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66% of UMD medical students elect family practice

Recent national studies have indicated a continuing need for family physicians in rural communities, and the UMD School of Medicine is meeting that need at 4 1/2 times the national average, according to the National Resident Matching Program results released March 18.

Of the 44 students who began their medical school training at the UMD School of Medicine in 1977, 29 (66%) selected family practice training programs. Six others (14%) chose internal medicine, another primary care field. Nationally, 13.4% of all medical students elected family practice - a percentage which has not changed markedly over the past five years, according to James G. Boulger, acting dean.

Boulger attributes these positive figures to many factors. "The Admissions Committee carefully selects from the very large number of applicants those candidates who exhibit an active interest in and likelihood of practicing in the field of family medicine. Also, a carefully designed curriculum, with a strong and positive emphasis on this critically needed type of practice is taught by an extremely able, competent and dedi-

cated faculty," Dean Boulger said,

"The Family Practice Preceptorship Program, which involves 80 area physicians in private practice, is a necessary and integral component of each student's training. In conjunction with hundreds of other area physicians in all medical specialties, the clinical training of the students can be individualized, and is of extremely high caliber," he added.

Since the medical school opened in 1972, six classes have selected their residencies. Of these 190 students, 59% have chosen family practice. Some have finished their training and are practicing medicine in Minnesota communities such as Clarissa, Elbow Lake, Two Harbors, Grand Rapids, International Falls, and Virginia.

No other medical school in the nation has been as successful as UMD in educating physicians who are entering family practice, according to Boulger.

The entering class of 1977, their residency program choices and the location of their graduate training programs are listed on the other side.

RESIDENCY MATCHING RESULTS 1975-1981 UMD School of Medicine

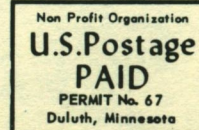
Specialty Choice	1975 - 1980		1981		Total	
	#	%	#	%	#	%
Family Practice	84	58	29	66	113	59
Internal Medicine	19	13	6	14	25	13
Pediatrics	3	2	-	-	3	2
Obstetrics/Gynecology	3	2	-	-	3	2
Surgery	18	12	4	9	22	12
Flexible First Year	8	6	1	2	9	5
Public Health/Military	4	3	1	2	5	3
Other	7	5	3	7	10	5
Total	146	101*	45	100	190	101*

*Percentages do not total 100% due to rounding

NRMP Matching Results for 1977 Entering Class

Name	Type of Program	Location
Dan Benzie	Family Practice	Duluth, Minnesota
Mark Boyce	Family Practice	Duluth, Minnesota
Gary Brandeland	Family Practice	Eau Claire, Wisconsin
Carl Bretzke	Radiology	University of Minnesota
Bruce Dahlman	Family Practice	Grand Forks, North Dakota
Mark Doyscher	Radiology	Iowa City, Iowa
Carol Farchmin	Family Practice	Duluth, Minnesota
Wayne Feyereisn	Internal Medicine	Mayo Clinic - Rochester
Dennis Gunsolus	Flexible First Year	Sioux Falls, South Dakota
Craig Haggerty	Internal Medicine	University of Minnesota
Tim Halloran	Family Practice	St. Paul Ramsey - St. Paul
Mike Heck	Family Practice	LaCrosse, Wisconsin
Steve Hietala	Family Practice	Fargo, North Dakota
Jim Jessen	Family Practice	Sioux City, Iowa
Neil Jonason	Family Practice	St. John's Hospital - St. Paul
Kevin Kelly	Family Practice	Fairview/St. Mary's - Minneapolis
Paul Kerestes	Family Practice	Kenosha, Wisconsin
Tom King	Family Practice	Milwaukee, Wisconsin
Ken Korte	Radiology	University of Minnesota
Ann Lowe	Family Practice	North Memorial Hospital - Minneapolis
Phil McLain	Family Practice	Denver/Grand Junction, Colorado
Richard Mayerchak	Family Practice	Broadlawns - Des Moines, Iowa
Mike Mollen	Family Practice	Duluth, Minnesota
Peter Nelson	Internal Medicine	Hennepin County - Minneapolis
Beth Nerge	Family Practice	Phoenix, Arizona
Carol Ness	Family Practice	Ravenswood Hospital - Chicago, Ill
Gretchen Neumann	Family Practice	Salinas, California
Dean Nissen	Family Practice	La Crosse, Wisconsin
Kathy Opheim	Family Practice	Sioux City, Iowa
Kevin Peterson	Family Practice	University of Minnesota
Barbara Pohlman	Public Health Service	San Francisco, California
Bob Rutka	Family Practice	Duluth, Minnesota
Gary Sager	Surgery	Bridgeport, Connecticut
Jay Sather	Surgery	Milwaukee, Wisconsin
Mike Saunders	Family Practice	Cedar Rapids, Iowa
Mike Sirr	Family Practice	Methodist Hospital - Minneapolis
Gary Somers	Internal Medicine	Yale - New Haven, Connecticut
Barb Sterner	Family Practice	Milwaukee, Wisconsin
John Streitz	Surgery	New England Medical Center, Boston
Bob Tranmer	Family Practice	Hennepin County - Minneapolis
Eric Trehus	Family Practice	Milwaukee, Wisconsin
Ron Verant	Internal Medicine	Abbott - Northwestern - Minneapolis
Marjorie Vukelich	Internal Medicine	Dartmouth - Hanover, New Hampshire
Martin Weems	Family Practice	North Memorial - Minneapolis

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