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# ABIM's mission...

To enhance the quality of health care by certifying internists and subspecialists who demonstrate the knowledge, skills and attitudes essential for excellent patient care.

We are...

*Of the profession, for the public.*

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# Topics

- New Faculty Pathway
- Leave & Deficits in Required Training Time
- MOC for Program Directors
- Ratings of Clinical Competence
- FasTrack

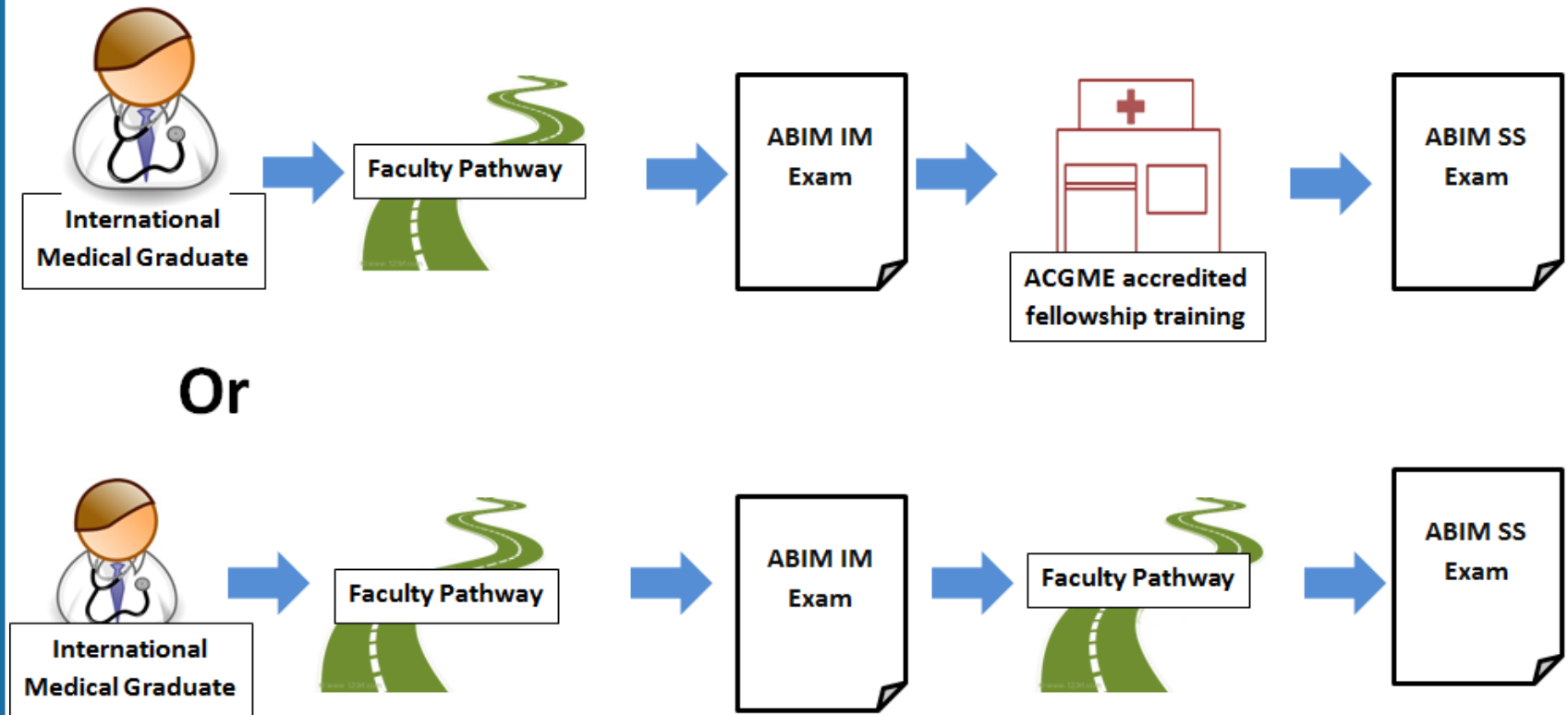




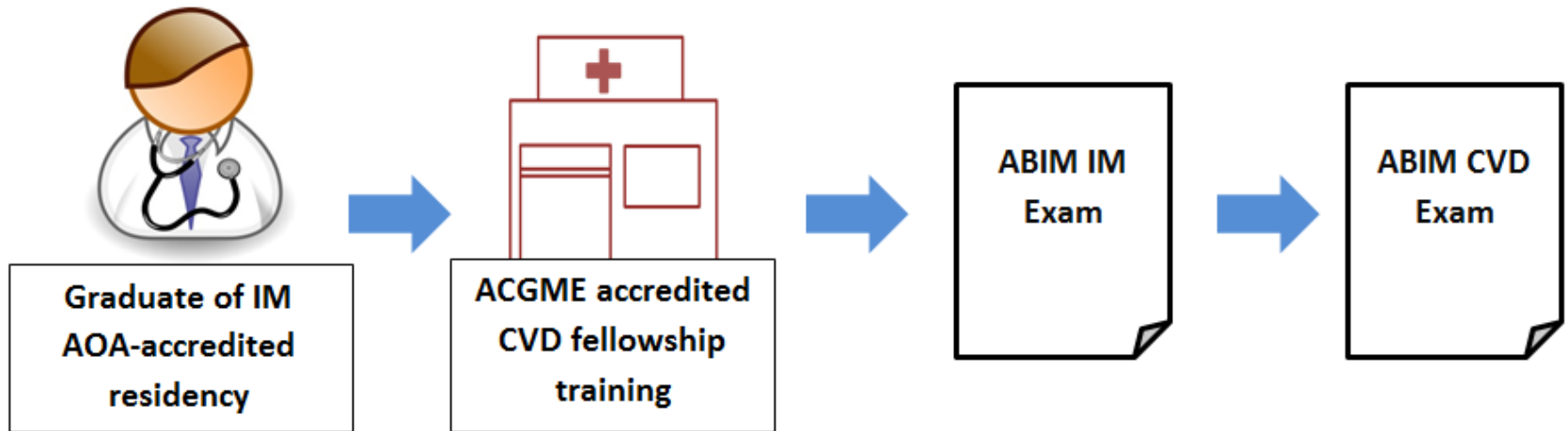
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# New Special Consideration Pathways

# Special Consideration Pathway A: International Medical Graduates who are Full-time US or Canadian Faculty



# Special Consideration Pathway D: Graduates of AOA-accredited programs & completed ACGME-accredited fellowship



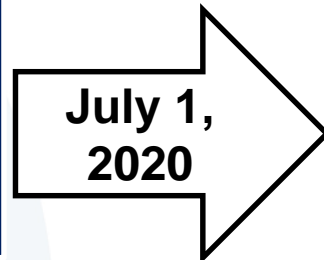
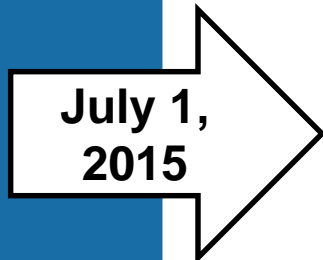
# Single Accreditation System

American Osteopathic Association (AOA)  
&  
Accreditation Council for Graduate  
Medical Education (ACGME)



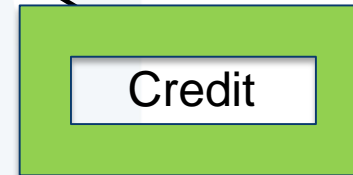
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Credit

ABIM Credit



No Credit

Partial  
Credit



- Beginning in July 2015, residents who begin training in an AOA-accredited program which receives initial ACGME accreditation before graduation, all satisfactorily completed years of training will be accepted



**Leave Time &  
Deficits in Required  
Training Time**

# Leave Policy

- Up to 1 month per academic year is permitted for time away from training
- Training must be extended to make up any absences exceeding 1 month per year of training (unless approved for Deficits in Required Training Time)
- Vacation leave is essential and should not be forfeited in any year
- ABIM recognizes that leave policies vary from institution to institution and asks the PD to apply his/her local requirements within these guidelines to ensure trainees have completed the requisite period of training

# Typical training dates, no excess leave time

PGY-1



PGY-2



PGY-3



# Leave time exceeded by 1 month during PGY-2

PGY-1



July 1, 2013

June 30, 2014

PGY-2



July 1, 2014

June 30, 2015

PGY-3



July 1, 2015

July 31, 2016



Leave



Training

# Deficits in Required Training Time

- ABIM recognizes that circumstances may arise in which training is interrupted, such that the required amount of training cannot be completed within the academic year.
- In such circumstances, if the PD & CCC attest that competence was achieved with a deficit of less than 1 month, additional training may not be required.

# Leave time exceeded by 1 month during PGY-2

PGY-1



July 1, 2013

June 30, 2014

PGY-2



July 1, 2014

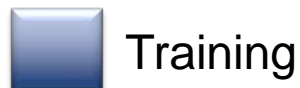
June 30, 2015

PGY-3



July 1, 2015

June 30, 2016  
Grad Date  
July 31, 2016



# How to formally attest?


Training Level for this academic year:  ▾

Date Training Began for this academic year:

Date Training Ended for this academic year:

Is this evaluation for Trainee's final year in the program?  
 Yes  No

Request deficit in training?  
 Yes  No



## Deficit in Training Attestation

The program director and the clinical competence committee attest that Dr. \_\_\_\_\_ is competent to practice Internal Medicine independently, without supervision with only

months of accredited Internal Medicine training.

Ok

Cancel





# **Credit in Lieu of Standard Training**

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- ABIM may grant credit for some or all of the 12-month requirement at the PGY-1 level for training taken prior to entering IM residency
- IM Program Director must submit formal petition to ABIM for review
- No credit may be granted to substituted the 24 months of PGY-2 and PGY-3 medicine training.

# How is training calculated?

- Training completed in another ABMS specialty, non-IM elective credit may be granted in:
    - Family Medicine or Pediatrics (6 months)
    - Other ABMS specialties (3 months)
- Plus...**
- Month-to-month credit for IM rotations that were:
    - ▶ Supervised by the Department of Medicine
    - ▶ Identical to those a categorical medicine resident would complete

# Example 1:

Dr. Jones completed a year of Family Medicine training and wishes to switch to IM. During this year she completed 6 months of medicine rotations supervised by the Department of Medicine. The institution has accredited Family and IM programs.

ABIM could grant:

6 months of non-IM elective credit  
+ 6 months for medicine rotations  
12 months of PGY-1 credit

## Example 2:

Dr. Smith completed 2 years of Anesthesia training and wishes to switch to IM. During these 2 years he completed 4 months of medicine rotations supervised under the Department of Medicine. The institution has accredited Anesthesia and IM programs.

ABIM could grant:

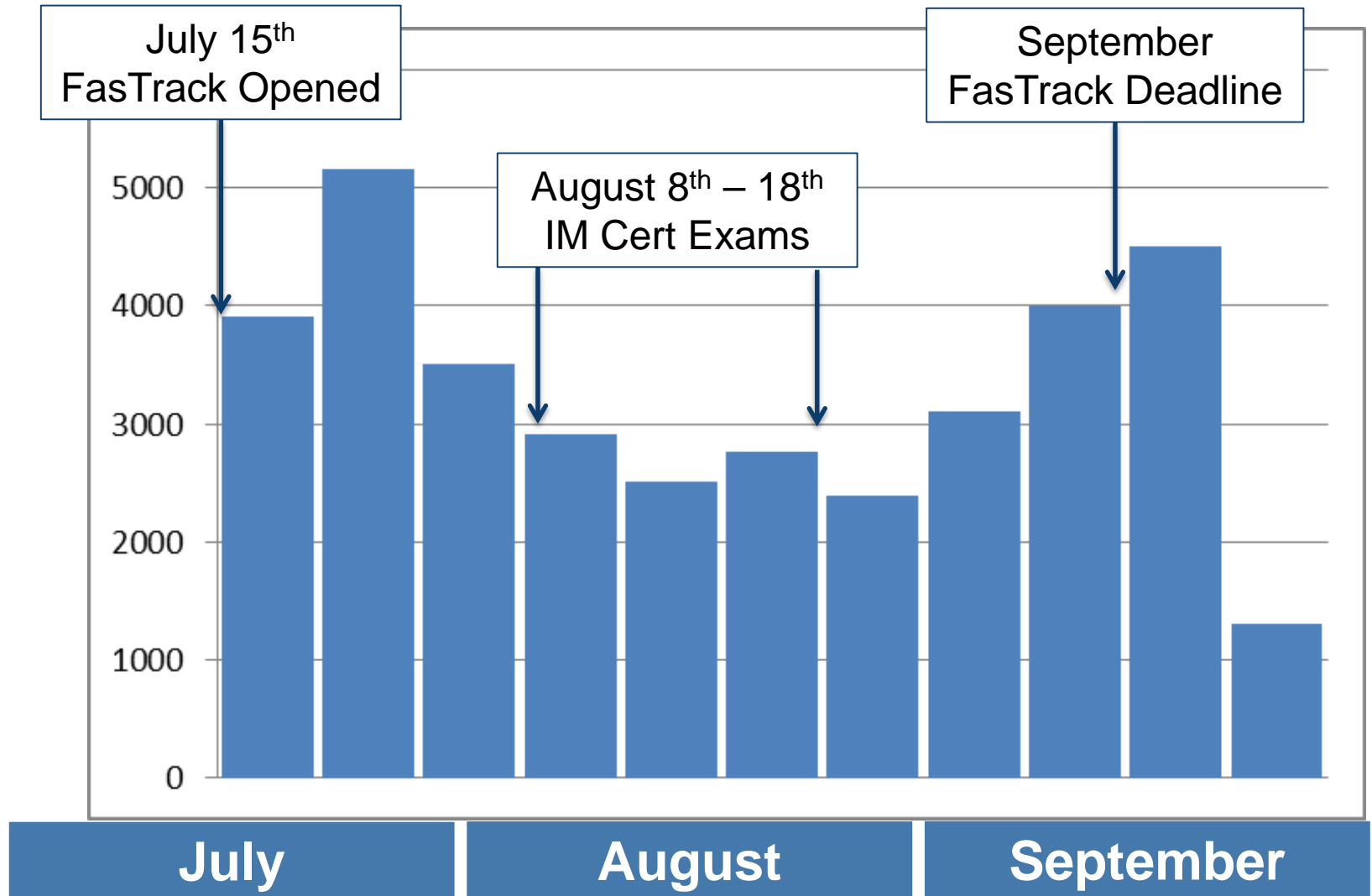
3 months of non-IM elective credit  
+ 4 months for medicine rotations  
7 months of PGY-1 credit

# FasTrack



# New FasTrack Launched 2015

406 internal medicine core / 24,353 residents  
1,954 subspecialty programs / 12,476 fellows

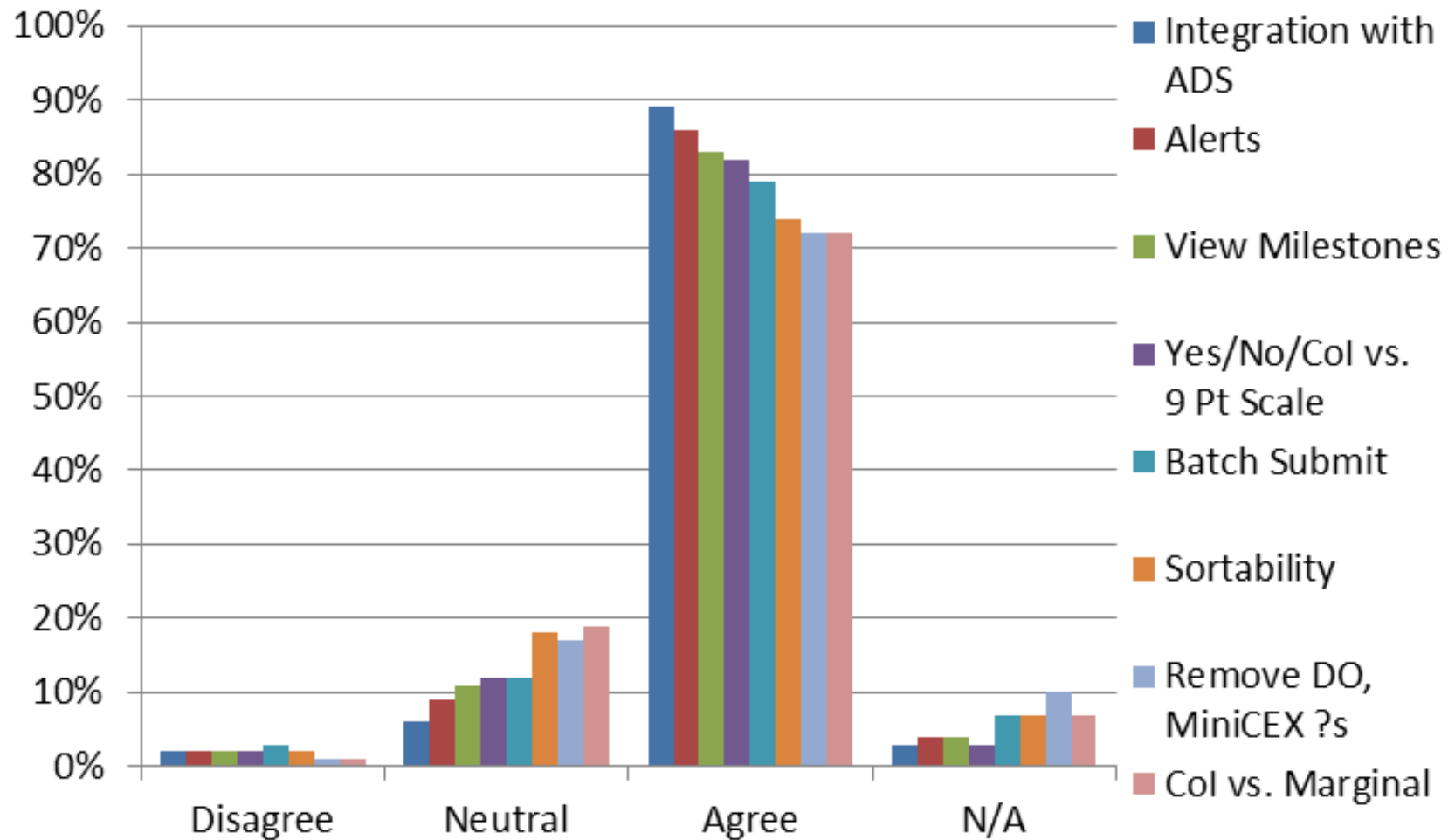


# FasTrack User Feedback Survey

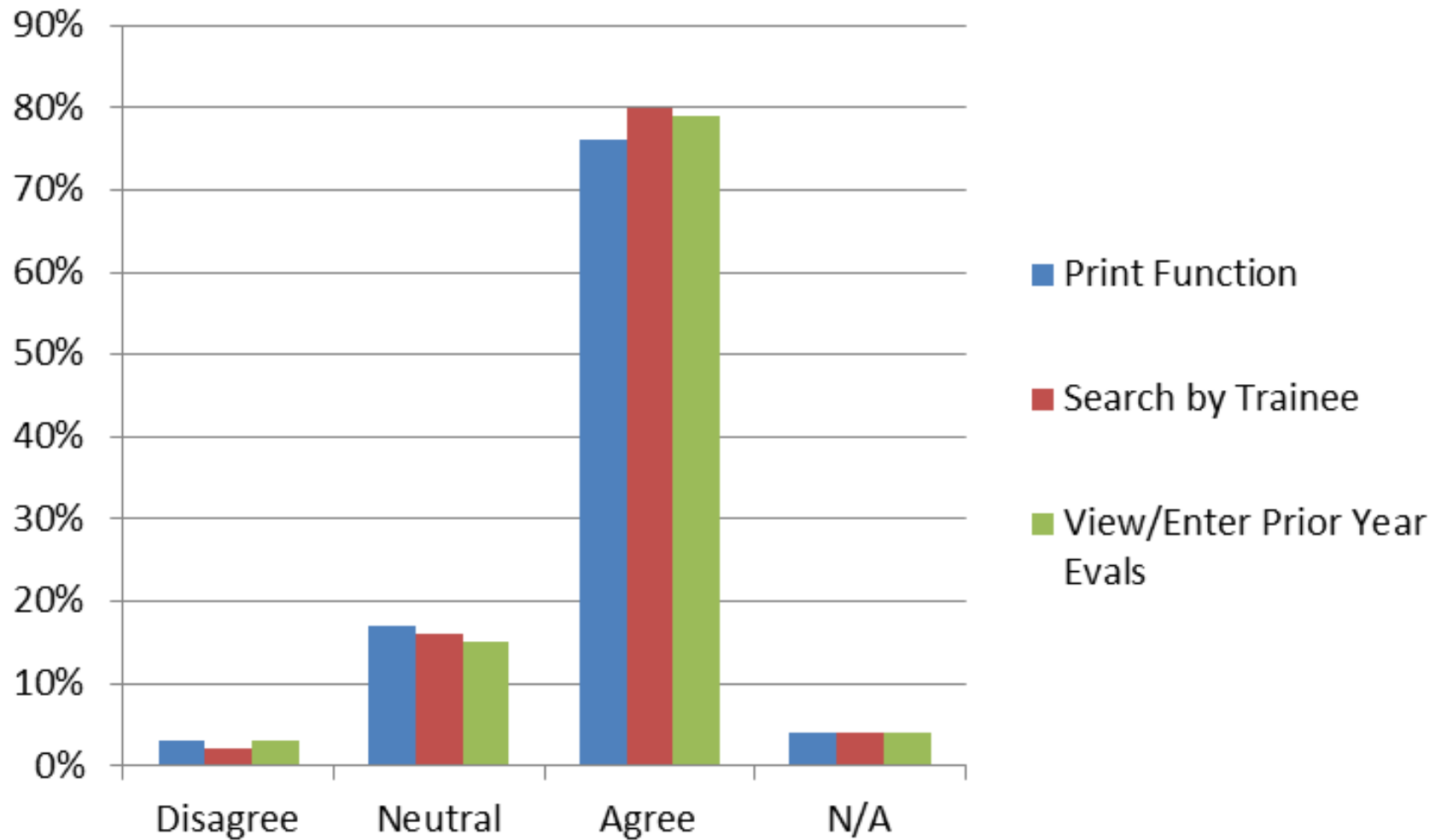
- Sent to Roughly 2,500 Programs in October 2015
  - Sent to IM & Subspecialty Programs
- 1017 Surveys Returned
- Asked About Usability/Useful Features of New FasTrack
- Asked About Features to Include in Next Version of FasTrack



# FasTrack Useful Features



# Features Desired in 2015 Survey Added for 2016 !



# Additional Revisions

- Adding combined Internal Medicine training
  - All unaccredited IM combined training will be populated into FasTrack via ACGME
  - IM combined programs will have individual accounts
- Ability to evaluate prior training completed within the past 7 years
  - 7 year window will be on a rolling basis
- Clarification of evaluation language regarding 8/31 and 10/31 training deadline
- Expansion of Evaluation
  - Evaluation will expand from 3 to 4 tabs
  - Profile and Training information will have individual sections
- Updating program contact information in FasTrack

# Ratings of Clinical Competence

Six ACGME/ABMS Competencies*		
Components and Ratings	Residents/Fellows: Not Final Year of Training	Residents/Fellows: Final Year of Training
Yes	Full credit	Full credit
Conditional on Improvement	Full credit	No credit; must achieve satisfactory rating before receiving credit †
No	Full credit	No credit; must repeat year

Overall Clinical Competence		
Components and Ratings	Residents/Fellows: Not Final Year of Training	Residents/Fellows: Final Year of Training
Satisfactory or Superior	Full credit	Full credit
Conditional on Improvement	Full credit	No credit; must achieve satisfactory rating before receiving credit*
Unsatisfactory	No credit; must repeat year	No credit; must repeat year

# Important Dates

- Late June: ACGME ADS Reporting Closes
- Mid-July: FasTrack Opens
  - August 16-25, 2016: Internal Medicine Examination
    - ▶ IM: ABIM will admit residents to certification examinations based on satisfactory evaluations submitted to Web ADS
    - ▶ Will not grant certification unless all three years of training are satisfactory and confirmed in FasTrack to ABIM
- September 1, 2016: FasTrack Closes
- September-November: Subspecialty Examinations

# Registration Dates

- Internal Medicine

- December 1<sup>st</sup> - February 15<sup>th</sup>
- Late Registration: February 16<sup>th</sup> - March 1<sup>st</sup>
- Exam Administration: August

- Subspecialties

- March 1<sup>st</sup> - May 15<sup>th</sup>
- Late Registration: May 16<sup>th</sup> - June 1<sup>st</sup>
- Exam Administration: September - November

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