

What Are My Chances of Being A Categorical Surgery Resident?

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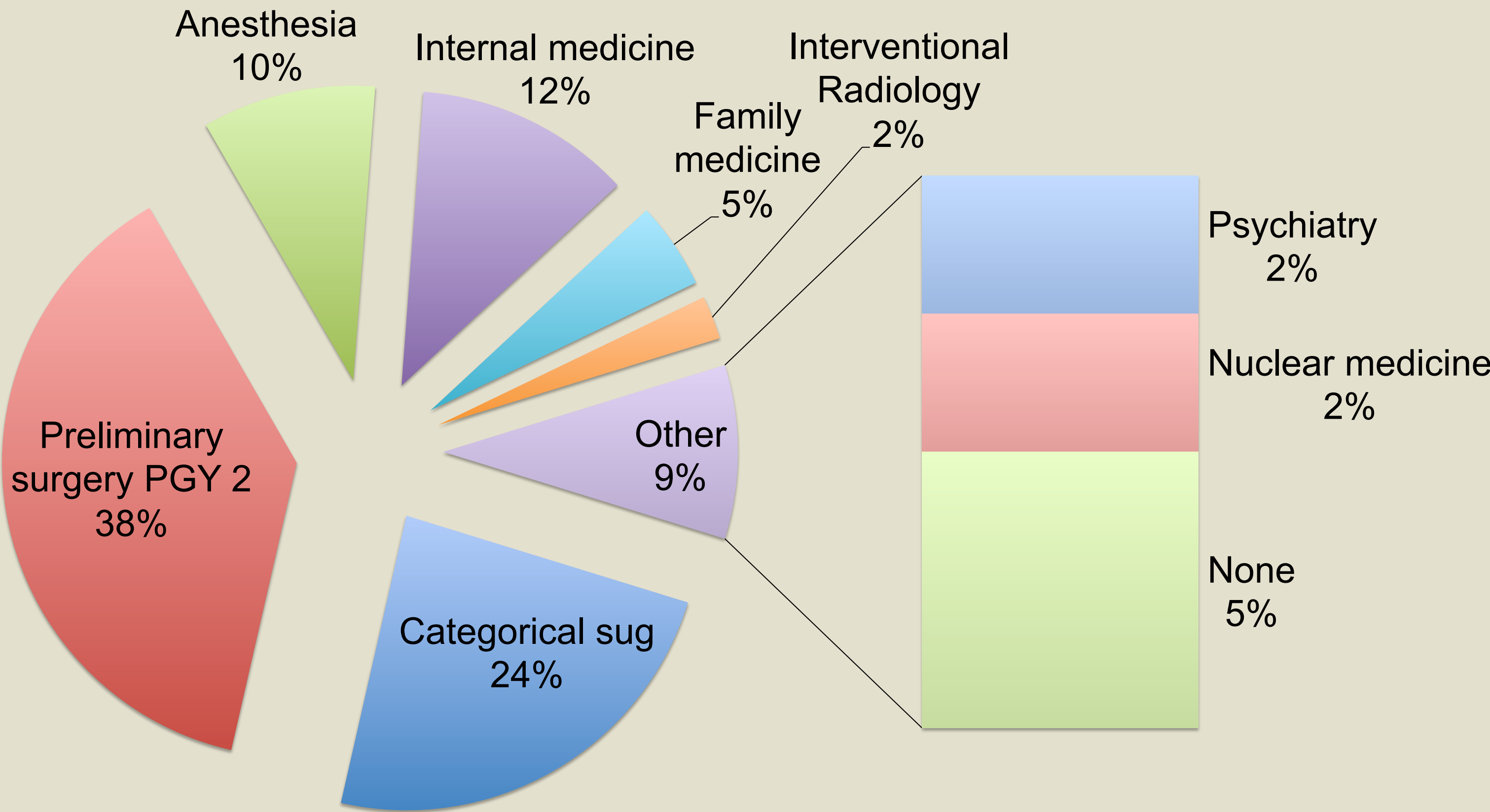
Purpose

There are over 1,000 non-designated preliminary surgery (NDPS) positions. Many graduates accept these NDPS hoping to transition into a categorical surgery position; however, the reality is that majority of them will be forced to take positions outside of surgery. Our aim is to determine the percentage of unmatched NDPS into surgery.

Methods

Retrospective study form 2007-2018 was collected at a single community program. Records of the trainees were reviewed. The status of the trainees were obtained through phone conversations and internet registries.

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Demographics	56	Percentage
Male	41	73%
Female	15	27%
US school	5	9%
Non US school	51	91%
-Caribbean school	14	25%
-International	37	66%
Prelim PGY-1	42	75%
Prelim PGY-2	14	25%
Categorical Surgery	14	25%
Other	42	75%

Results

Of the fifty-six NDPS residents, 44 completed post graduate level 1 and 12 completed post graduate level 2. In total, 14(25%) of the 56 NDPS residents obtained categorical general surgery positions, and 36(64%) obtained categorical positions in other specialties.

Conclusion

It was found that 75% of the NDPS did not match into general surgery. The majority 64% matched into other specialties.

Probability of Obtaining Categorical Surgery Position after Preliminary PGY 2

