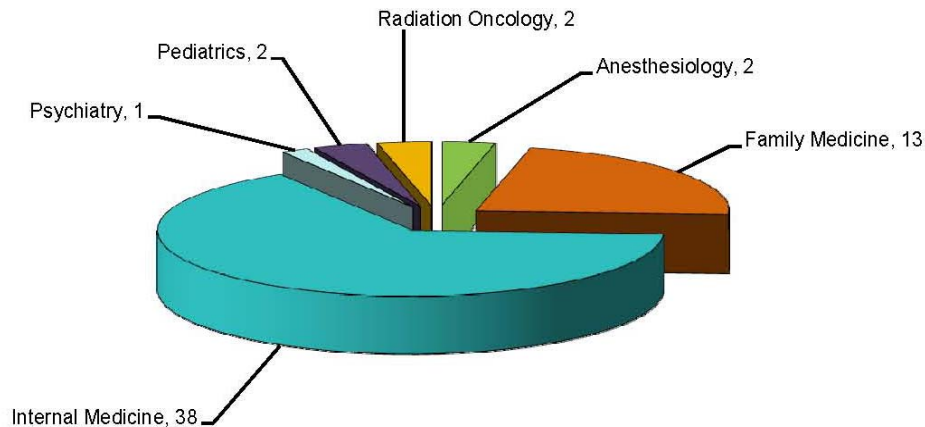


Hospice and Palliative Medicine (HPM) Application Process

As was noted in the spring 2008 newsletter, although HPM is a joint effort across 11 specialties, the Review Committee for Family Medicine will review and accredit all programs in this area. All applications (n=58) received by the summer deadline were reviewed by the HPM Advisory Group who assisted the Committee with the development of the program requirements and the PIF. The Advisory Group reviewed the HPM components of the applications and made recommendations regarding compliance with the HPM requirements. The Committee will review all aspects of the applications and the Advisory Group's recommendations at its January 2009 meeting. At least one Advisory Group member will attend this meeting to assist the Committee with HPM questions.

Since HPM is a dependent subspecialty, in order to apply for accreditation, applicants were required to identify the "core" ACGME-accredited program they would be associated with. The chart below shows the distribution of core specialties for the applications.

Hospice and Palliative Medicine Distribution of Applications



At its recent meeting the Advisory Group determined the application process moving forward. Applications for new HPM programs will be due three months prior to Review Committee for Family Medicine meeting. This will allow time for the Advisory Group to review the applications and provide their recommendations to the Committee. The deadlines are as follows:

RRC Meeting: May 18-20, 2009
HPM Applications Due: February 17, 2009

RRC Meeting: September 23-25, 2009
HPM Applications Due: July 21, 2009