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OPHTHALMOLOGY MATCH REPORT - January 2006

COMPARATIVE STATISTICS

The volume of applicants participating in CAS and submitting rank lists shows a slight continuous decline over the past four years. This decline has affected neither the matching vacancy rate (which remains very low) nor the average USMLE Step 1 score of applicants matched (highest posted on the chart). The matching overall is the highest achieved for the past eight years, and the number of US Seniors matching remains very high. The number of CAS distributions per applicant continues to rise perhaps indicating greater competition for interviews.

	Jan '96	Jan '97	Jan '98	Jan '99	Jan '00	Jan '01	Jan '02	Jan '03	Jan '04	Jan '05	This Match
Registrations	953	1008	995	1110	1024	927	930	922	887	839	824
CAS Participants		717	739	843	815	798	805	800	786	761	743
Rank lists	576	637	611	669	648	662	671	650	639	596	620
Ranked	565	570	584	633	631	667	653	629	630	608	609
Matched	440	435	430	430	429	435	438	434	438	443	446
- US Seniors	349	349	341	369	373	379	384	365	369	374	382
- US Grads	49	37	41	31	35	33	27	40	34	35	38
- IMGs	41	48	41	29	20	23	27	29	35	34	26
Unmatched	134	165	171	239	216	227	233	216	201	153	174
Avg. USMLE Step 1											
- Matched			213	217	221	224	225	228	228	229	230
- Unmatched			200	199	203	206	208	208	218	213	215
Positions:											
Offered	454	447	445	437	434	438	440	438	442	445	447
Filled	440	435	430	430	429	435	438	434	438	443	446
Left	15	12	15	7	5	3	2	4	4	2	1
Avg. applications	31	29	30	31	35	36	38	38	41	43	45
Avg. interviews	8.1	7.4	7.6	7.4	7.7	7.5	7.5	7.7	7.9	8.4	8.1
Avg. offers	4.6	4.1	4.4	4.0	4.1	4.0	4.0	3.9	4.0	4.4	4.4
Pct. Matching:											
Overall	76%	68%	70%	64%	66%	66%	65%	67%	69%	74%	72%
- US Seniors	94%	94%	91%	83%	82%	83%	78%	82%	82%	86%	88%
- US Grads	66%	59%	59%	51%	41%	38%	38%	43%	43%	57%	62%
- IMGs	34%	30%	28%	18%	20%	19%	25%	26%	31%	33%	21%