

Young Practitioner's Forum

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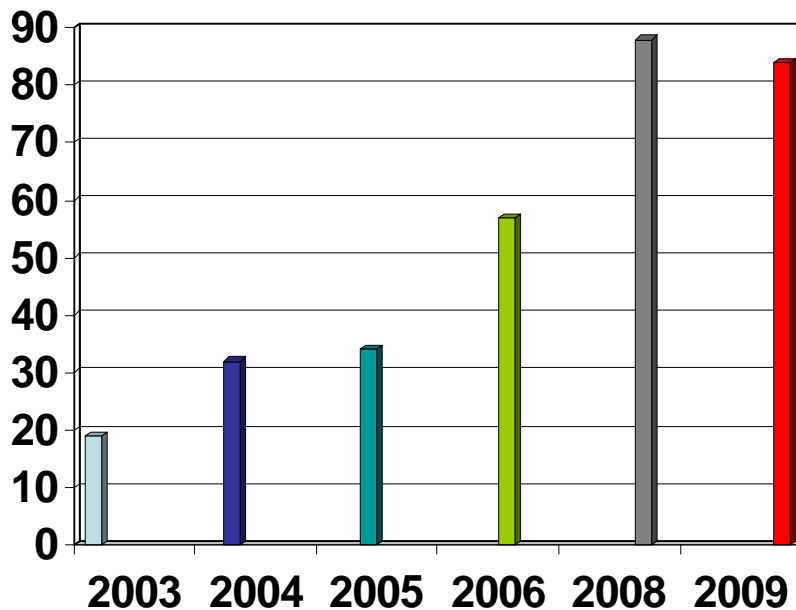
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Introduction

The OTA has always been a leader. Over the past several years, the OTA has promoted the growth of trauma as a career. They have done so by creating a more positive lifestyle. A trauma room is expected. The OTA leaders fought for call pay, set minimum standards expected for trauma centers, stressed the importance of research assistance and the support of hospitals to buy into the benefits of the orthopaedic trauma surgeon. The OTA has promoted trauma to be a rewarding career... setting an example so much so that we currently have more than 20% of 4th year residents choosing to pursue a trauma fellowship.

A trauma fellowship is chosen with the goal of gaining the advanced training and skills necessary. They want to learn to treat multiple trauma patients, hone their long bone fracture care skills; become proficient in periarticular fractures, and especially desire training in pelvic and acetabular trauma. In addition, they chose to train with people who they see as a mentor; to help guide them as they move on to the next stage of their career. The number of applicants has increased exponentially.



Fellowship programs have jumped on the bandwagon also over the past two years with 14 new programs added since 2008.

The success of the OTA Fellowship Match has been a role model for the AAOS.

The purpose of this 3rd Annual Symposium is to help you-the future of this organization. More than 50% of orthopaedic surgeons change jobs within their first two years. This symposium will cover the topics to help make your job a success.