP Healthy Tomorrows program are always provided at no cost and that additional information can be obtained by calling the AAP 800 number. The program is not always "free" and the AAP 800 number is reserved for use by members only.

Woman’s Day acknowledged the error and will publish a retraction and an apology. It is anticipated however, that member access to the AAP 800 number may be affected by calls coming in as a result of this publication.

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Letters have been mailed to members providing additional background on this issue.

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Pediatrician

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