Table 6
Reasons for Postdoctoral Study for 2003 Doctorate Recipients
with Full-time Postdoctoral Appointments, by Major Emphasis of Study

	All reasons						Major reason					
	Research training		Services delivery		Research & practice		Research training		Services delivery		Research & practice	
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
To complement research knowledge & skills in same subfield	151	75.9	95	25.1	78	72.9	53	26.6	6	1.6	16	15.0
To obtain research training in another subfield	100	50.3	24	6.3	32	29.9	37	18.6	1	.3	6	5.6
To work with a particular scientist or research group	139	69.8	26	6.9	47	43.9	26	13.1	4	1.1	8	7.5
To obtain specialized clinical training	5	2.5	275	72.6	74	69.2	0	.0	77	20.3	20	18.7
To obtain supervised hours to take the licensing exam	50	25.1	351	92.6	99	92.5	8	4.0	254	67.0	40	37.4
To switch from research to practice	1	.5	6	1.6	1	.9	0	.0	2	.5	0	.0
To become more employable	160	80.4	248	65.4	75	70.1	52	26.1	14	3.7	8	7.5
Employment not available	32	16.1	36	9.5	7	6.5	9	4.5	5	1.3	1	.9
Other reason	19	9.5	24	6.3	10	9.3	7	3.5	2	.5	4	3.7
Reason not specified	0	.0	6	1.6	0	.0	7	3.5	14	3.7	4	3.7
Total	199	100.0	379	100.0	107	100.0	199	100.0	379	100.0	107	100.0

Source: 2003 Doctorate Employment Survey, APA Research Office.

Note. Included are respondents with current or completed full-time postdoctoral appointments. Not included are 7 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 in the "All reasons" columns exceed 100.0%.