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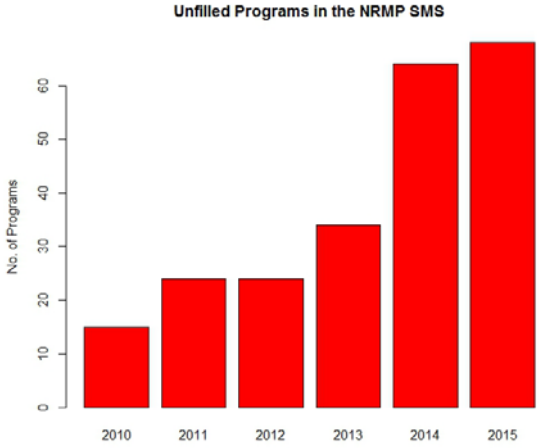
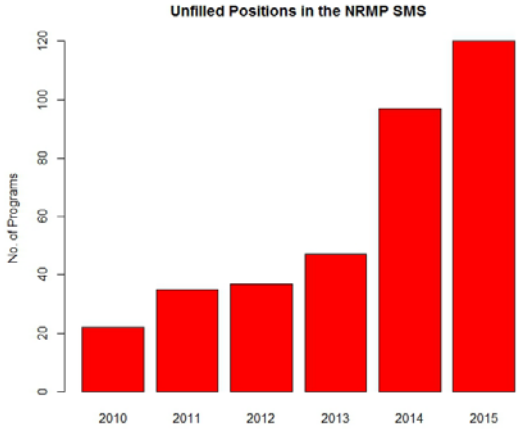
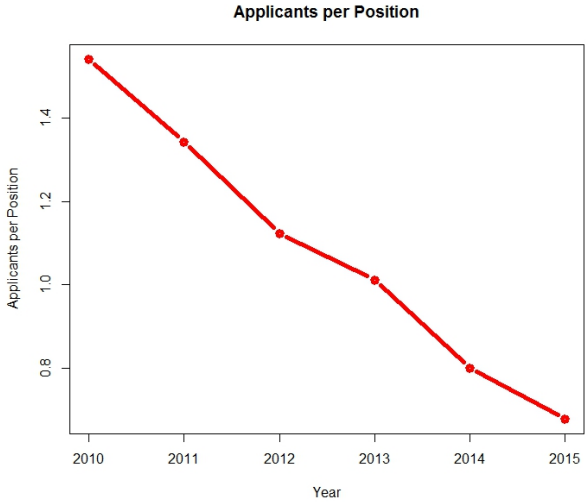
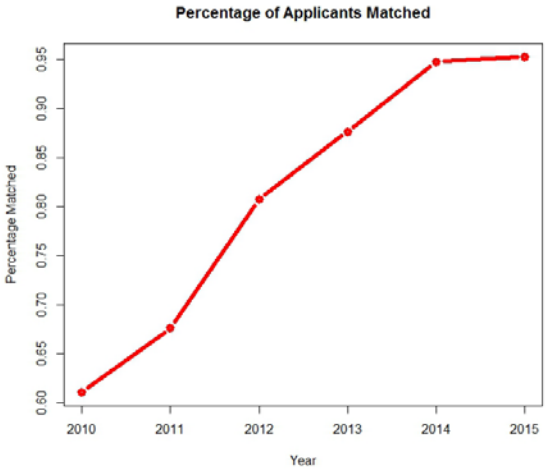
NRMP SMS Nephrology Match for Appointment Year 2015 (Rev. 12/3/2014)
Brief Analysis

On December 3, 2014, the National Resident Matching Program (NRMP) released preliminary results of the Specialties Matching Service (SMS) Match for Appointment Year (AY) 2015. At first glance the results continue the recent trend for declining interest in nephrology careers, with 51% of programs (68 of 134) and 32% of positions (120 of 374) going unfilled. This represents a 6.3% and 23.7% increase in the number of unfilled programs and unfilled positions, respectively, in just 1 year. Of note, the number of programs withdrawn from this year's Match doubled over 2014, from 9 to 19.









In AY2015, there were 0.68 applicants per nephrology fellowship position, a 55% decline in the span of 5 years. In AY2015, nearly every nephrology applicant matched, for a 95.2% Match rate.

Nephrology Match Results—NRMP SMS									
Appointment Years 2009–2015									
	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	Difference	
POSITIONS OFFERED	367	374	380	397	416	403	374	7	1.9%
POSITIONS FILLED	348	352	345	360	369	306	254	–94	–27.0%
PERCENT FILLED	94.8%	94.1%	90.8%	90.7%	88.7%	75.9%	67.9%		
PROGRAMS OFFERED	142	142	146	142	148	145	134	–8	–5.6%
PROGRAMS UNFILLED	15	15	24	24	34	64	68	53	353.3%
TOTAL APPLICANTS	578	576	510	446	421	323	254	–324	–56.1%
U.S. Grads	149	139	97	102	100	91	79	–70	–47.0%
Osteo	28	15	23	23	18	22	22	–6	–21.4%
U.S. IMG	68	84	86	78	84	66	44	–24	–35.3%
Non–U.S. IMG	331	336	301	242	217	142	107	–224	–67.7%
Other	2	2	3	1	2	2	2	0	0.0%