

Table 6
Reasons for Postdoctoral Study for 2007 Doctorate Recipients with Full-time Postdoctoral Appointments by Major Emphasis of Study

	All reasons						Primary reason					
	Research training		Services delivery		Research & practice		Research training		Services delivery		Research & practice	
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
N =	153	100.0	286	100.0	70	100.0	153	100.0	286	100.0	70	100.0
To complement research knowledge & skills in same subfield	115	75.2	60	21.0	41	58.6	42	27.5	7	2.4	12	17.1
To obtain research training in another subfield	81	52.9	26	9.1	21	30.0	22	14.4	1	.3	2	2.9
To work with a particular scientist or research group	103	67.3	10	3.5	31	44.3	24	15.7	1	.3	6	8.6
To obtain specialized clinical training	11	7.2	199	69.6	51	72.9	1	.7	69	24.1	14	20.0
To obtain supervised hours to take the licensing exam	37	24.2	269	94.1	58	82.9	9	5.9	185	64.7	25	35.7
To switch from research to practice	0	.0	9	3.1	1	1.4	0	.0	0	.0	0	.0
To become more employable	126	82.4	169	59.1	44	62.9	44	28.8	12	4.2	7	10.0
Employment not available	21	13.7	19	6.6	2	2.9	7	4.6	5	1.7	1	1.4
Other reason	9	5.9	22	7.7	5	7.1	3	2.0	2	.7	2	2.9
Reason not specified	0	.0	0	.0	0	.0	1	.7	4	1.4	1	1.4

Source: 2007 Doctorate Employment Survey, APA Center for Workforce Studies.

Note. Included are respondents with current or completed postdoctoral appointments. Not included are 20 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%.