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TO: Each Supervisor

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SUBJECT: **CLARIFICATION OF INFORMATION SHARING AND BOARD PASS RATES  
REPORTING IN THE MEDICAL SCHOOL AFFILIATION AGREEMENTS**

On June 14, 2005 your Board instructed the Department to work with County Counsel to amend the medical school agreements, where necessary to ensure that the Board of Supervisors obtains categorical information regarding the number of residents who pass or fail their Board Certification exams on the first try; including other performance evaluation reports as requested by the Board of Supervisors on graduate medical education programs.

As part of the re-negotiation of the Affiliation Agreements with UCLA and USC, the Department is standardizing reporting requirements for academic activities. Each contract will have the same set of common reporting requirements which will allow clear, regular reporting to your Board. The Department has worked with County Counsel and the Universities to resolve the issue around which elements of reporting are public information as opposed to those elements that are peer review protected and as a result need to be reviewed by your Board in closed session. This clarification of reporting addresses the Universities' concerns that information regarding training programs is handled in a manner consistent with other training programs across the country. Should your Board accept the Department's recommendations to pursue a one year extension of the Drew University Affiliation Agreement, the same reporting language will be included in that contract as well.

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The Department is pleased to share with you a comprehensive summary of annual Board Certification rates by for every County-sponsored program in each facility. This summary uses publicly available information and reflects actual Board Certification results, including both written and oral components. Being Board certified is the standard that doctors must meet to receive hospital privileges in private and public hospital in Los Angeles County and is the best measure of actual training program performance. This data is abstracted from the American Board of Medical Specialties and is collected directly from the testing organizations. It is objective and independent from the facilities resulting in direct and unbiased comparisons. The Department will update this report twice a year and report it your Board as part of the regular quarterly reporting to your Board.

If you have any questions, please contact either of us.

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#### Attachment

c: Chief Administrative Officer  
County Counsel  
Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors

**Board Certification - Residents/Fellows**  
by Facility and Medical Specialty/Subspecialty  
2002-2004

Certification Types- General (G), Subspecialty (S)

No Candidates

LAC+USC Medical Center

PROGRAM	2002			2003			2004			INITIAL CERTIFICATION TIME LIMIT
	Number of Candidates	Number Certified	% Certified	Number of Candidates	Number Certified	% Certified	Number of Candidates	Number Certified	% Certified	
Allergy & Immunology (G)				2	2	100%				No Limit
Anesthesiology (G)	14	8	57%	14	10	71%	11	1	9%	12 Years
Colorectal Surgery (G)	1	1	100%	3	2	67%	2	1	50%	5 Years
Dermatology (G)	2	2	100%	2	2	100%	3	3	100%	No Limit
Emergency Medicine (G)	18	18	100%	17	16	94%	18	7	39%	No Limit
Internal Medicine (G)	35	33	94%	50	44	88%	50	45	90%	No Limit
Cardiovascular Disease (S)				4	3	75%	4	2	50%	
Endocrinology (S)	2	1	50%	3	2	67%	2	0	0%	
Gastroenterology (S)	5	4	80%	2	2	100%	4	4	100%	
Geriatric Medicine (S)	1	1	100%	1	1	100%				
Hematology & Med Onc (S)	3	1	33%	4	4	100%	3	2	67%	
Infectious Disease (S)	3	3	100%	1	1	100%	1	0	0%	
Nephrology (S)	4	3	75%	2	2	100%	4	2	50%	
Pulmonary & Critical Care (S)	3	1	33%	5	4	80%	5	4	80%	
Rheumatology (S)	2	1	50%	2	2	100%	2	2	100%	
Neurology (G)	4	3	75%	2	1	50%	6	0	0%	No Limit
Neurological Surgery (G)	2	0	0%	2	0	0%				5 Years
*Obstetrics & Gynecology (G)	12	5	42%	11	0	0%	12	0	0%	No Limit
Female Pelvic Medicine (S)	1	0	0%							
Gynecologic Oncology (S)				1	0	0%				
Maternal-Fetal Medicine (S)	1	0	0%	1	0	0%				
Repro Endocrin & Infertility (S)	1	1	100%	1	0	0%	1	0	0%	
Ophthalmology (G)	5	4	80%	4	1	25%	5	0	0%	No Limit
Orthopedic Surgery (G)	9	2	22%	9	0	0%	11	0	0%	No Limit
Ortho Hand Surgery (S)	2	0	0%	2	0	0%	1	0	0%	
Otolaryngology (G)	4	4	100%	4	4	100%	4	4	100%	No Limit
Pathology (G)	3	2	67%	4	4	100%	4	3	75%	5 Years
Cytopathology (S)	4	3	75%	3	1	33%	3	2	67%	
Hematopathology (S)				3	0	0%	1	0	0%	
Surgical Pathology (S)	2	0	0%	2	0	0%				
Pediatrics (G)	11	11	100%	8	7	87%	9	6	67%	No Limit
Internal Med Peds (S)	3	2	67%	13	6	46%	11	2	10%	
Neonatal-Perinatal (S)	2	2	100%	1	1	100%	4	0	0%	
Plastic Surgery (G)	3	2	67%	3	1	33%	3	0	0%	2 Years
Psychiatry (G)	10	1	10%	7	2	29%	7	0	0%	No Limit
Child/Adolescent Psychiatry (S)				6	0	0%	4	1	25%	
Forensic Psychiatry (S)	1	0	0%	3	0	0%	2	0	0%	
Radiology (G)	9	9	100%	11	11	100%	10	9	90%	No Limit
Radiation Oncology (G)	1	1	100%	1	1	100%	2	1	50%	No Limit
Surgery (G)	7	6	86%	6	5	83%	2	1	50%	3 Years
Surgical Critical Care (S)	2	1	50%	1	1	100%	1	0	0%	
Thoracic Surgery (G)	2	2	100%							5 Years
Urology (G)	3	1	33%	3	0	0%	3	0	0%	5 Years
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>197</b>	<b>139</b>	<b>71%</b>	<b>224</b>	<b>143</b>	<b>64%</b>	<b>215</b>	<b>102</b>	<b>47%</b>	

2002-04 Grand Total    636 Candidates    384 (61%) Certified

Olive View-UCLA Medical Center

PROGRAM	2002			2003			2004			INITIAL CERTIFICATION TIME LIMIT
	Number of Candidates	Number Certified	% Certified	Number of Candidates	Number Certified	% Certified	Number of Candidates	Number Certified	% Certified	
Internal Medicine (G)	19	18	95%	18	16	89%	20	16	80%	No Limit
Hematology & Med Onc (S)				1	1	100%	4	4	100%	
Int Med & Emer Med (S)	2	2	100%				2	2	100%	
Nephrology (S)	2	2	100%				2	2	100%	
Rheumatology (S)	2	2	100%	1	1	100%	1	1	100%	
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>96%</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>90%</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>93%</b>	

2002-04 Grand Total    74 Candidates    67 (91%) Certified

**Board Certification - Residents/Fellows**  
by Facility and Medical Specialty/Subspecialty  
2002-2004

Certification Types- General (G), Subspecialty (S)

No Candidates

Harbor-UCLA Medical Center

PROGRAM	2002			2003			2004			INITIAL CERTIFICATION TIME LIMIT
	Number of Candidates	Number Certified	% Certified	Number of Candidates	Number Certified	% Certified	Number of Candidates	Number Certified	% Certified	
Anesthesiology (G)	3	2	67%	5	0	0%	4	1	25%	12 Years
Emergency Medicine (G)	13	12	92%	14	10	71%	12	12	100%	No Limit
Family Medicine (G)	10	10	100%	12	12	100%	13	0	0%	No Limit
Internal Medicine (G)	18	18	100%	16	16	100%	16	15	94%	No Limit
Gastroenterology (S)				1	1	100%	3	2	67%	
Infectious Disease (S)	1	0	0%				1	0	0%	
Nephrology (S)							1	1	100%	
Rheumatology (S)				1	1	100%	1	0	0%	
Medical Genetics (G)				1	0	0%				No Limit
Neurology (G)	3	1	33%	4	3	75%	4	1	25%	No Limit
*Obstetrics & Gynecology (G)	5	4	80%	5	2	40%	5	0	0%	No Limit
Gynecologic Urology (S)				1	0	0%	1	0	0%	
Maternal-Fetal Medicine (S)				1	0	0%				
Orthopedic Surgery (G)	3	1	33%	4	0	0%	4	0	0%	No Limit
Pathology (G)	3	3	100%	2	0	0%	4	2	50%	5 Years
Pediatrics (G)	10	10	100%	10	10	100%	10	8	80%	No Limit
Neonatology (S)							2	0	0%	
Peds Critical Care (S)	2	2	100%	2	2	100%				
Psychiatry (G)	1	1	100%	6	4	67%	6	0	0%	No Limit
Child/Adolescent Psychiatry (S)	4	1	25%	1	1	100%	1	1	100%	
Radiology (G)	5	5	100%	5	5	100%	5	5	100%	No Limit
Interventional Radiology (S)							1	0	0%	
Neuroradiology (S)				1	1	100%				
Surgery (G)	6	5	83%	4	0	0%	3	3	100%	3 Years
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>86%</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>71%</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>53%</b>	

2002-04 Grand Total    280 Candidates    194 (69%) Certified

King/Drew Medical Center

PROGRAM	2002			2003			2004			INITIAL CERTIFICATION TIME LIMIT
	Number of Candidates	Number Certified	% Certified	Number of Candidates	Number Certified	% Certified	Number of Candidates	Number Certified	% Certified	
Anesthesiology (G)	4	1	25%	4	1	25%	4	2	50%	12 Years
Dermatology (G)	2	2	100%	2	1	50%	2	1	50%	No Limit
Emergency Medicine (G)	13	11	85%	13	9	69%	13	4	31%	No Limit
Family Medicine (G)	7	7	100%	6	5	83%	8	6	75%	No Limit
Internal Medicine (G)	13	10	77%	13	11	85%	13	10	77%	No Limit
Endocrinology (S)	2	2	100%	1	1	100%	2	1	50%	
Gastroenterology (S)	2	1	50%				1	0	0%	
Geriatric Medicine (S)	4	0	0%	3	0	0%				
Infectious Disease (S)	2	1	50%	2	0	0%	2	1	50%	
Nephrology (S)	1	1	100%	2	1	50%				
*Obstetrics & Gynecology (G)	3	1	33%	4	0	0%	2	0	0%	No Limit
Ophthalmology (G)	4	0	0%	2	0	0%	2	1	50%	No Limit
Orthopedic Surgery (G)				2	0	0%	2	0	0%	No Limit
Otolaryngology (G)	1	1	100%	2	2	100%				No Limit
Pediatrics (G)	11	11	100%	12	5	42%	12	3	25%	No Limit
Peds Allergy & Immunology (S)	3	2	67%							
Peds Critical Care (S)	1	0	0%							
Psychiatry (G)	3	0	0%	3	0	0%	6	0	0%	No Limit
Radiology (G)	4	0	0%	4	0	0%	5	4	80%	No Limit
Surgery (G)	4	3	75%	8	4	50%	6	1	17%	3 Years
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>64%</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>48%</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>43%</b>	

2002-04 Grand Total    247 Candidates    128 (52%) Certified

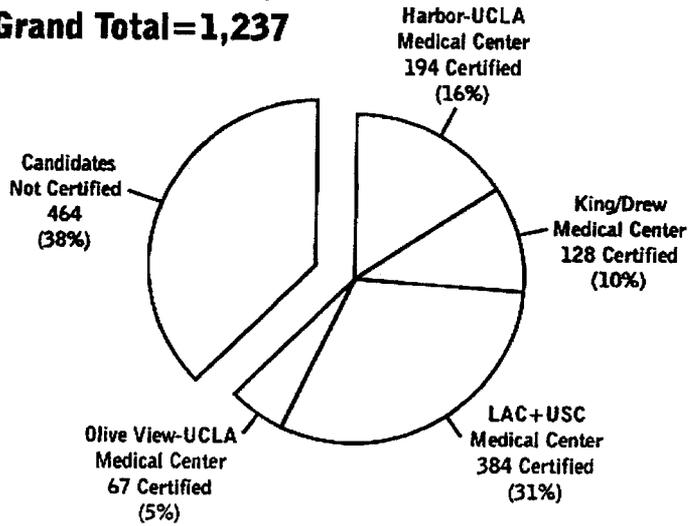
\* In order to become certified in OB/GYN the candidate, in addition to passing the qualifying written exam upon training completion, must be engaged in independent continuous, unsupervised patient care for at least 12 months prior to the scheduled certifying oral exam. In some cases, patient case lists can include select OB/GYN cases from the candidate's last year of residency.

# Medical Specialty/Subspecialty Board Certification Residents/Fellows 2002-2004

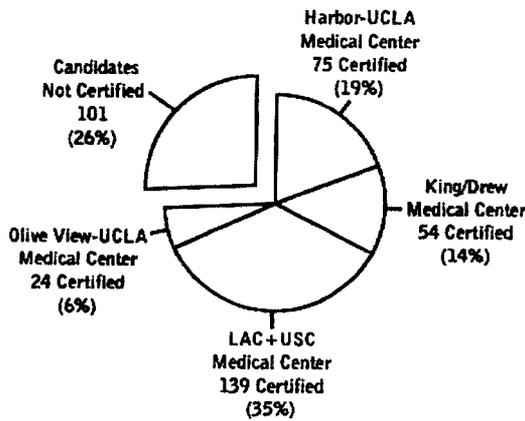
**Candidates completing residency training/  
fellowships from 2002 through 2004**

**Grand Total=1,237**

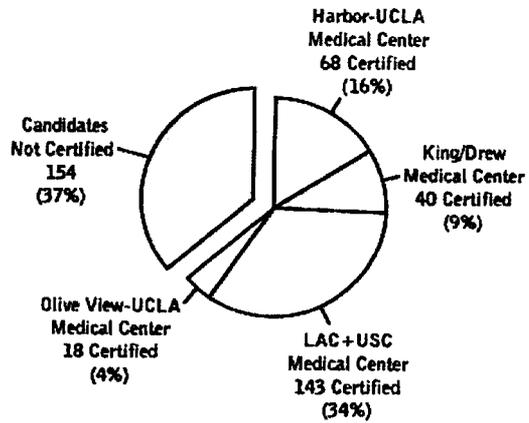
Harbor-UCLA Medical Center — 280  
King/Drew Medical Center — 247  
LAC+USC Medical Center — 636  
Olive View-UCLA Medical Center — 74



**2002  
393 Candidates**



**2003  
423 Candidates**



**2004  
421 Candidates**

