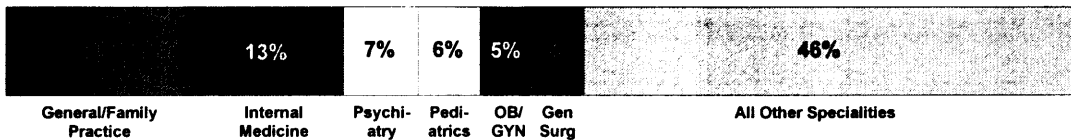


MAINE ALLOPATHIC PHYSICIANS - 1998

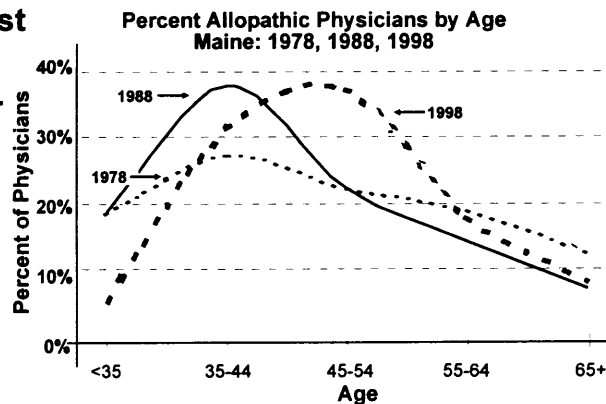
- ➔ In 1998, 2,158 allopathic physicians reported working in Maine, resulting in a statewide ratio of 576 residents for each physician. An additional 201 physicians were licensed but not practicing their profession.
- ➔ The most frequently reported specialty in 1998 was family/general practice. Taken together, primary care specialties (family/general practice, obstetrics, gynecology, internal medicine, pediatrics) accounted for over 900 Maine physicians, 42% of actively practicing physicians.

PERCENT OF PHYSICIANS BY MOST FREQUENTLY REPORTED SPECIALTY
MAINE: 1998



- ➔ The average age of allopathic physicians who declared a primary care specialty as their first specialty was 48 years old; the average age of all other specialists was 51 years old.
- ➔ Three quarters (86) of Maine's youngest allopaths (younger than 35) reported a primary care specialty as their primary area of practice. Maine's oldest physicians (physicians 65 years old and older) were distributed among a broader range of specialty areas with just 40% of them (70 doctors) considering primary care as their first specialty.

- ➔ The number of allopaths who are younger than 35 years old has decreased by nearly 60% in the past 20 years - from 279 physicians in 1978 to 115 in 1998; the number of allopaths at the other end of the spectrum, 65 years old and older, has also decreased. This resulted in a near doubling of allopaths during that period who are 45 - 64 years old, from 627 physicians to 1,188.



- ➔ Half of all allopaths (1,083) reported working in an office practice; another 30% (664) worked in a hospital setting.
- ➔ On average, allopathic physicians reported working 48 hours each week - all but 5 of those hours were worked in patient care services. They were "on call" for an average of 27 hours each week.
- ➔ In 1998, 20% of active allopaths were female. Although this represents an increase of 13% since 1980, there has been virtually no increase in the proportion of females in the profession since 1984.

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