

Summary: Resident Survey of ACGME Length of Training Pilot (LTP)

Data Collected May 2 through May 7, 2012

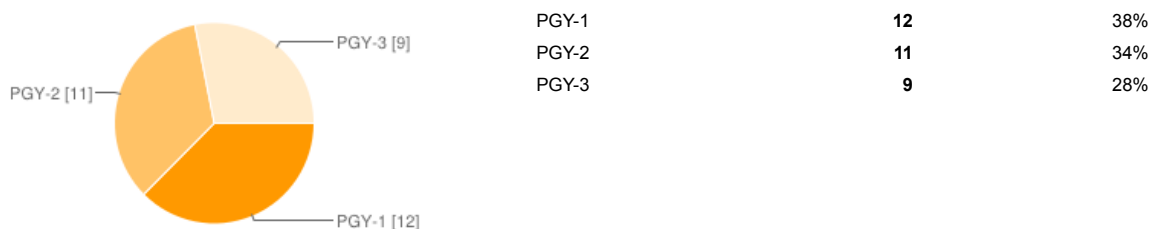
All three residency classes were surveyed about their opinion of Contra Costa Family Medicine Residency's (CCFMR) potential application to the ACGME LTP. This survey attempted to both assess Resident support for the proposal, perspectives on what shape that proposal should take, and Resident opinion on the effects it would have on program recruitment. Questions about support of the LTP asked specifically about the application due May 15, 2012 and not about opinions of four-year programs in general.

Highlights of the data include:

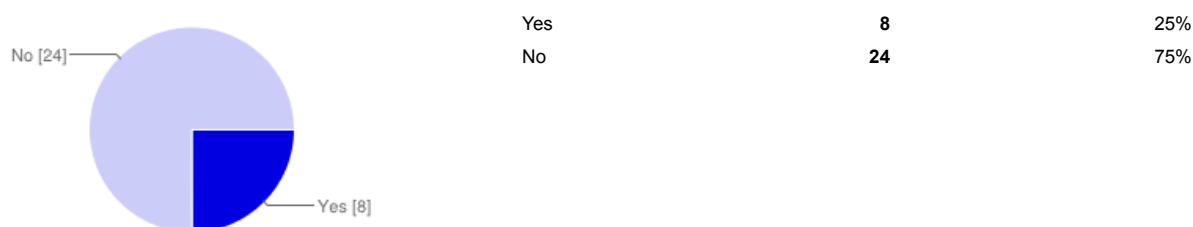
- Excellent response rate: Eighty percent of Residents responded (32 out of 40 Residents).
- Supermajority of Residents are opposed to the CCFMR application to the LTP (75%). Nineteen Residents (60%) had very little enthusiasm for it (Score of ≤ 2 in question 4).
- If the RLG were to adopt a four-year curriculum, a plurality supported a uniform curriculum for all Residents in a class (41%). Second in preference was a hybrid model where a proportion of Residents would be in a four-year program (34%), while the remainder would be in a three-year program. A four-year curriculum with the final year as a specialty "track" was the least popular of the models presented (16% in favor).
- Half of Residents believed that attempting the LTP this year would affect CCFMR negatively in the Match. Twenty-eight (28) percent believed it would have no effect. Only 32 percent believed it would improve our performance in the Match.
- Almost two-thirds of Residents polled (63%) would themselves not rank CCFMR highly if reapplying to a four-year program. Even one supporter of the LTP stated that (s)he would not rank CCFMR highly if applying. Top reasons mentioned most frequently included student loan burden, delay in receiving an attending-level salary, and delay in achieving personal life goals. Decompressed schedule and lighter emphasis on the quantity of patients were mentioned frequently as possible benefits of the LTP.
- If given a choice between a three-year program with a fourth year of fellowship, and a four-year curriculum, 84 percent preferred the three-year option with fellowship. Note that this expressed preference is for all respondents, meaning that even a number of those in support of the LTP would themselves not choose four years of training if given a choice.

Total Responses n = 32 (80%)

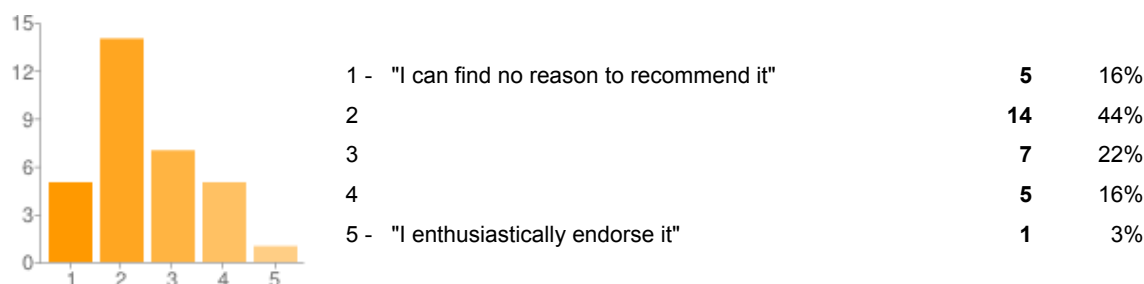
Breakdown by Class:



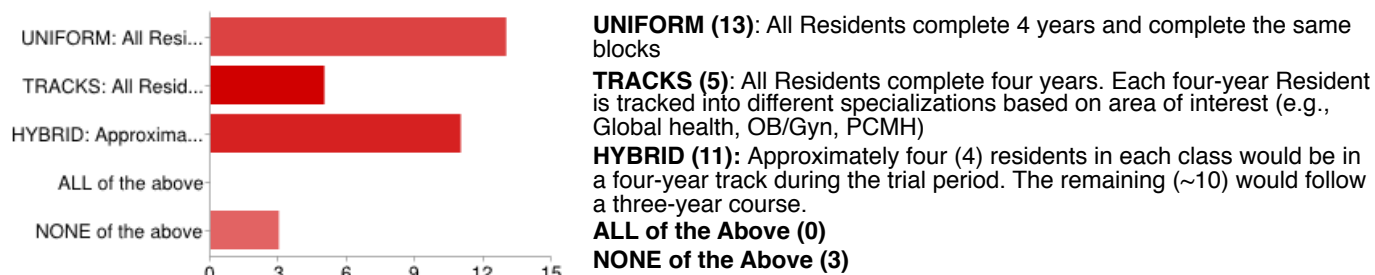
Question 1: For future classes, would you support Contra Costa Family Medicine Residency (CCFMR) participation in the ACGME LTP (4-year program trial)?



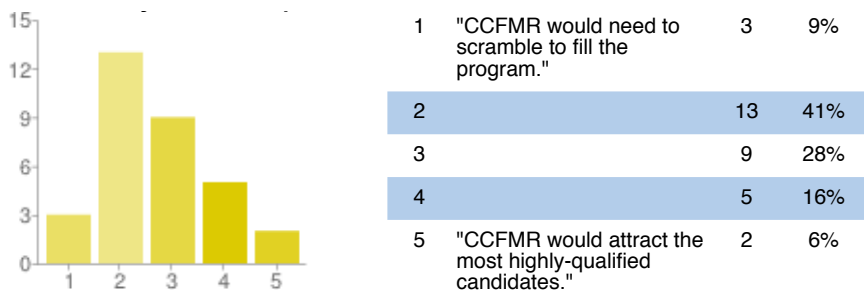
Question 2: Please indicate your level of support for CCFMR application to the ACGME LTP (4-year proposal):



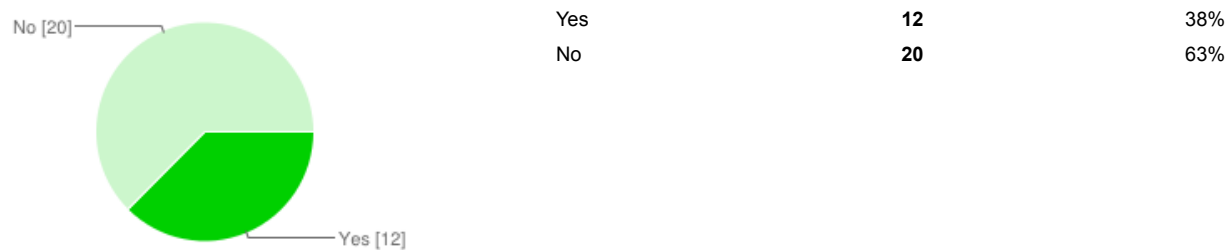
Question 3: If this proposal were accepted, there are three different ways suggested of implementing it during the LTP. Please choose the best way of implementing this proposal:



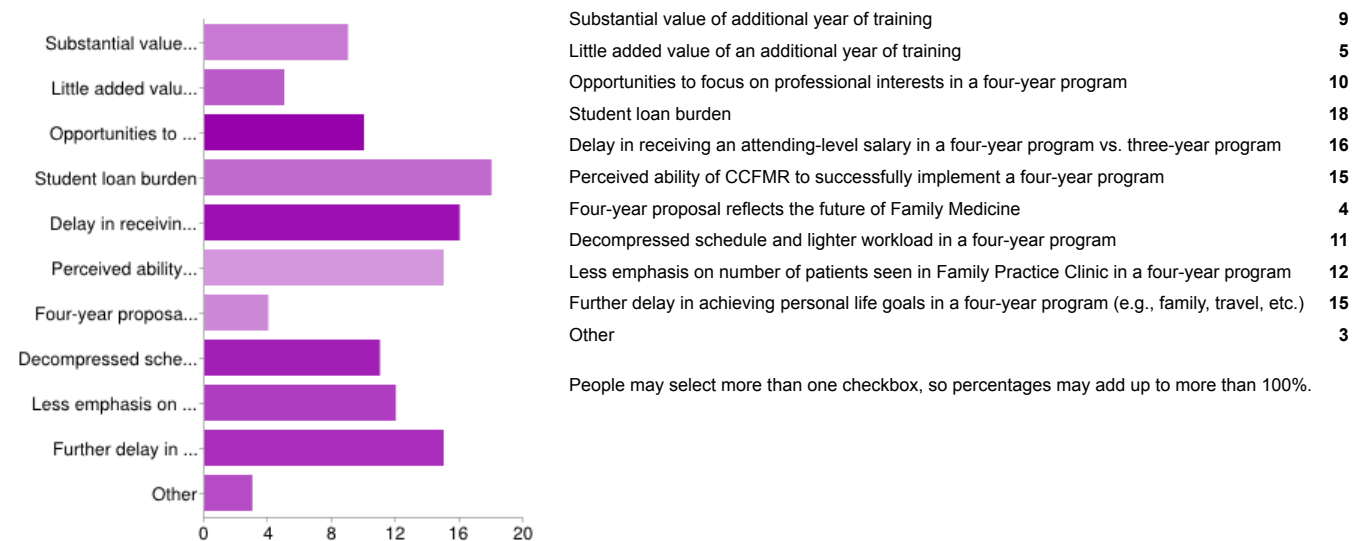
Question 4: Based on your current perceptions of CCFMR, how would our participation in the ACGME LTP (4-year program trial) affect CCFMR in the Match?



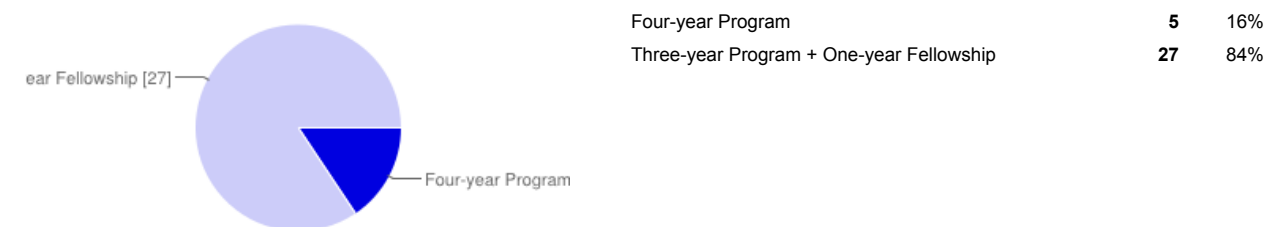
Question 5: If you were reapplying to residency, would you rank a four-year CCFMR program highly?



Question 6: What influences your response to Question 5?



Question 7: If you had to choose between (1) a traditional three-year program with an additional fellowship year in a specific area of interest and (2) a four-year residency program, which would you choose?



Sub-Group Analyses

Q1. For future classes, would you support CCFMR participation in the ACGME LTP?

	PGY-1	PGY-2	PGY-3	Total
No	10	8	6	24
Yes	2	3	3	8
	12	11	9	32

Exhibit 1. Breakdown by residency class of responses to Q1. By percentage, PGY-1 had the lowest support (16.7%) for the LTP, while PGY-3 had the highest (33%). It is difficult to draw conclusions about differences between classes given the small samples and different response rates amongst the classes.

Q3. If you had to choose between (1) a traditional three-year program with an additional fellowship year in a specific area of interest and (2) a four-year residency program, which would you choose?

Supports LTP	Four-year Program	Three-year Program + One-year Fellowship	Total
No	1 (4%)	23 (96%)	24
Yes	4 (50%)	4 (50%)	8
Total	5 (16%)	27 (84%)	32

Exhibit 3. This subdivides those interested in doing a four-year program by their support for the LTP. Practically no respondent opposed to the LTP would be interested in doing a four-year program. However, only one-half of those in favor of the LTP would be interested in doing a four-year program themselves.

Q2. Please indicate your level of support for CCFMR application to the ACGME LTP

	1	2	3	4	5	Total
No	5	14	5			24
Yes			2	5	1	8
	5	14	7	5	1	32

Exhibit 2. Assessing the differences in enthusiasm for the LTP amongst those who support it versus those opposed to it. Unsurprisingly, those in support of the proposal had a higher level of enthusiasm for it. The mean enthusiasm was 2.5. The mean enthusiasm among supporters was 3.9, while among those opposed was 2. Although the direction of response differed among the groups, the strength of that response was roughly equivalent. That is, those in favor were as vehement in their position as those opposed.