

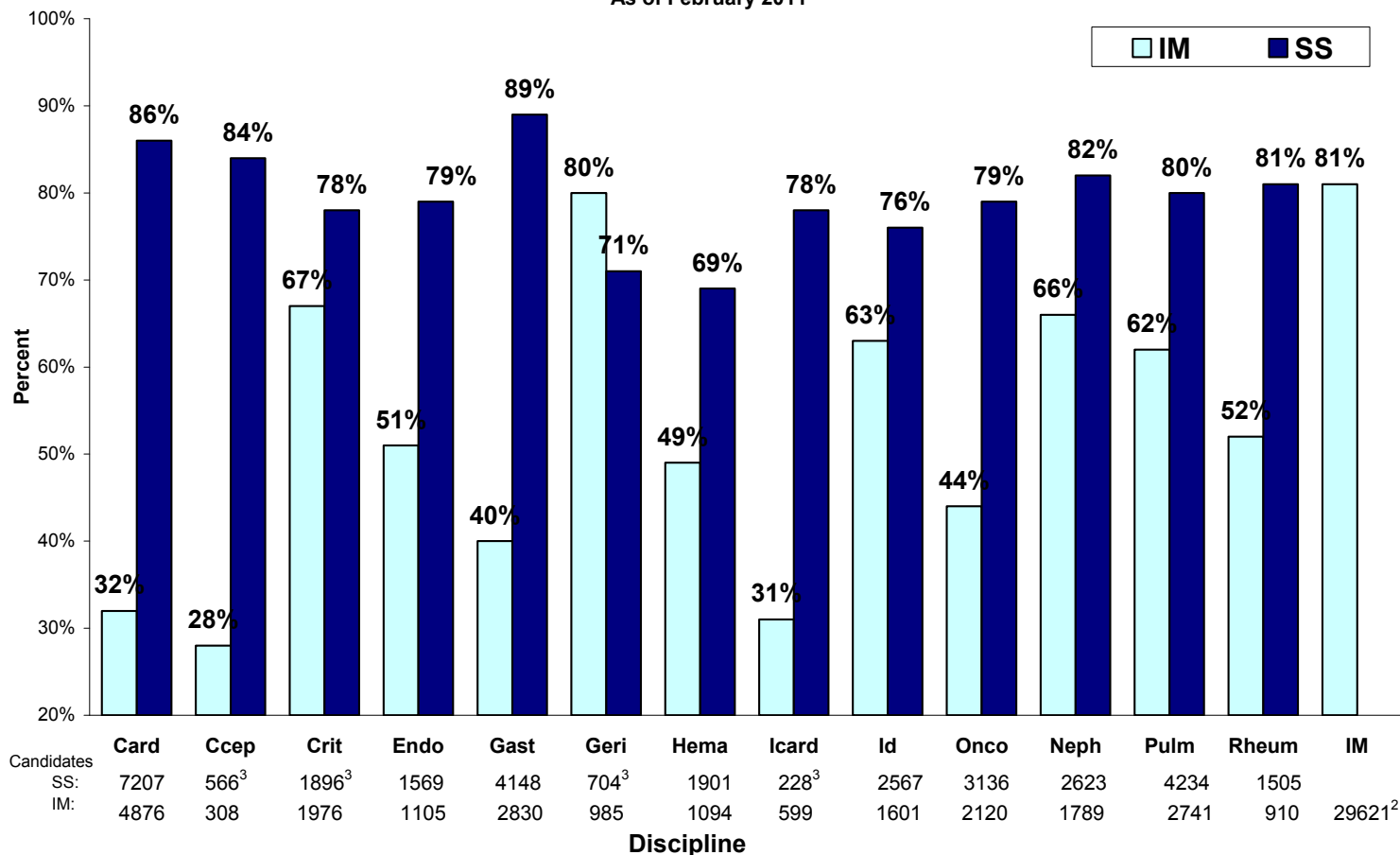
Maintenance of Certification Program Completion Rates (February 2011)

From 1990 through 1999 59,292^{1,2} physicians attained time-limited certification in internal medicine. Many from this group pursued subspecialty training and eventual subspecialty certification. Overall, 54,588 (92%) enrolled in the Maintenance of Certification (MOC) program. To date 45,553 (83%) of those who enrolled in MOC completed the program in internal medicine or a subspecialty.

The figure below presents the rate at which subspecialty cohorts (with time limited certification) completed the Maintenance of Certification (MOC) program. The figure also presents the rate at which those within each subspecialty cohort (with time limited certification also in internal medicine) completed the internal medicine MOC program.

These data only include physicians whose certificate expiration date has passed. Specifically, only those certified in a subspecialty in 1990 through 1999 are included in this figure. Physicians with suspended or revoked certification as well as those known to be deceased or retired have been excluded. Finally, because time limited certification in internal was instituted in 1990 and certification in a subspecialty is only possible after certification in internal medicine, the internal medicine cohort for each discipline is a subset of the subspecialty cohort.

**Maintenance of Certification (MOC) Completion Rates Among Physicians who initially
Certified in Internal Medicine or a Subspecialty 1990-1999**
As of February 2011



1. Excludes: revoked and suspended certificates, deceased and retired diplomates, diplomates 90 years or older
2. Numbers of internists have been adjusted based on findings that about 10% of (Annals paper) internists not pursuing subspecialty training leave internal medicine.
3. Includes only formally trained candidates. In the initial years of a new certification program, a practice admission pathway is available to those practicing in the field prior to the availability of certification.