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# Executive Summary

## 2020 APGO Clerkship Directors Survey

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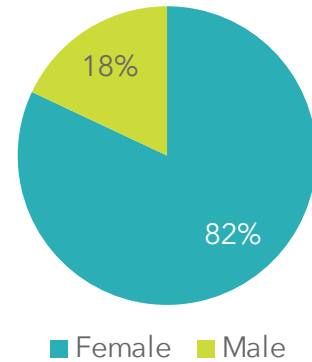
The 2020 APGO Clerkship Directors (CD) Survey focused on the role of clerkship directors as Faculty Career Advisors (FCA) for senior medical students applying to residency. CDs were asked general questions about the roles they fulfill, the availability of resources, and satisfaction in this role.

Responses were collected from 143 CDs, representing a 63.6% response rate. The demographics were primarily women in early career phases at the Assistant Professor level. Self-identified white race was most common, and the mean duration of time in the CD position was 5.75 years.

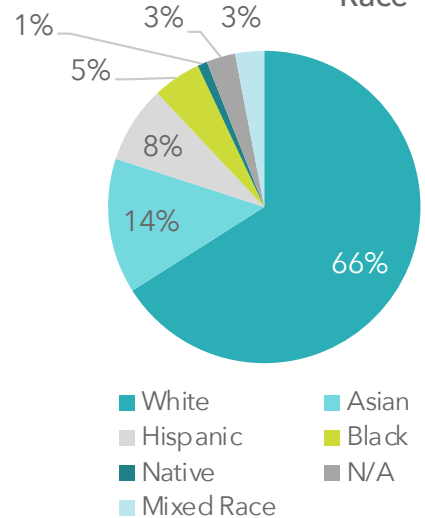
An overwhelming majority of CDs (95%) serve as FCA and find this role professionally fulfilling. Confidence in advising was slightly lower and this may be related to a perceived need for more advising resources.

### Demographics

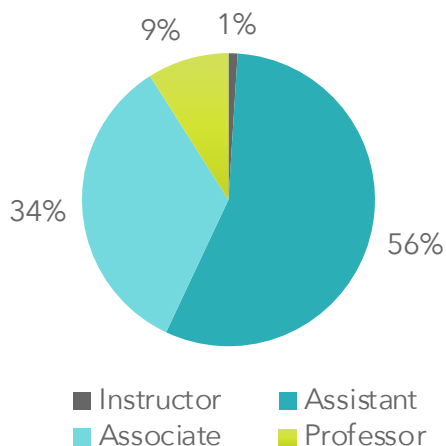
Gender



Race



Academic Title



Academic Tenure	Mean (Std Dev)
Years Faculty	11.76 (8.33)
Years Clerkship Director	5.75 (5)
Weekly Hours Clerkship Director	12.73 (7.18)

## 2020 Special Interest Topic: Academic Mentoring of Fourth-Year Students

### Top 5 Others Who Routinely Advise Fourth-Year Students Going into Ob-Gyn

1. Residency Program Director
2. Assistant Clerkship Director
3. Department Chair
4. Other Faculty
5. Vice Chair for Education

Training & Satisfaction	Mean (Std Dev)
Satisfied with resources	3.36 (1.01)
Advising confidence	3.79 (0.94)
Advising fulfillment	4.37 (0.82)

### Top 5 Aspects of Advising Noted by Respondents

1. Writing letters of recommendation
2. Counseling/advice about number/types of programs to apply
3. Personal statement advice and editing
4. Help selecting fourth-year courses/schedule
5. CV advice and editing



### Take Home Points



95% of clerkship directors are fourth-year FCA



Satisfaction with resources, advising fulfillment, and advising confidence are all correlated



Advising confidence is correlated with experience and higher FTE as clerkship director



Advising fulfillment is correlated with higher FTE as clerkship director and increased % of advisees



Satisfaction with resources is not correlated with age, experience, FTE or % advisees

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**Keys for advising success: more resources, experience and dedicated FTE**



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