Table 6
Reasons for Postdoctoral Study for 1996 Doctorate Recipients
with Full-Time Postdoctoral Appointments by Major Emphasis of Study

Reason	All reasons						Major reasons					
	Research training		Services delivery		Research & practice		Research training		Services delivery		Research & practice	
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
N =	136	100	221	100	71	100	136	100	221	100	71	100
To complement research knowledge and skills in same subfield as doctorate	99	72.8	56	25.3	48	67.6	26	19.1	2	0.9	10	14.1
To obtain research knowledge or training in another subfield	70	51.5	21	9.5	28	39.4	21	15.4	3	1.4	5	7
To work with a particular scientist or research group	80	58.8	12	5.4	30	42.3	20	14.7	0	0	3	4.2
To obtain specialized clinical training	8	5.9	171	77.4	56	78.9	0	0	68	30.8	17	23.9
To obtain supervised postdoctoral hours to take the licensing exam	17	12.5	194	87.8	52	73.2	2	1.5	116	52.5	19	26.8
To switch from research to practice	1	0.7	3	1.4	1	1.4	0	0	1	0.5	1	1.4
To become more employable	115	84.6	148	67	57	80.3	43	31.6	7	3.2	8	11.3
Employment not available	44	32.4	29	13.1	8	11.3	18	13.2	11	5	2	2.8
Other reason	13	9.6	12	5.4	1	1.4	2	1.5	6	2.7	1	1.4
Not specified	1	0.7	3	1.4	4	5.6	4	2.9	7	3.2	5	7

Source: 1996 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" column exceed 100.0%.