



# The WellStar Kennestone Journey into GME

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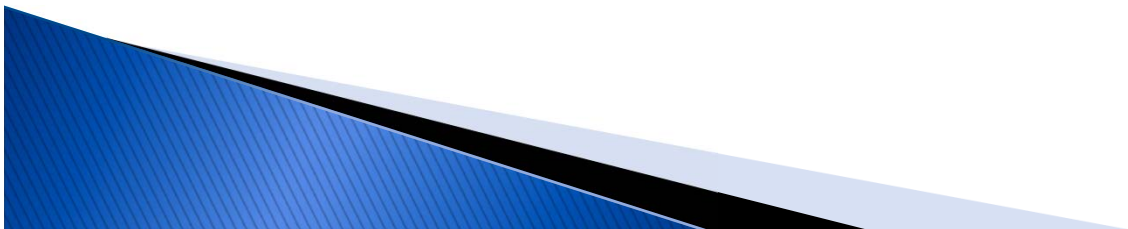
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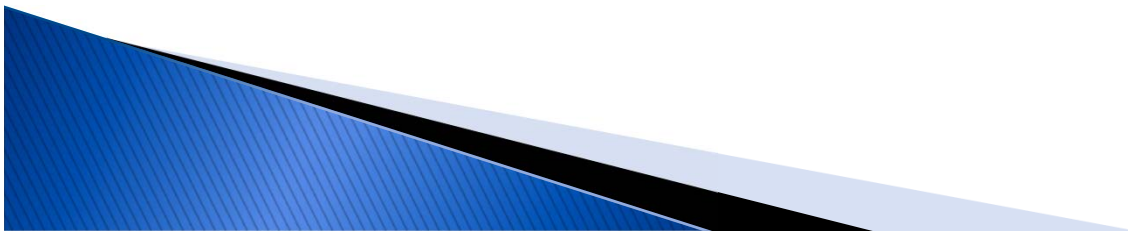
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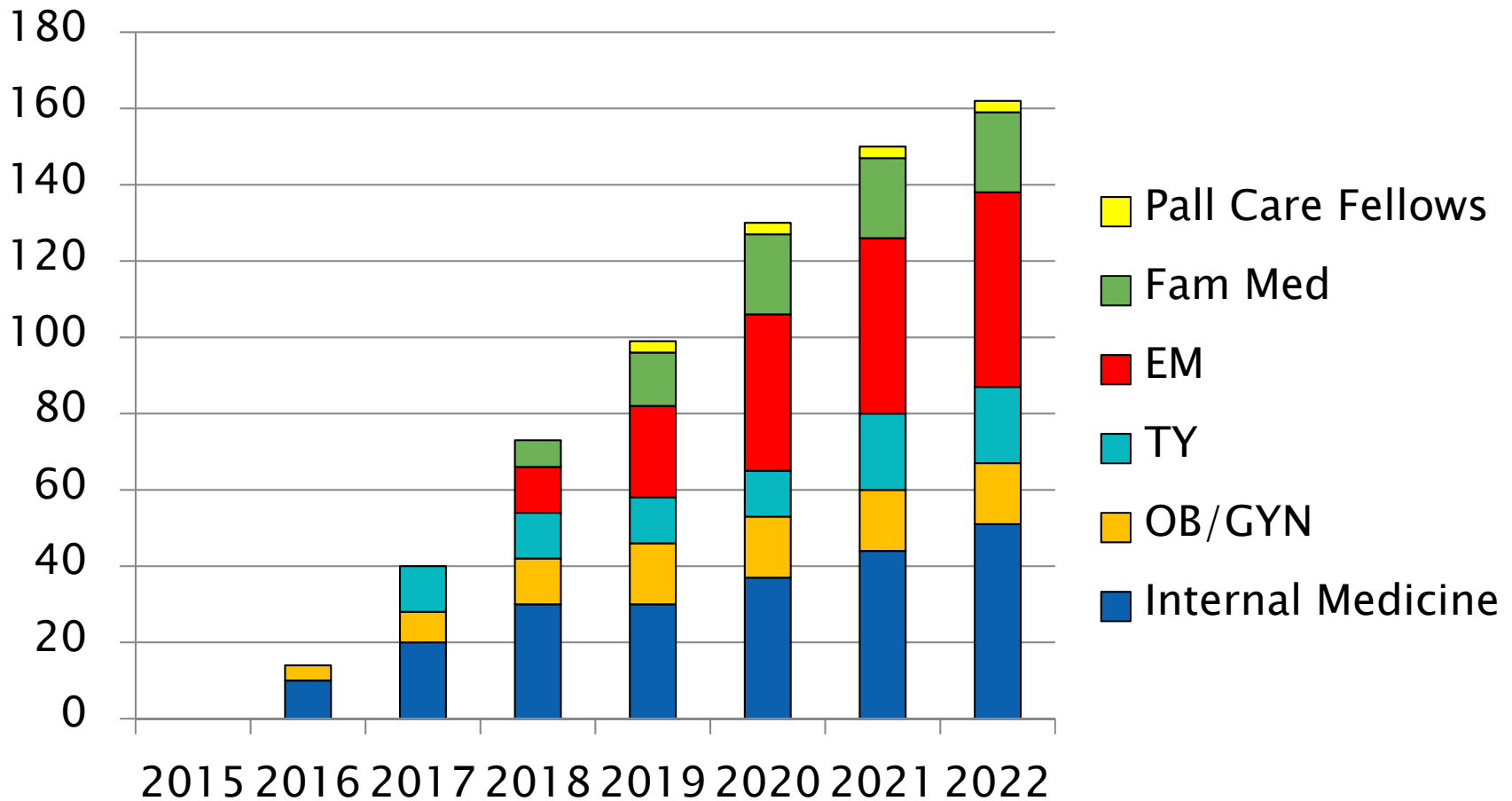


# Mission Statement

“The mission of Graduate Medical Education at WellStar Kennestone Regional Medical Center is to create an exceptional and personalized training environment to develop the next generation of physicians to provide the highest quality of care for our community.”

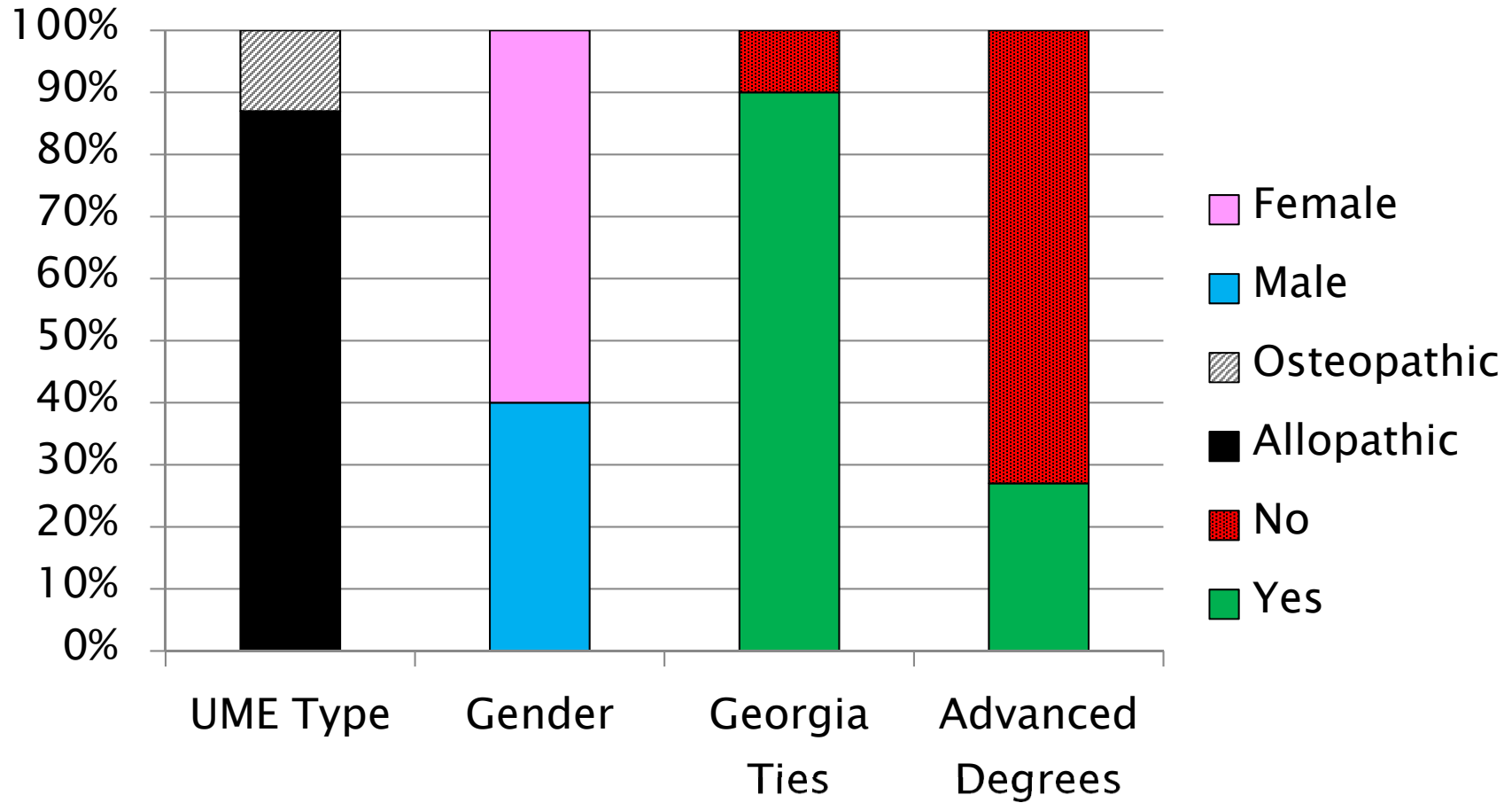


# Actual and Projected\* Growth Residents and Fellows

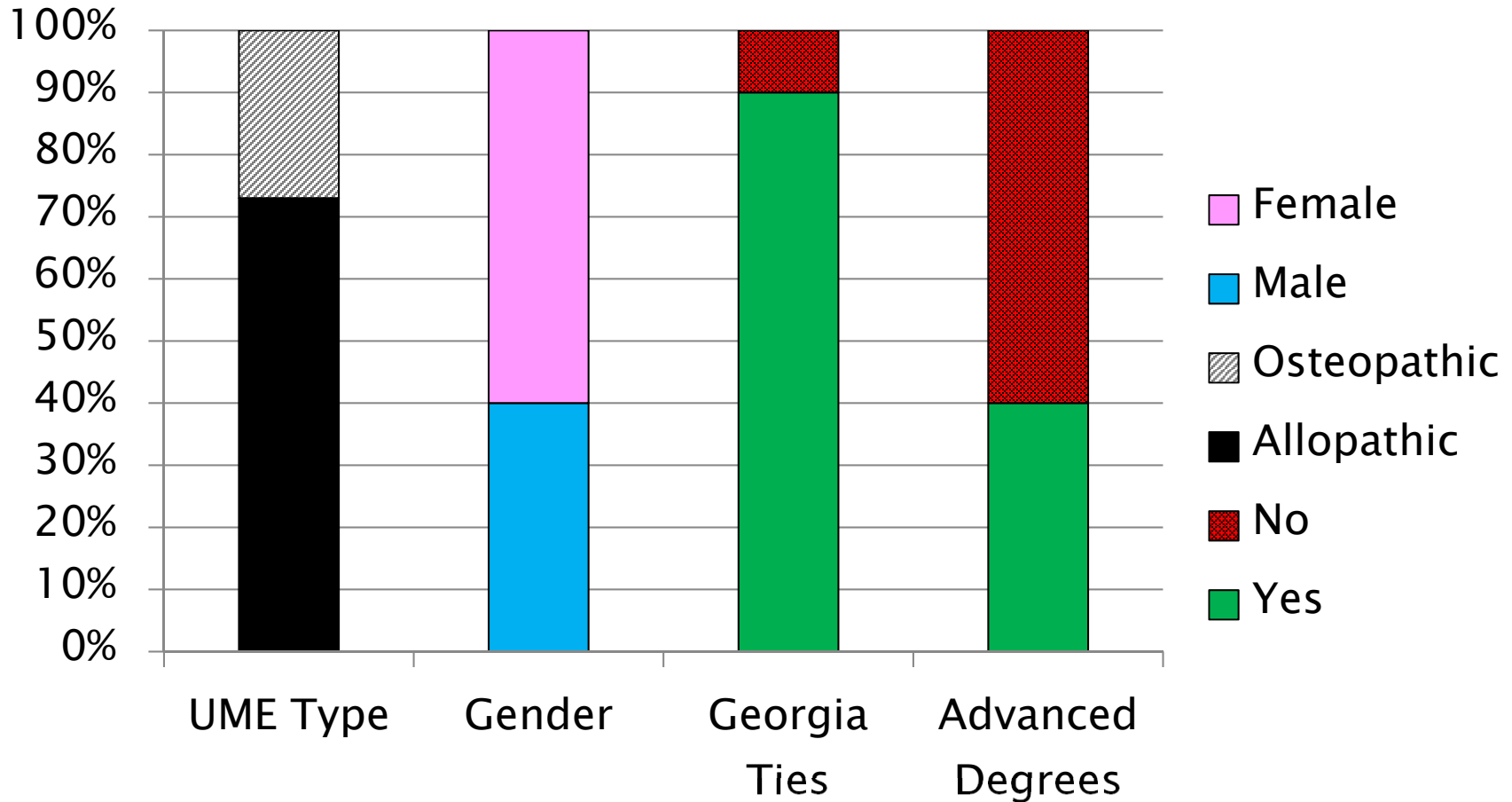


\*N.B.: IM has been approved for an increase in complement from 10 to 17/yr. beginning 2020. EM and TY have applied (approval pending) for additional spots.

# Internal Medicine 2018-19 House Staff Overview

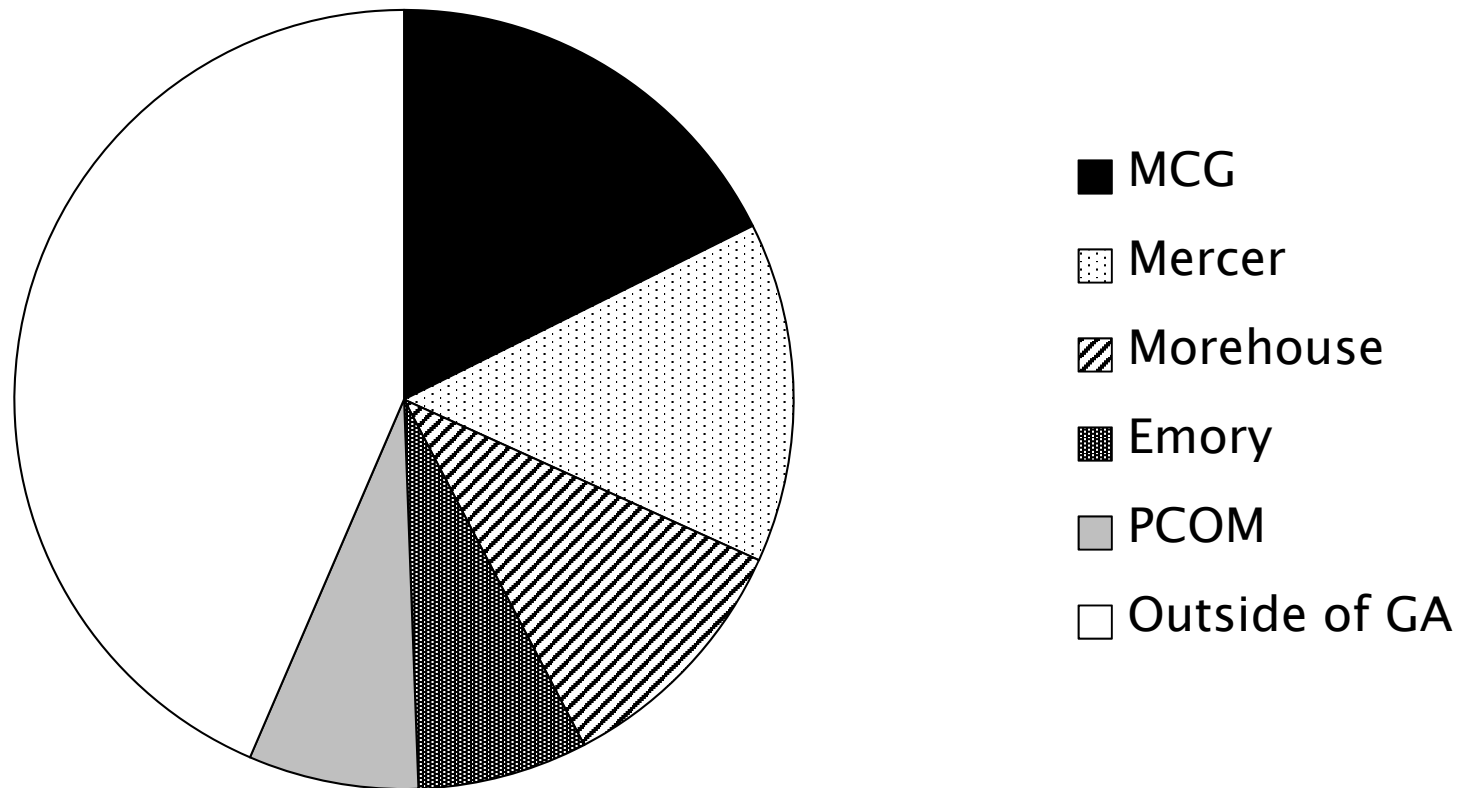


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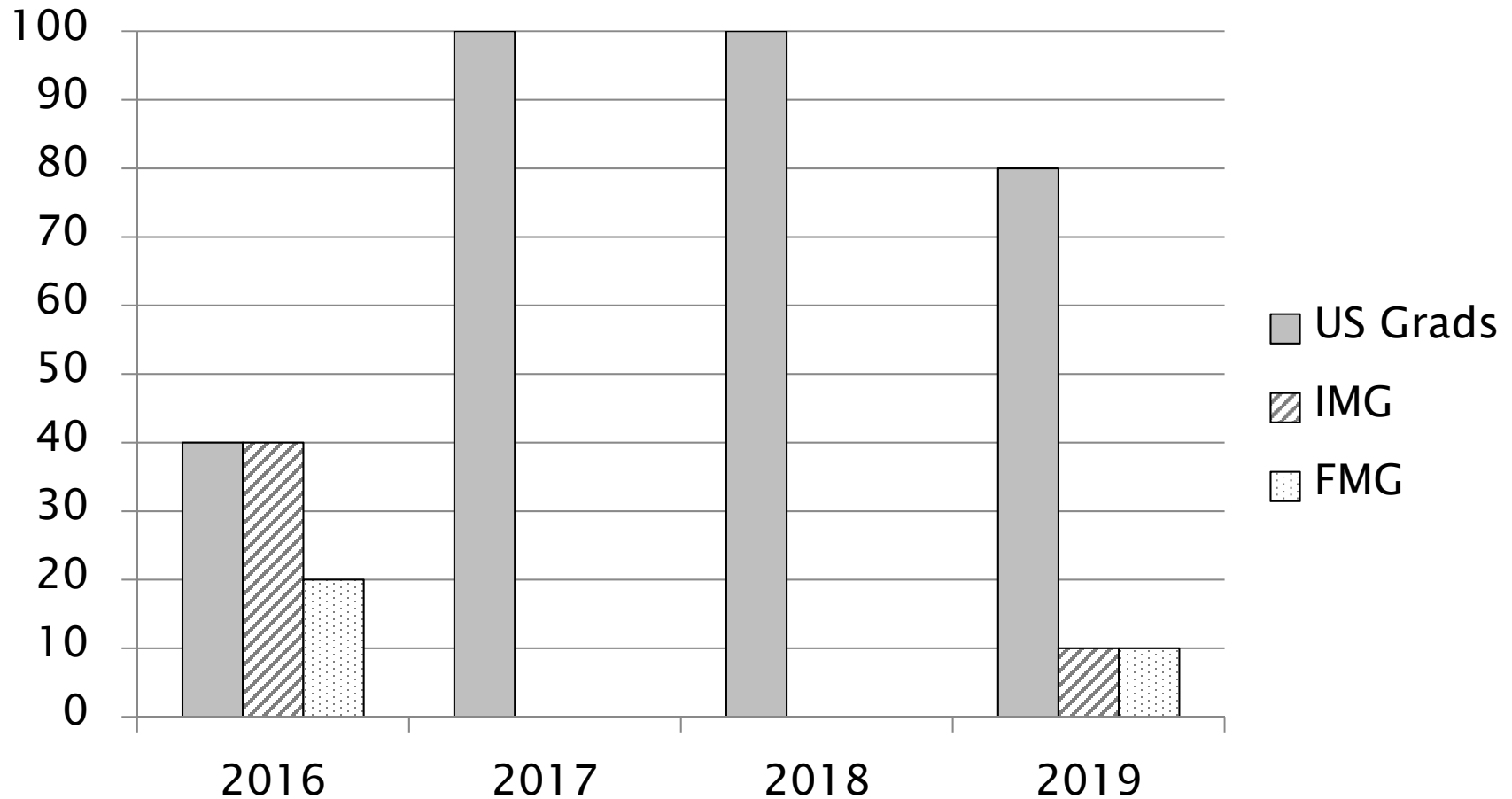


# Medical Schools of Origin for WKRMC GME Programs (thru 6/2019)

Med School of Origin

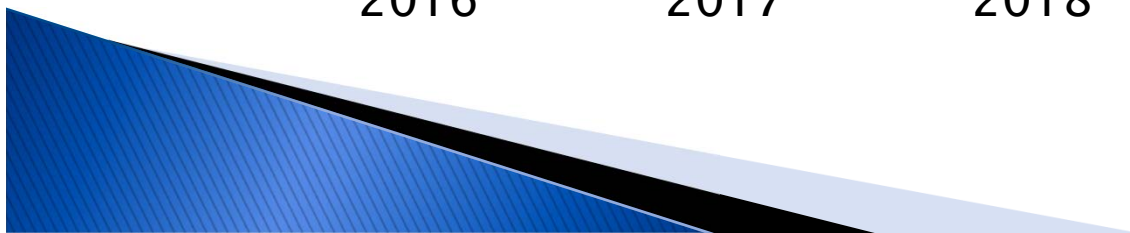
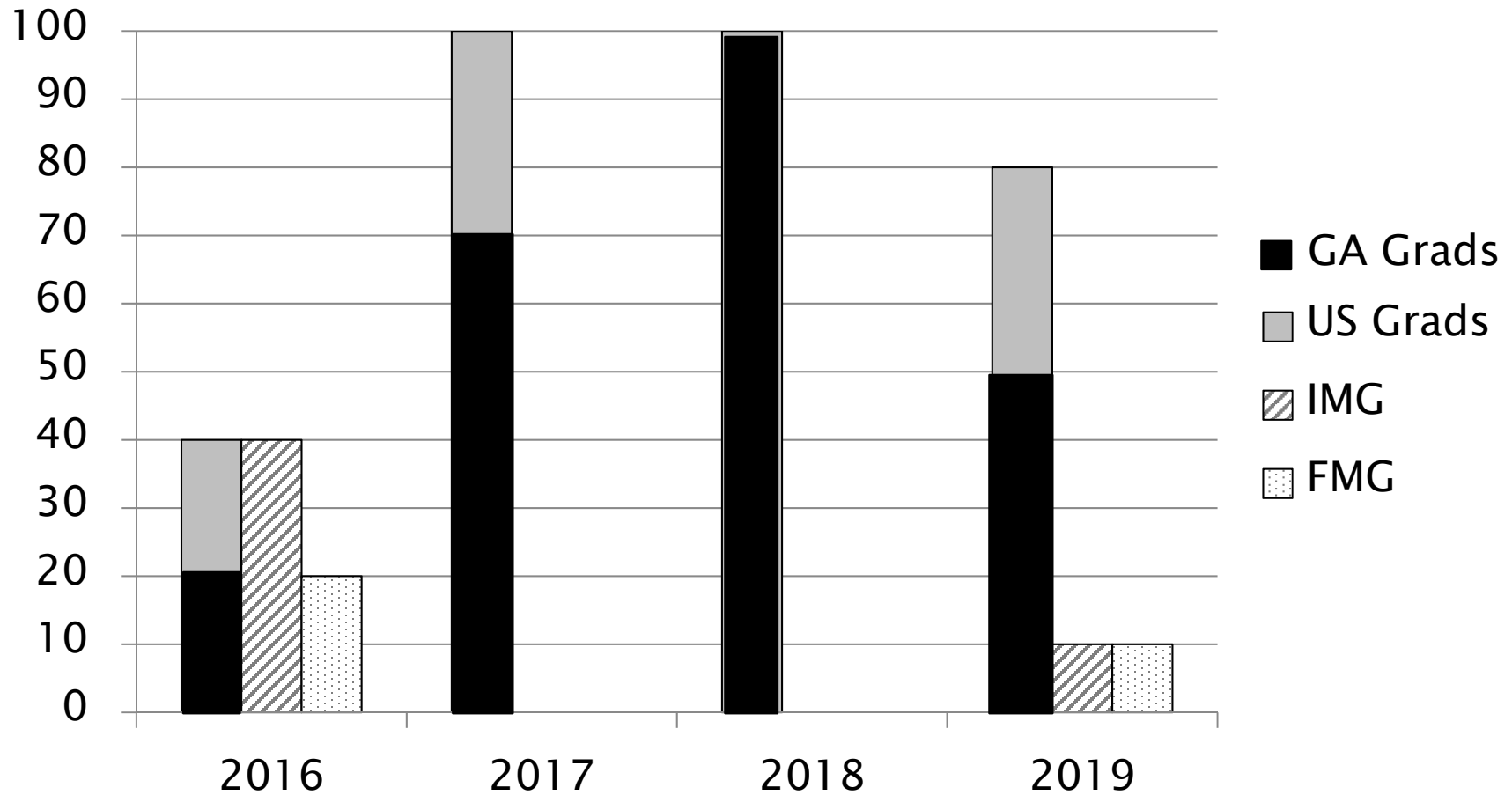


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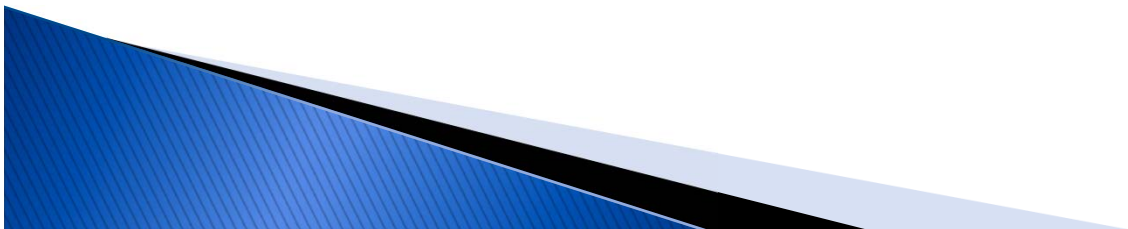


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# Summary

- ▶ WKRMC GME program development addresses:
  - State's issues related to physician training slots for GA medical schools (less need to export physicians)
  - State's physician shortage
  - Access to care
  - Health care disparities

