

I am happy and proud to report that the residents who are currently training with us in the Department of Internal Medicine took the **Internal Medicine In-Training Examination** in October 2009 and they scored as a group better than the **mean** of all US residency training programs.

The Internal Medicine In-Training Examination (sponsored by the American College of Physicians, the Association of Professors of Medicine, and the Association of Program Directors in Internal Medicine) is offered as an instrument for evaluating the working knowledge of residents in internal medicine. The examination is intended solely as an educational program and is designed to aid residents and program directors in evaluating the training experience while there is still time for corrective action.

Examinees are divided into four post-graduate year (PGY) groups: PGY1, PGY2, PGY3, and All PGYs as one group. In our 2009-1010 program, a total of 57 residents (out of 58) took the exam: [Preliminary Program 21 PGY1s; Categorical Program 12 PGY1s, 12 PGY2s, and 12 PGY3s].

The results speak for themselves. Our program's mean scores were higher than all US programs' mean scores for each category:

- PGY1s as a group: 57th percentile rank. With 55% of questions answered correctly, and there was no difference between Preliminary and Categorical interns (vs 54% in the US programs)
- PGY2s as a group: 85th percentile rank. With 64% of questions answered correctly, (vs 59% in the US programs).
- PGY3s as a group: 98th percentile rank. With 72% of questions answered correctly, (vs 63% in the US programs).

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