

# Navigating the QME Seas

CCWC Annual Conference

July 18, 2014, Disneyland

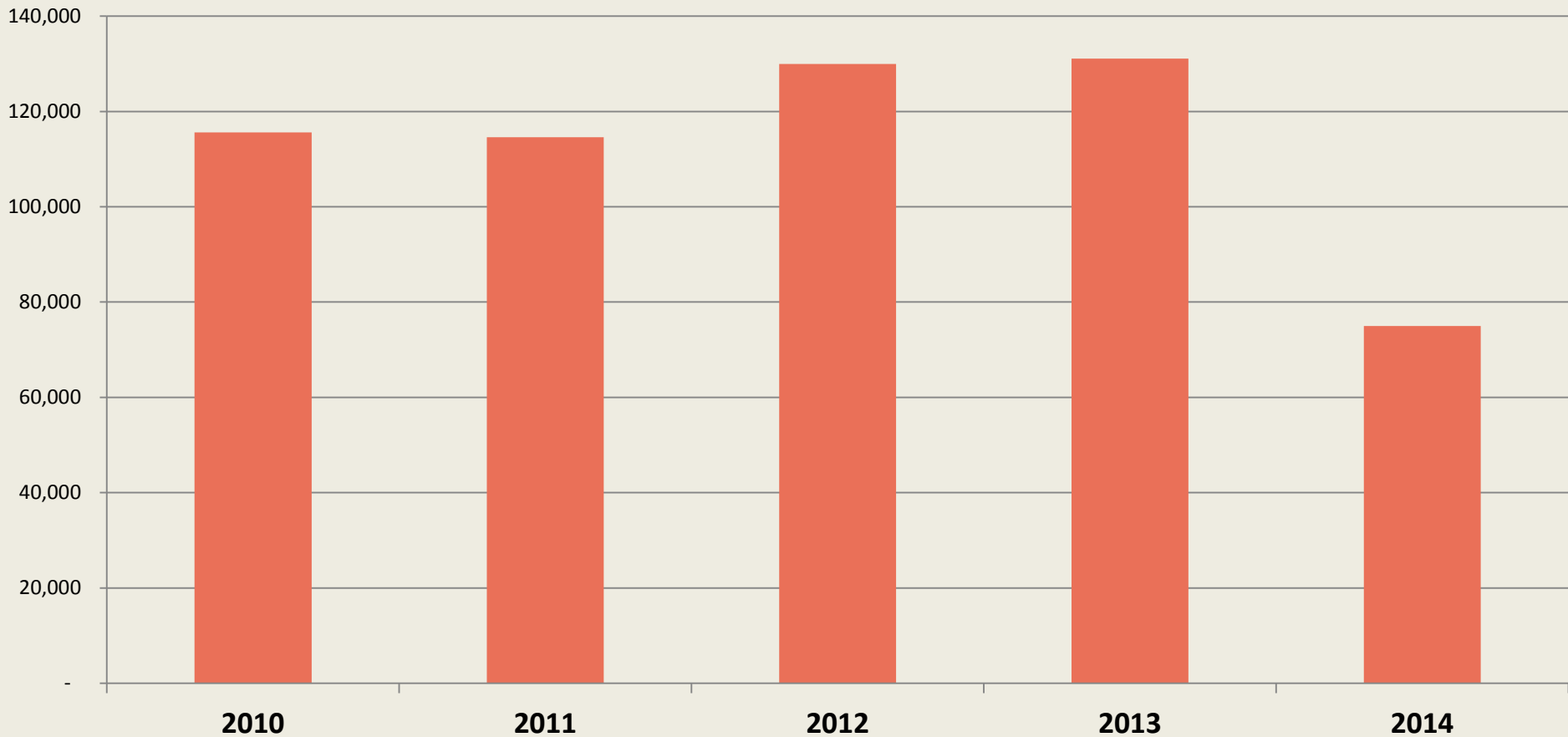
Panel Members:

Rupali Das, MD, MPH, DWC Executive Medical Director

Richard Newman, DWC Chief Judge

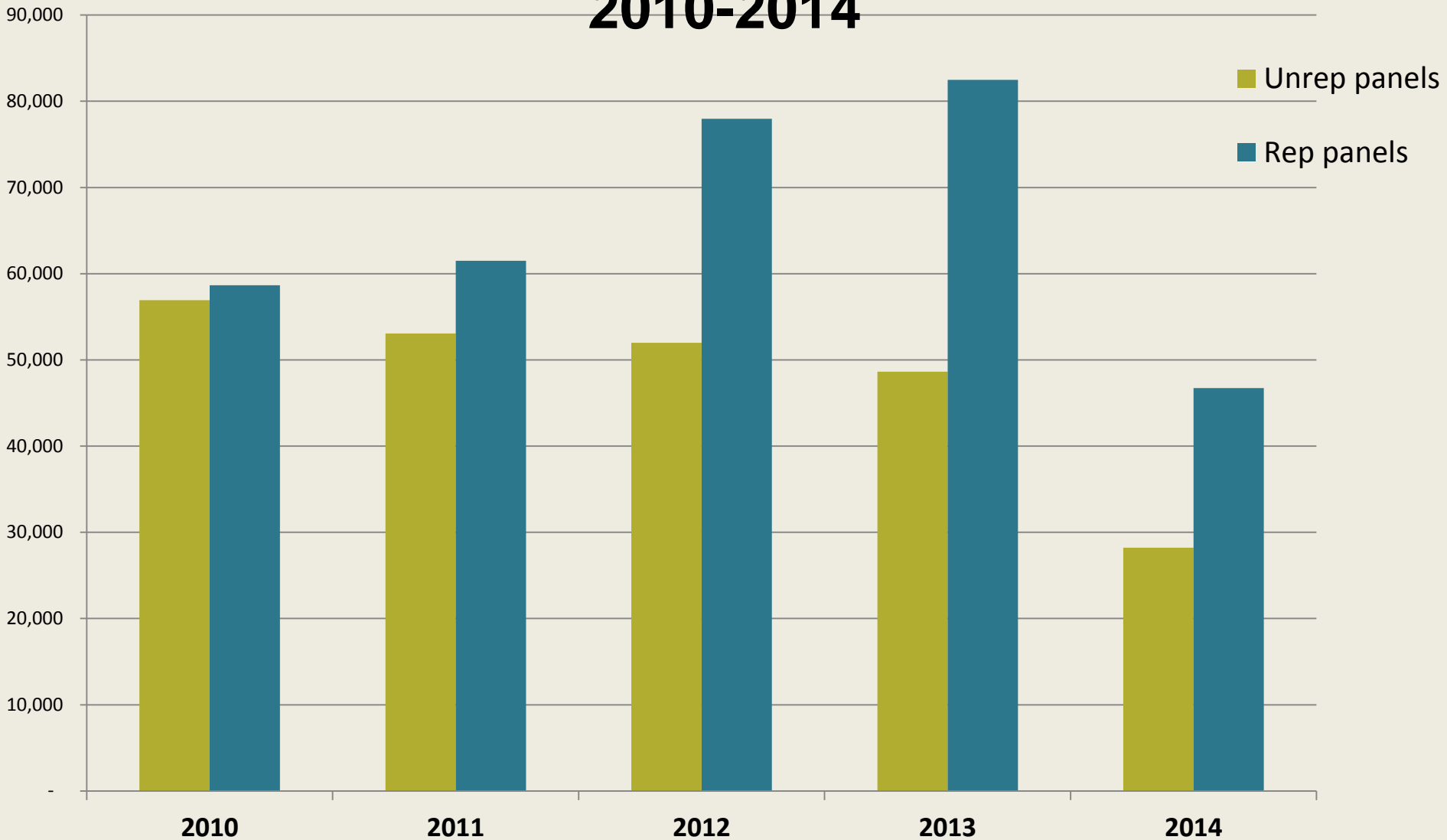
Anne Searcy, MD, Chief Medical Officer, Zenith Insurance Co.

# Total QME Initial Panel Requests 2010-2014

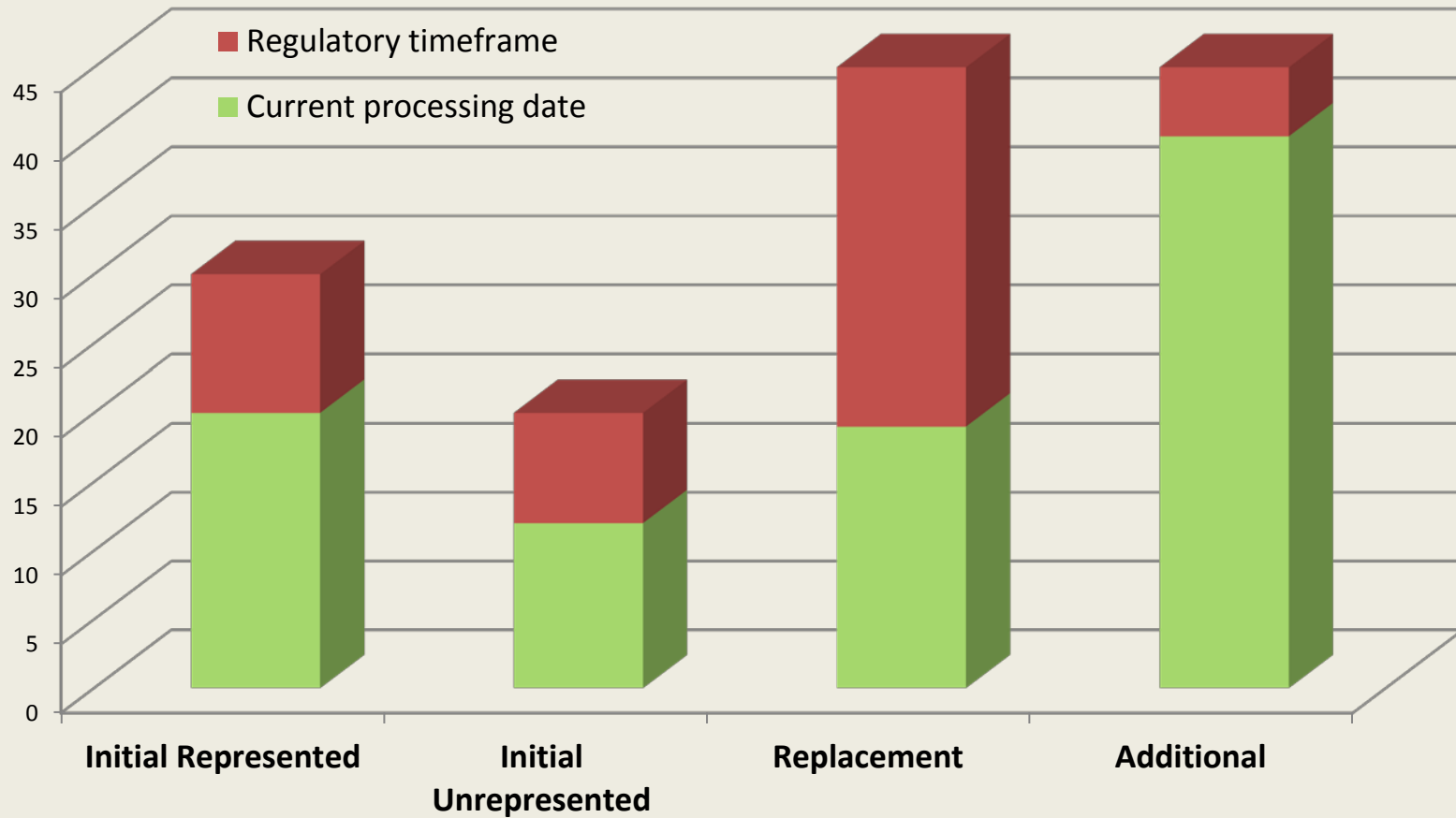


Data through June 30 2014

# QME Initial Panel Requests 2010-2014



# QME Panel Regulatory Timeframes



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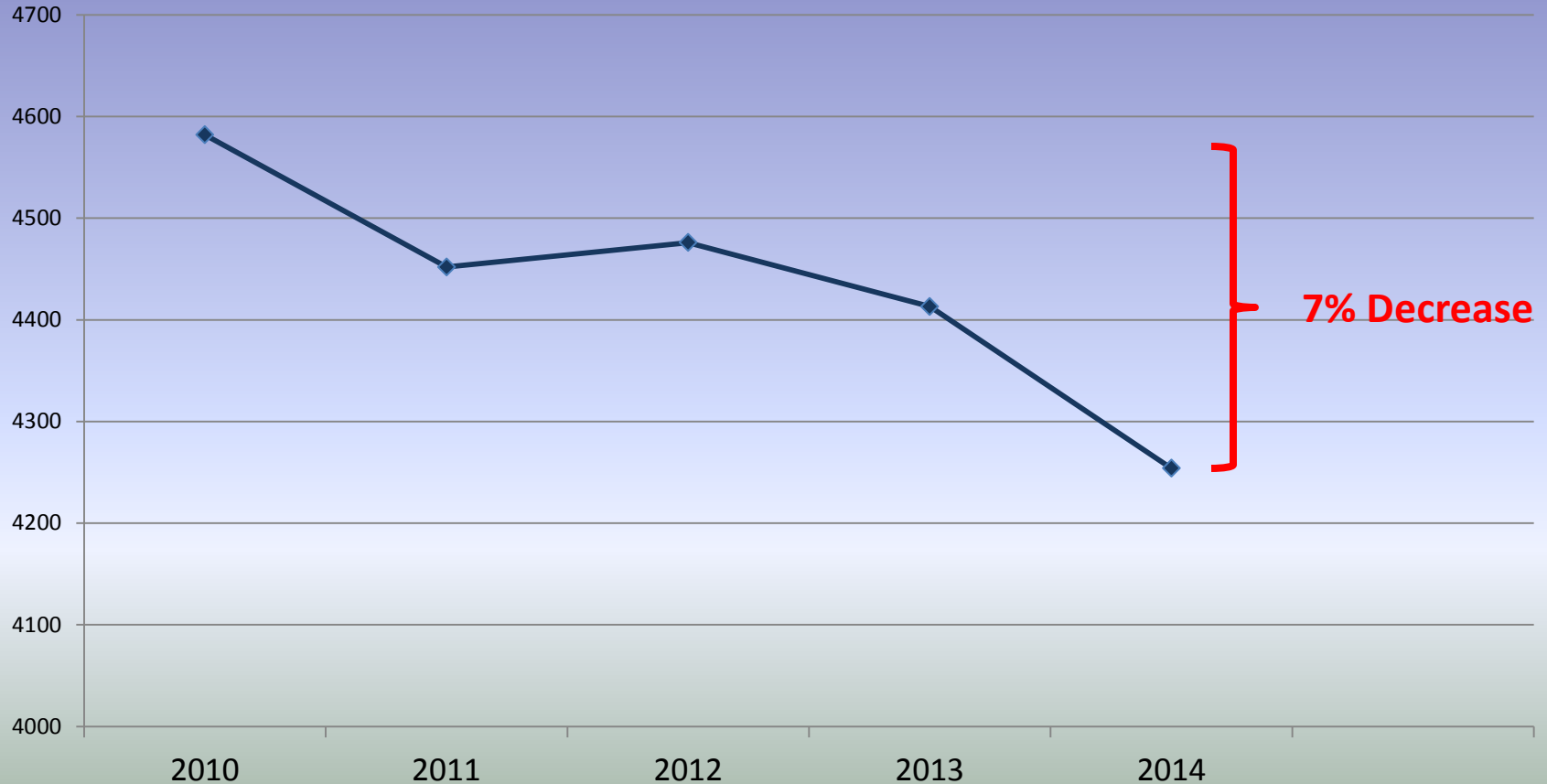
# QME Specialties: MD/DO

- MMG Internal Medicine
- MMH Internal Medicine-Hematology
- MMI Internal Med-Infectious Disease
- MMN Internal Medicine-Nephrology
- MMP Internal Medicine-Pulmonary
- MMR Internal Medicine-Rheumatology
- MNB Spine
- MPN Neurology
- MNS Neurological Surgery (*not Spine*)
- MOG Obstetrics and Gynecology
- MPO Occupational Medicine
- MMO Oncology- Internal Medicine
- MOP Ophthalmology
- MOS Orthopaedic Surgery (*not Spine/Hand*)
- MTO Otolaryngology
- MHA Pathology
- MTT Toxicology
- MUU Urology

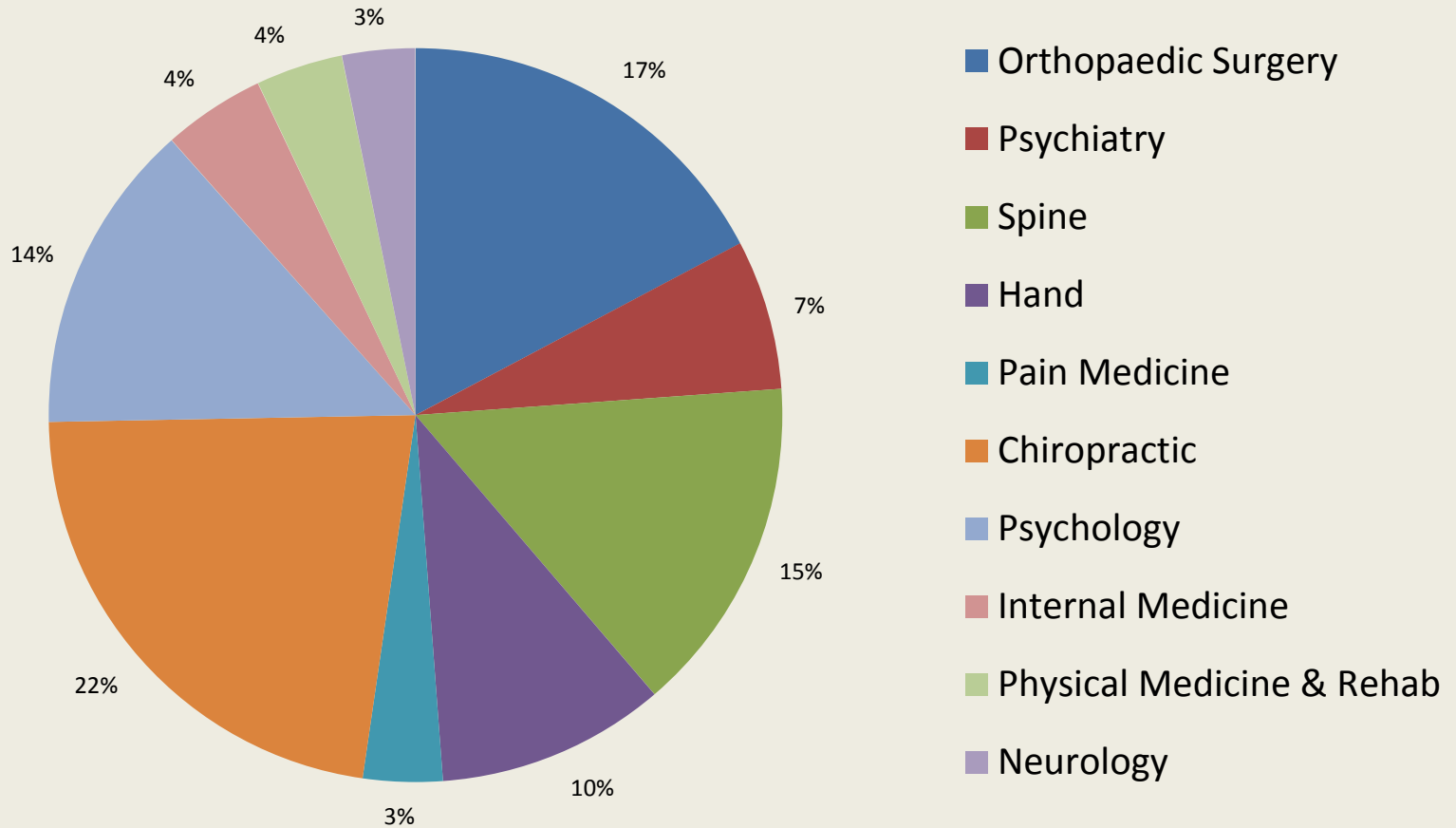
# QME Specialties: Non MD/DO

- ACA Acupuncture
- DCH Chiropractic
- DEN Dentistry
- OPT Optometry
- POD Podiatry
- PSY Psychology
- PSN Psychology (Clinical Neuropsychology)

# Small Drop in QMEs 2010-2014

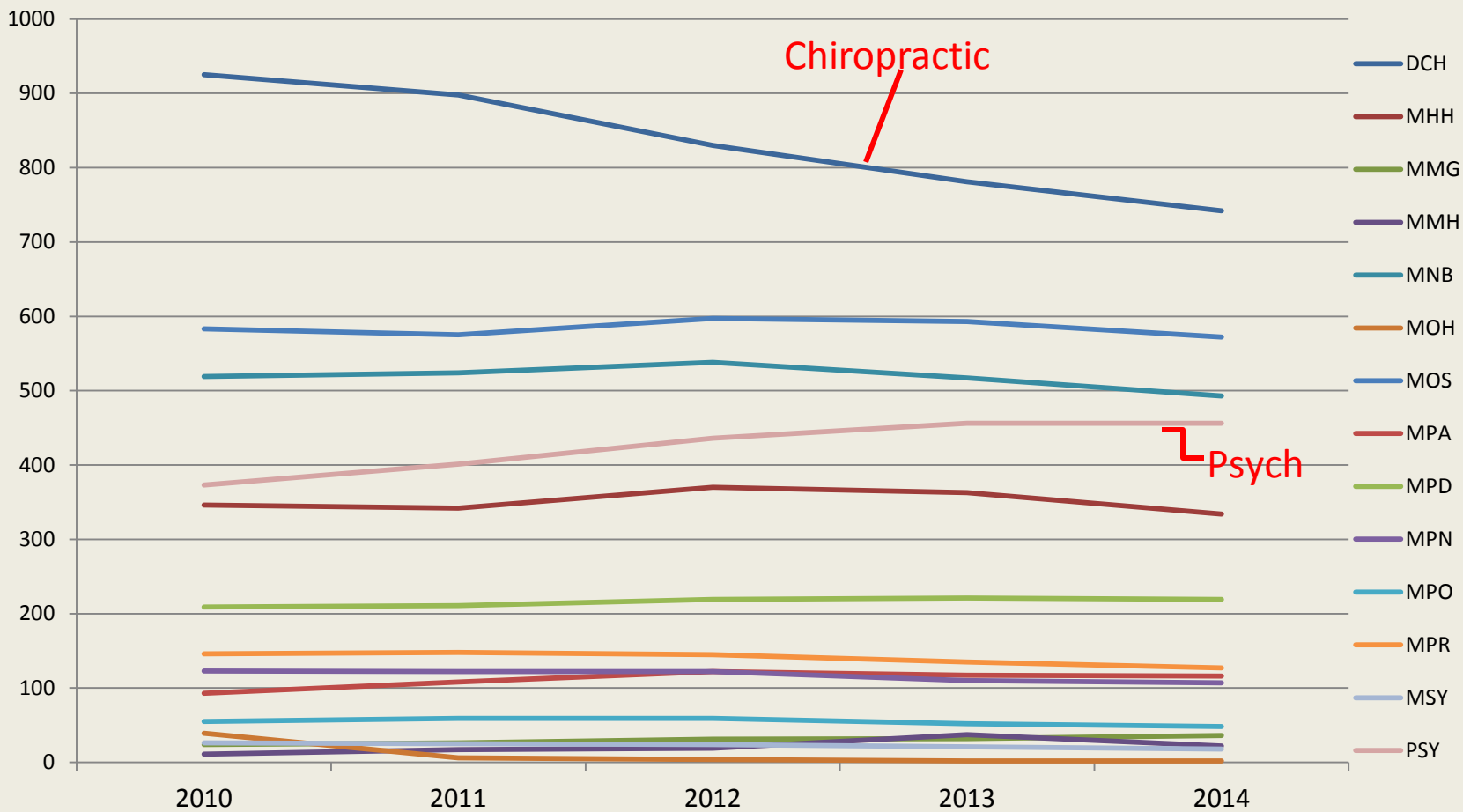


# Top 10 QME Specialties: Chiropractic #1, Orthopaedic Surgery #2

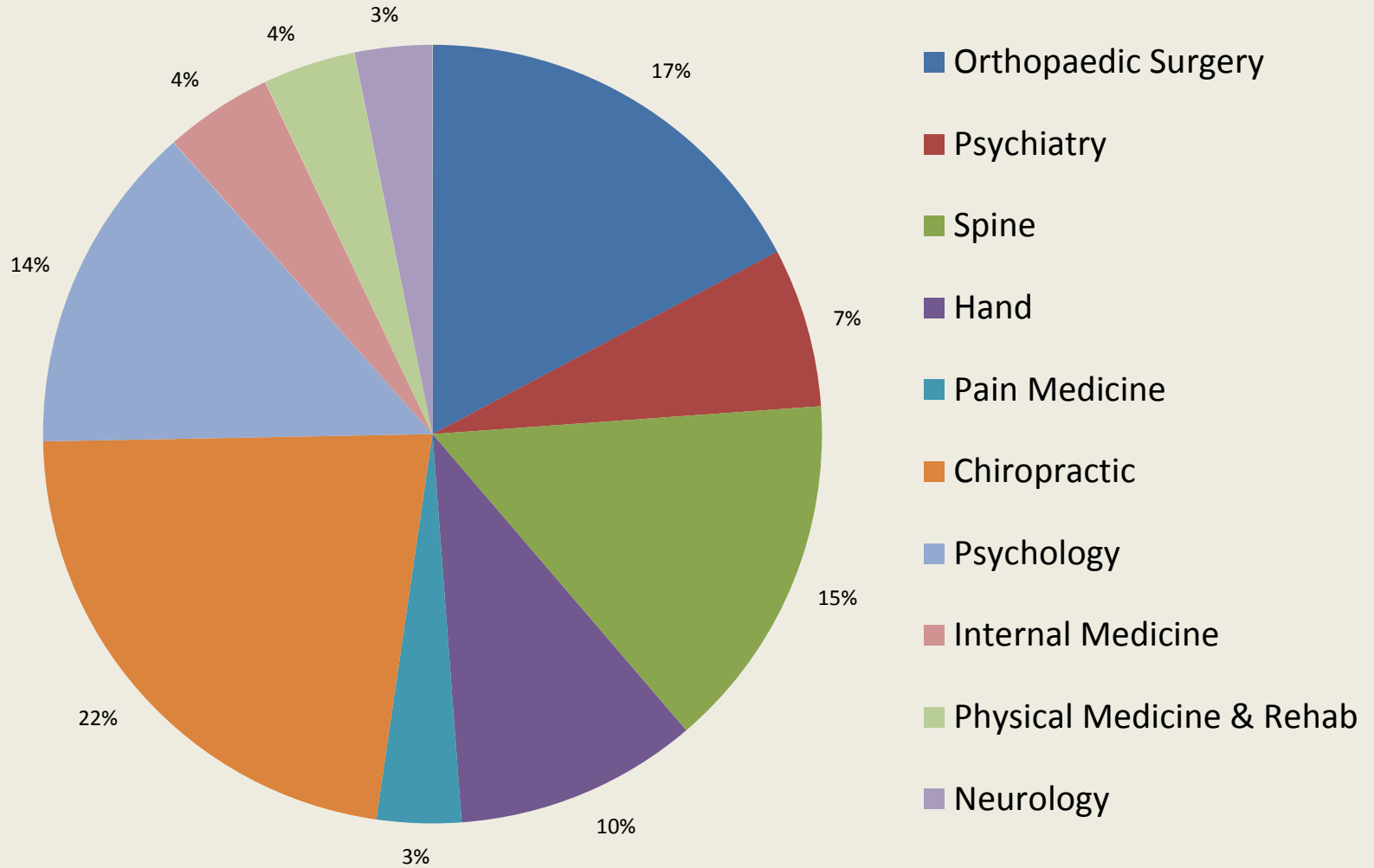




# QME Trend: Chiropractic Drops; Psychiatry Rises

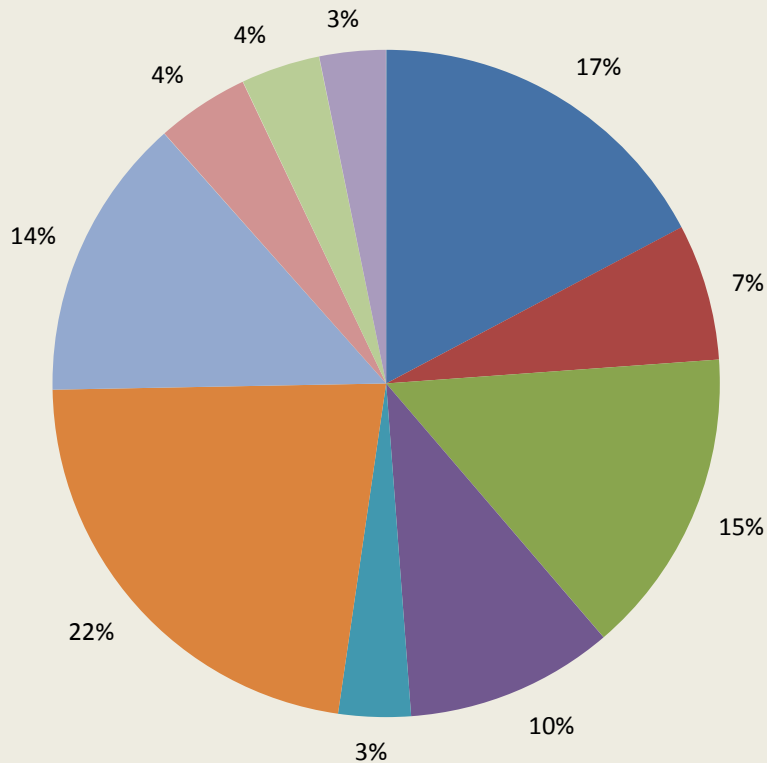


# Top 10 QME Specialties Requested

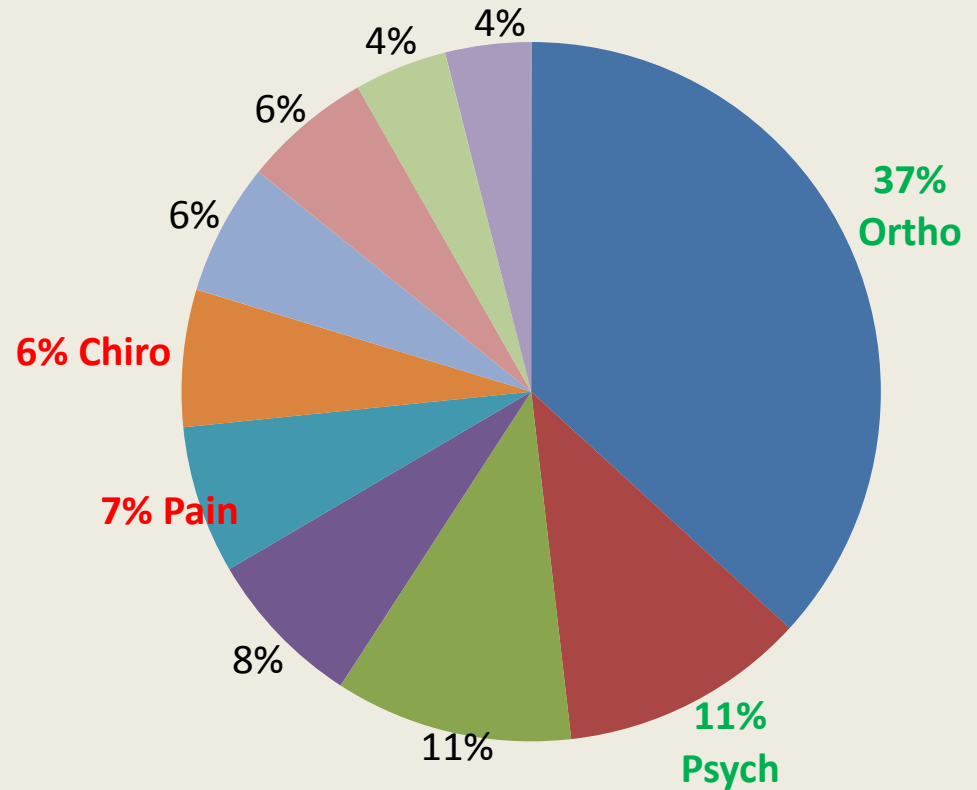


# Specialty Distribution Does Not Reflect Panels Requested

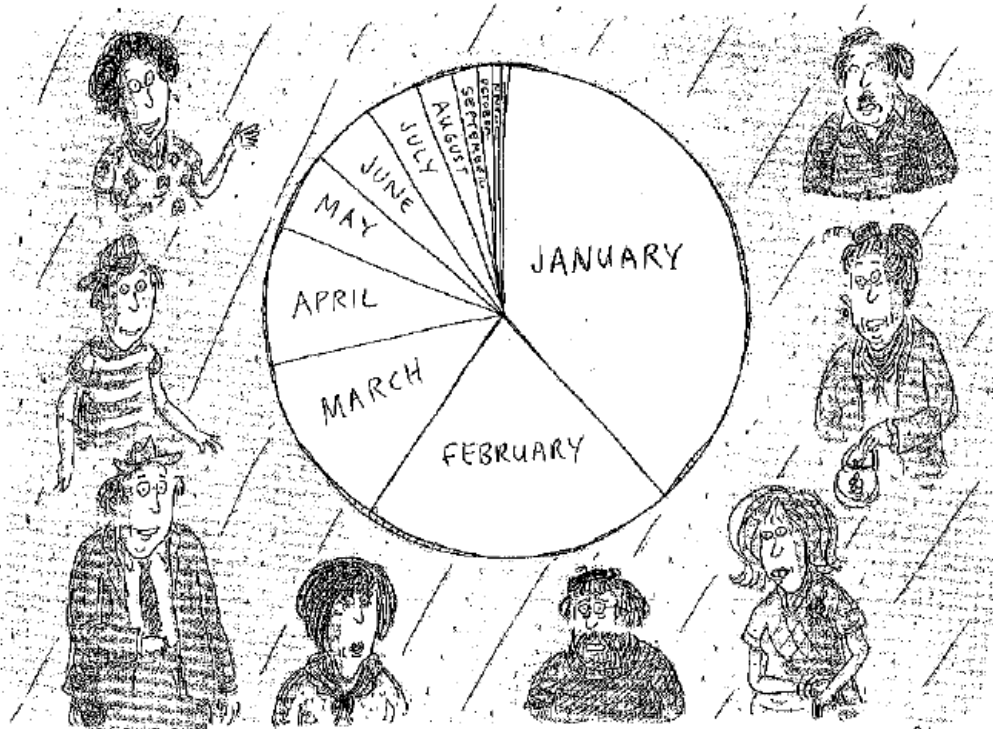
## QME Specialties



## Specialty Panels Requested



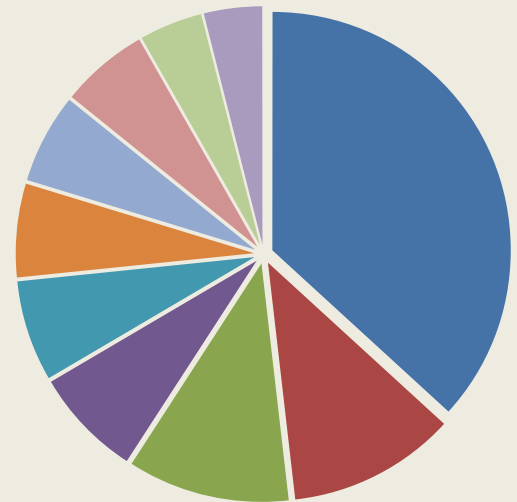
# YEAR-AT-A-GLANCE



Credit: Roz Chast in The New Yorker, Jan 6, 2014

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# QME SPECIALTY PANELS AT-A-GLANCE



# WCJ Feedback

LC 139.2 (d) (2): to be reappointed, a QME shall not have had more than 5 evaluations rejected by a WCJ within the previous two year period for failure to meet minimum standards for reports established by the AD or appeals board.

# QME Evaluation and Report Quality

- LC 4628 contains mandatory requirements for medical legal evaluations.
  - Failure to comply renders report inadmissible. [subdv. (e)]
  - Knowing failure to comply subjects physician to civil penalty and possible termination of QME status or probation. [subdv. (f) and (g)]
- AD Rules 49-49.9 [Article 4.5] establish minimum time guidelines for neuromusculoskeletal, cardiovascular, pulmonary, psychiatric and other evaluations.
- Board Rule 10606 establishes elements that should be included in medical reports.
  - Failure to comply will not render reports inadmissible, but will affect weighing of evidence.

# Online QME Panel Process

## QME Represented Panel Process Flow

