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Reasons for Postdoctoral Study for 2009 Doctorate Recipients with Full-time Postdoctoral Appointments by Major Emphasis of Study

	All reasons						Primary reason					
	Research training		Clinical service		Research & practice		Research training		Clinical service		Research & practice	
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
<b>N=</b>	183	100.0	310	100.0	88	100.0	183	100.0	310	100.0	88	100.0
<b>To complement research knowledge &amp; skills in same subfield</b>	128	69.9	53	17.1	57	64.8	39	21.3	1	0.3	10	11.4
<b>To obtain research training in another subfield</b>	94	51.4	20	6.5	17	19.3	34	18.6	0	0.0	4	4.5
<b>To work with a particular scientist or research group</b>	125	68.3	9	2.9	35	39.8	27	14.8	1	0.3	3	3.4
<b>To obtain specialized clinical training</b>	14	7.7	193	62.3	61	69.3	0	0.0	70	22.7	22	2.5
<b>To obtain supervised hours to take the licensing exam</b>	38	20.8	277	89.4	77	87.5	4	2.2	189	61.4	29	33.0
<b>To switch from research to practice</b>	3	1.6	6	1.9	1	1.1	0	0.0	1	0.3	1	1.1
<b>To become more employable</b>	148	80.9	204	65.8	53	60.2	56	30.6	18	5.8	8	9.1
<b>Employment not available</b>	39	21.3	34	11.0	5	5.7	16	8.7	5	1.6	1	1.1
<b>Other reason</b>	13	7.1	19	6.1	11	12.5	4	2.2	11	3.6	6	6.8
<b>Reason not specified</b>	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	3	1.6	12	3.9	4	4.5

Source: 2009 Doctorate Employment Survey, APA Center for Workforce Studies. March 2011.

Note. Included are respondents with current or completed postdoctoral appointments. Not included are those individuals whose fellowships emphasized neither research nor practice. Respondents were asked to indicate all reasons for accepting a postdoctoral fellowship, and many indicated multiple reasons. Therefore, percentages indicated in the "all reasons" columns exceed 100.0%.