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10-year Retrospective: ACGME Sponsoring Institutions by Size and Review Committee Representation

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Objectives

- Discuss the ACGME Review Committee Structure
- Review committee selection criteria
- Share data on sponsoring institution size and review committee composition
- Call to Action: Discussion on representation

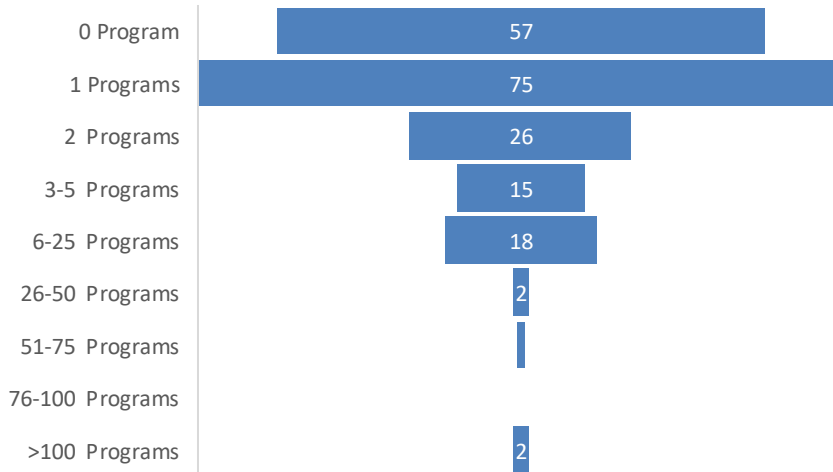
Why this matters

- 10 years since the Single GME Accreditation System Transition
- Need to retain smaller program, programs in rural, urban underserved and community-based settings programs

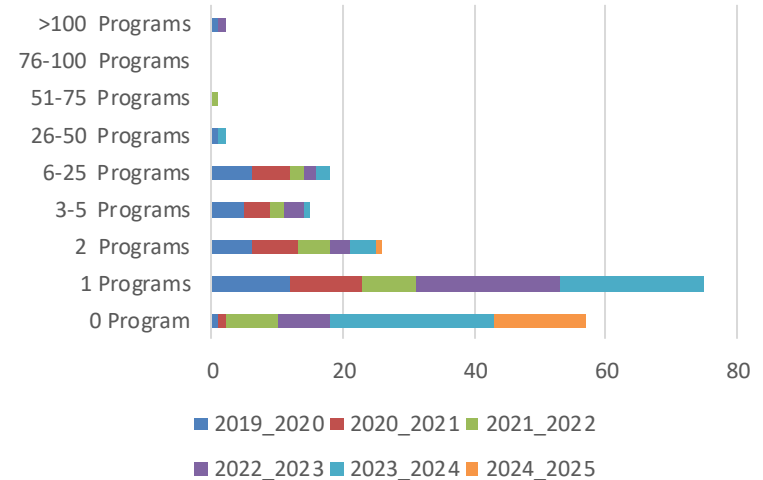


Trends in Sponsoring Institution Size

Number of Programs in the Newly Accredited Sponsoring Institutions in the Last Six Years



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Osteopathic Tenets

- The body is a unit; the person is a unit of body, mind, and spirit.
- The body is capable of self-regulation, self-healing and health maintenance.
- **Structure and function are reciprocally interrelated.**
- Rational treatment is based upon an understanding of the basic principles of body unity, self-regulation and the interrelationship of structure and function.

ACGME Review Committee Structure

- One RC for each specialty/subspecialty
- Comprised of volunteer experts in the field (physicians, public members, residents)
 - Approximately 13 members in each RC on average
- Responsibilities:
 - Review and accredit residency and fellowship programs
 - Apply specialty-specific requirements
 - Recommend accreditation actions to the ACGME Board of Directors

ACGME RC Selection Criteria

- Specialty
- Board Certification
- Conflict of interest
- The ACGME seeks diversity in:
 - Geographic location
 - Institution type
 - Practice setting
- Also considers gender, racial, and ethnic diversity

Study on Review Committee Composition and Sponsoring Institution Type

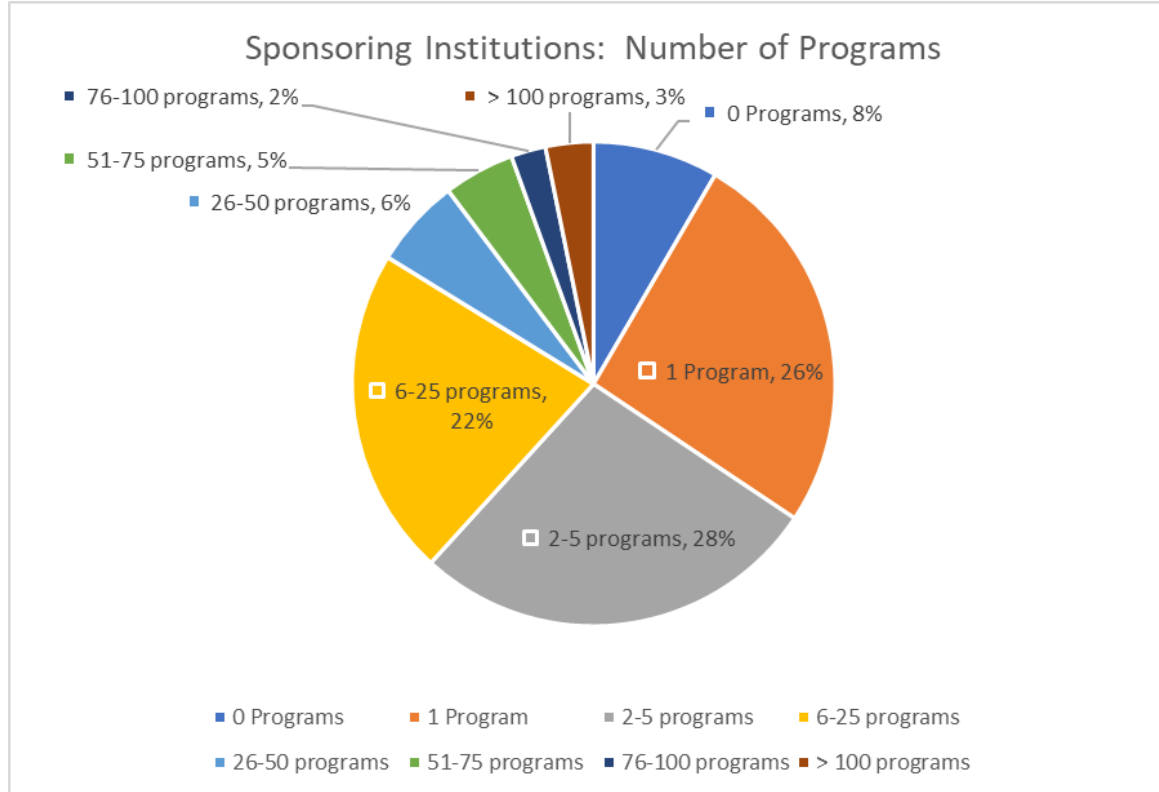
Study Methods Used

- Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME) website to find the review committee members of each specialty.
- Members' name to find data on them and identify their affiliated academic medical center that could potentially be a sponsoring institution, through qualitative research.
- Sponsor search on the ACGME database to determine the number of programs for each member's affiliated academic center to match if it is a sponsoring institution. Size of sponsor for the number of programs under each.
- Figures E.3 and E.5 from the ACGME Data Resource Book 2023-2024 to compare the data of number of sponsoring institutions by Size of Sponsor to each sponsoring institutions affiliated with members of specific specialty.

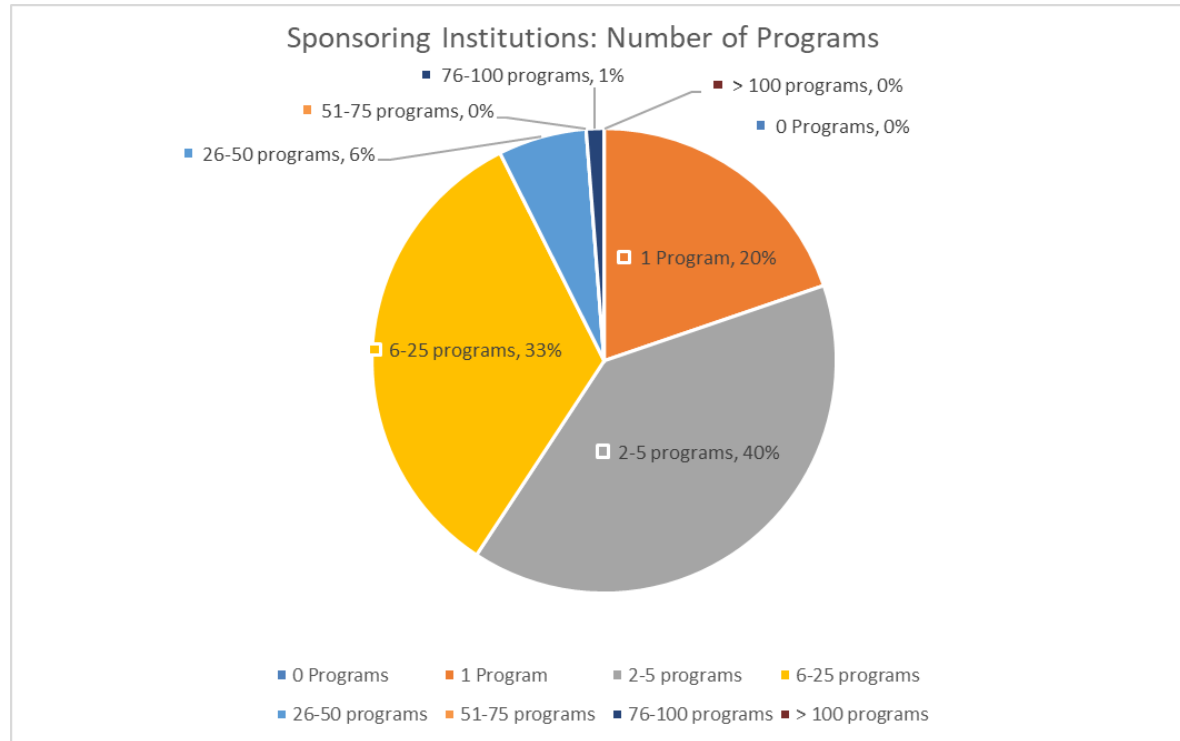
Review Committees Studied

- Ophthalmology
- Neurological Surgery
- Plastic Surgery
- Neurology
- Anesthesiology
- Dermatology
- General Surgery
- Diagnostic Radiology
- Family Medicine
- Internal Medicine
- Pediatrics
- OB/GYN
- Orthopedic Surgery
- Psychiatry,
- Emergency Medicine
- Institutional Review Committee

ACGME Sponsoring Institutions by Size



Formerly AOA-affiliated Institutional Sponsors by Size

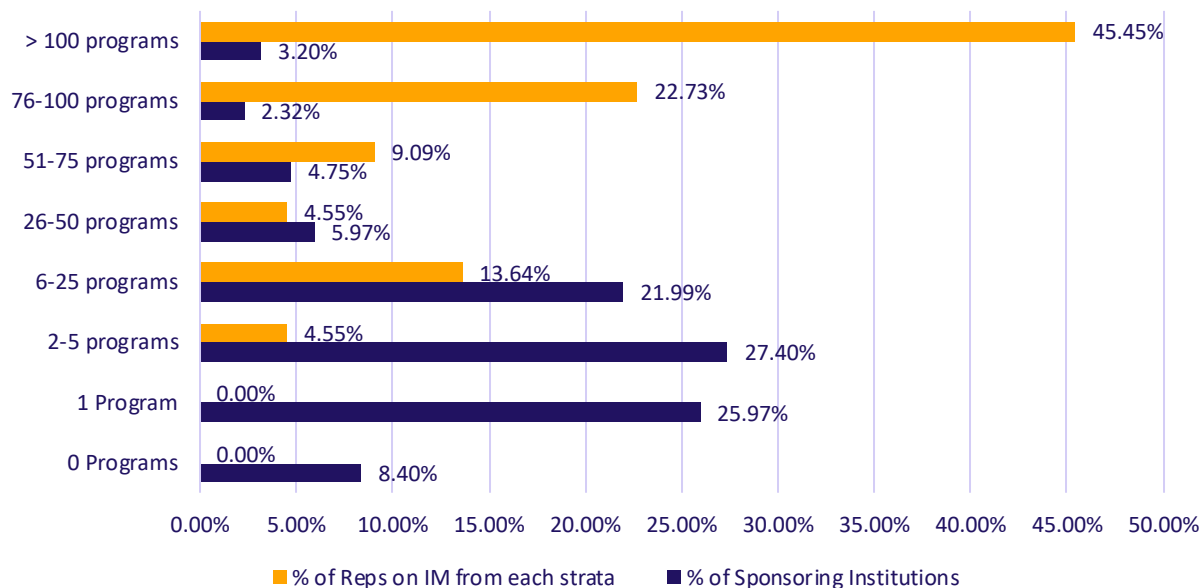


60% of formerly AOA-affiliated institutional sponsors (now within the ACGME) have between 1 and 5 programs)

93% have less than 26 programs

Internal Medicine

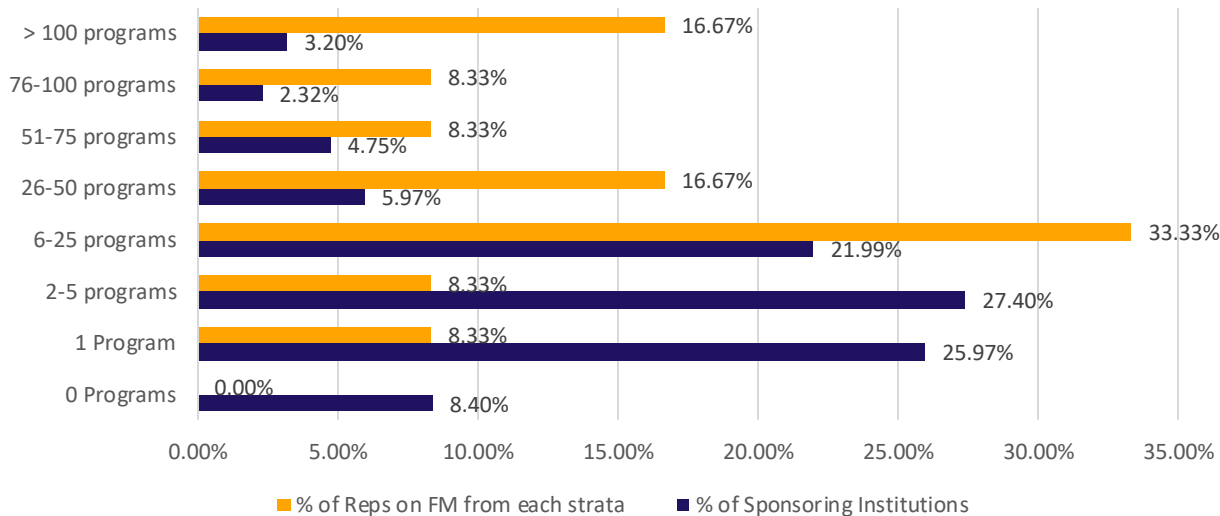
Internal Medicine RC Representation by Number of Programs in SI



- Although **Sponsoring Institutions (SI)** with **over 50 programs** make up **10.3%** of all SI, they account for **77.3%** of ACGME's Internal Medicine Review Committee with **highest representation (45.5%)** from **>100 programs**.

Family Medicine

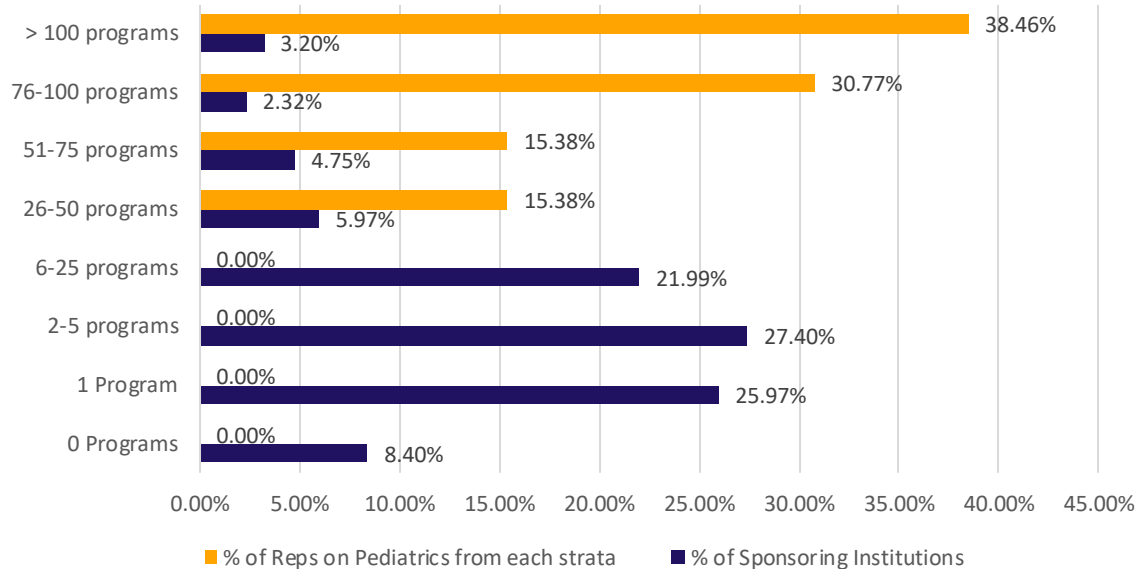
Family Medicine RC Representation by Number of Programs in SI



- Although **SI** with over **50 programs** make up **10.3%** of all SI, they account for **33.33%** of ACGME's Family Medicine Review Committee.

Pediatrics

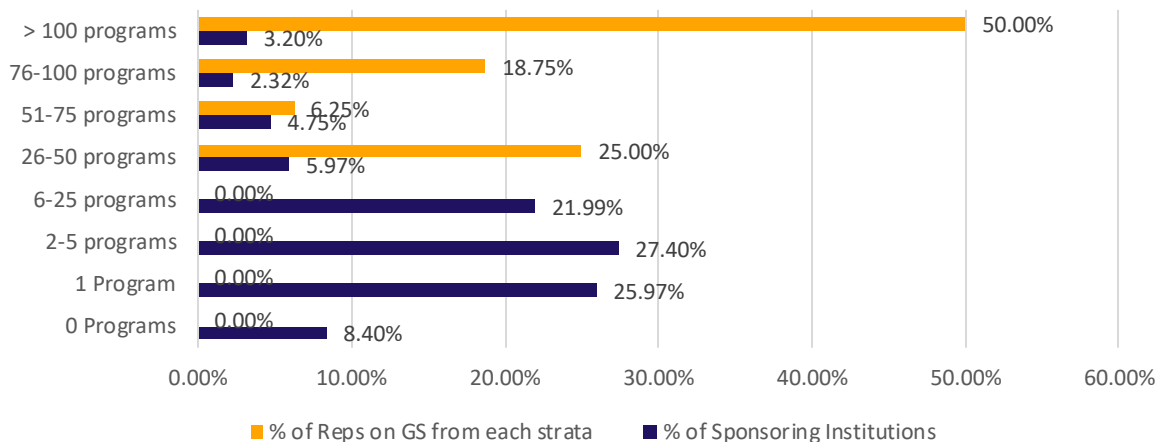
Pediatrics RC Representation by Number of Programs in SI



- Although **SI** with over **50 programs** make up **10.3%** of all SI, they account for **84.6%** of ACGME's Pediatrics Review Committee with **highest representation (38.5%)** from **>100 programs**.

General Surgery

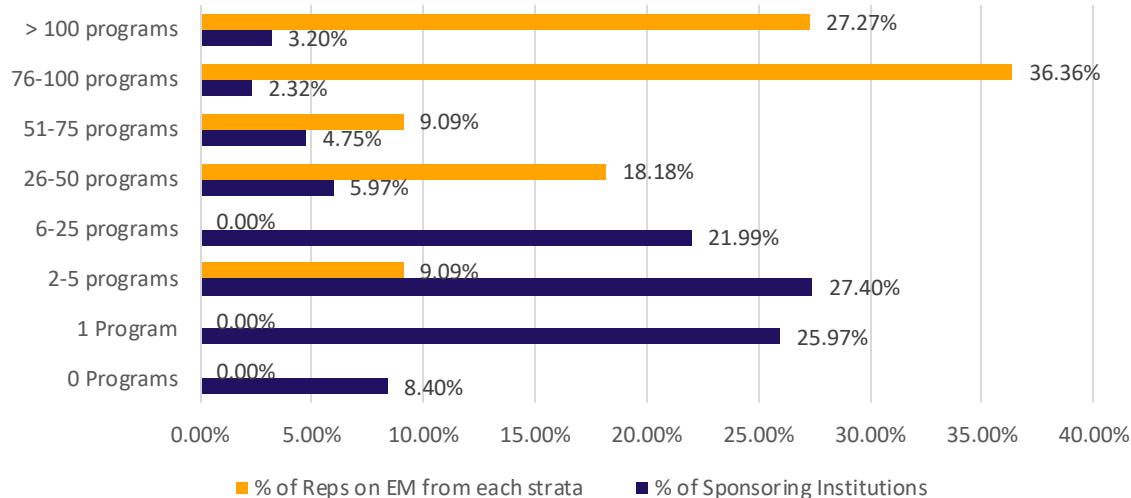
General Surgery RC Representation By Number of Programs in SI



- Although **SI** with over **50 programs** make up **10.3%** of all SI, they account for **75%** of ACGME's General Surgery Review Committee with **highest representation (50%)** from **>100 programs**.
- No representation from institutions less than 6 or 6-25

Emergency Medicine

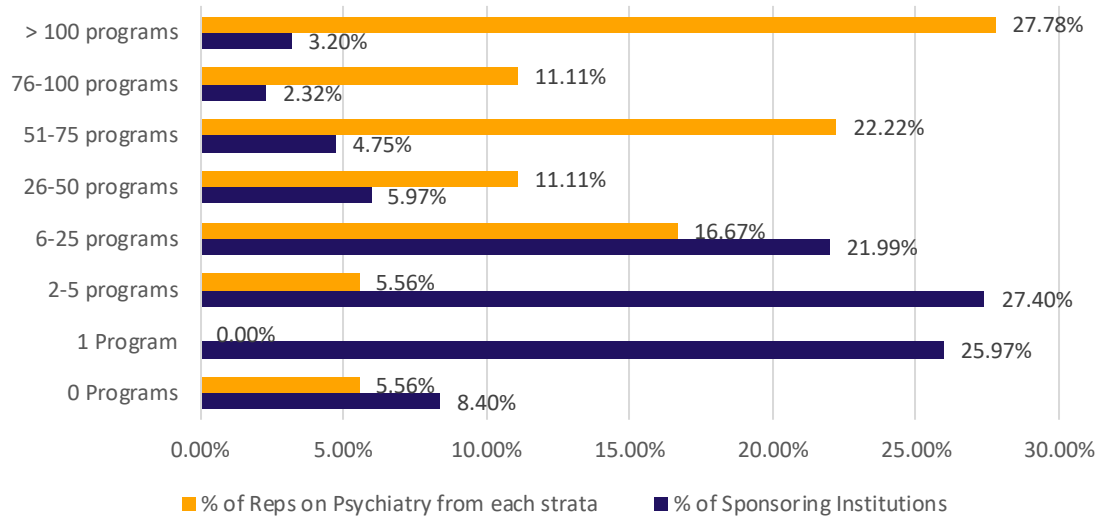
Emergency Medicine RC Representation by Number of Programs in SI



- Although **SI** with over **50 programs** make up **10.3%** of all SI, they account for **72.7%** of ACGME's Emergency Medicine Review Committee with **highest representation (36.4%)** from **76-100 programs**.

Psychiatry

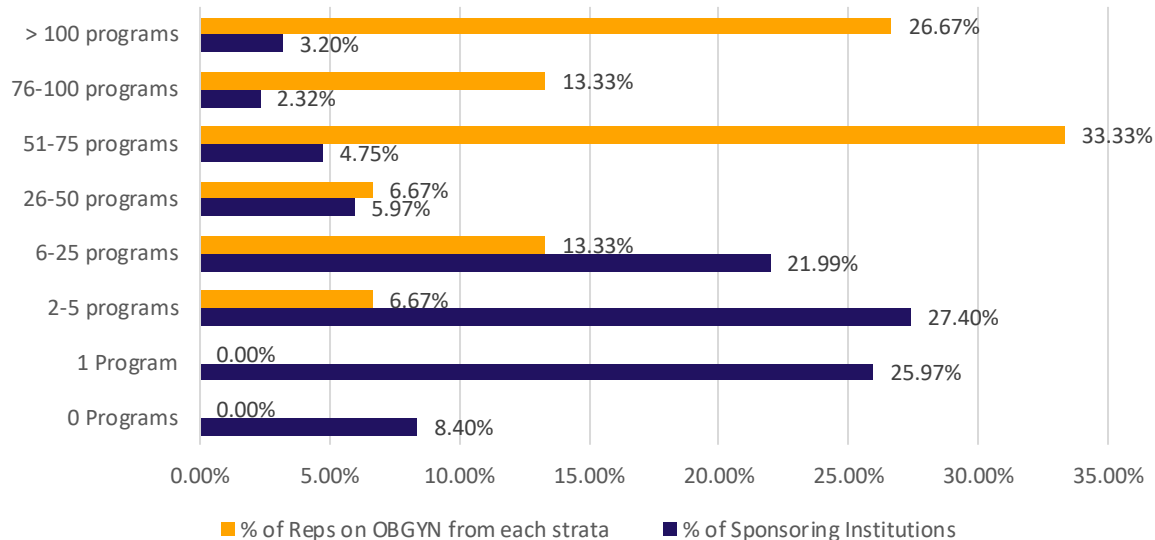
Psychiatry RC Representation by Number of Programs in SI



- Although **SI** with over **50 programs** make up **10.3%** of all SI, they account for **61.1%** of ACGME's Psychiatry Review Committee with **highest representation (27.8%)** from **>100 programs**.

Obstetrics and Gynecology

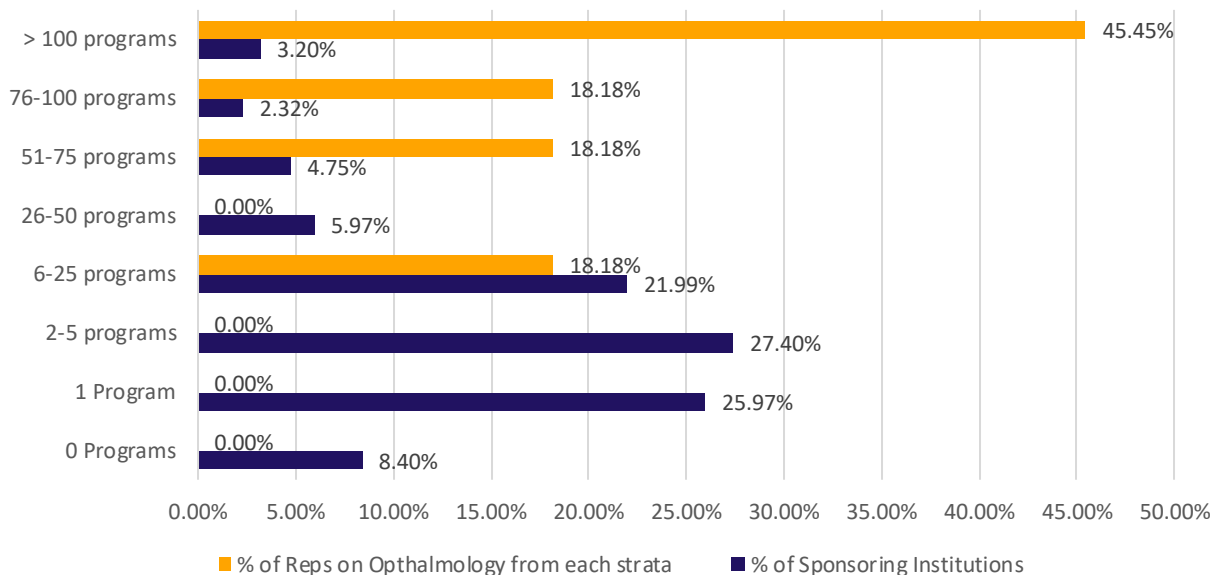
OBGYN RC Representation by Number of Programs in SI



- Although **SI** with over **50 programs** make up **10.3%** of all SI, they account for **73.3%** of ACGME's OBGYN Review Committee with **highest representation (33.3%)** from **51-75 programs**.

Ophthalmology

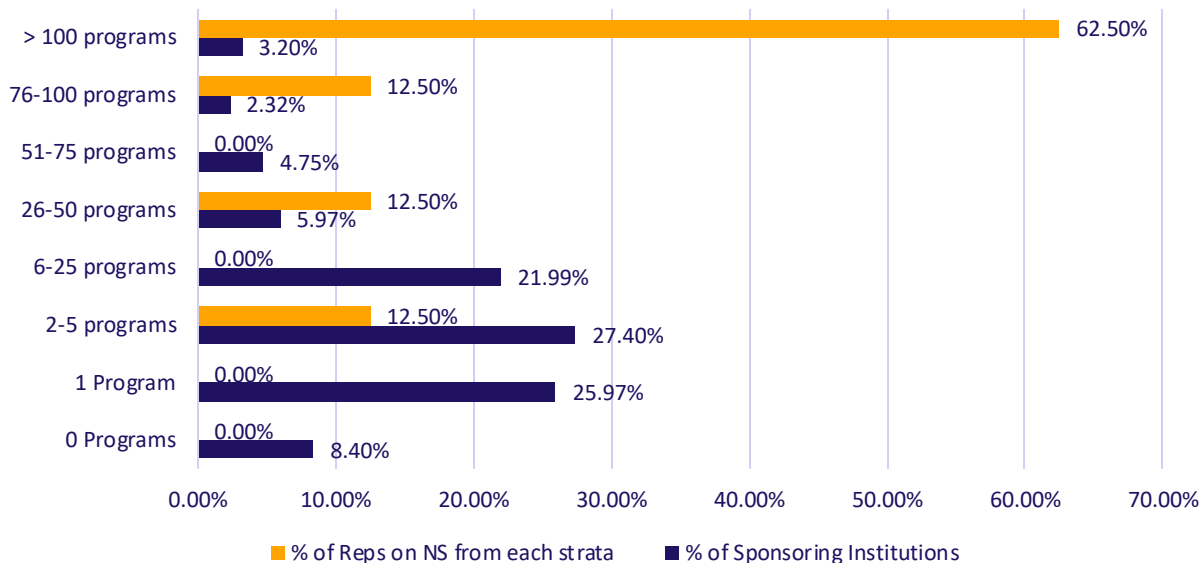
Ophthalmology RC Representation by Number of Programs in SI



- Although **SI** with over **50 programs** make up **10.3%** of all SI, they account for **81.8%** of ACGME's Ophthalmology Review Committee with **highest representation (45.5%)** from **>100 programs**.

Neurological Surgery

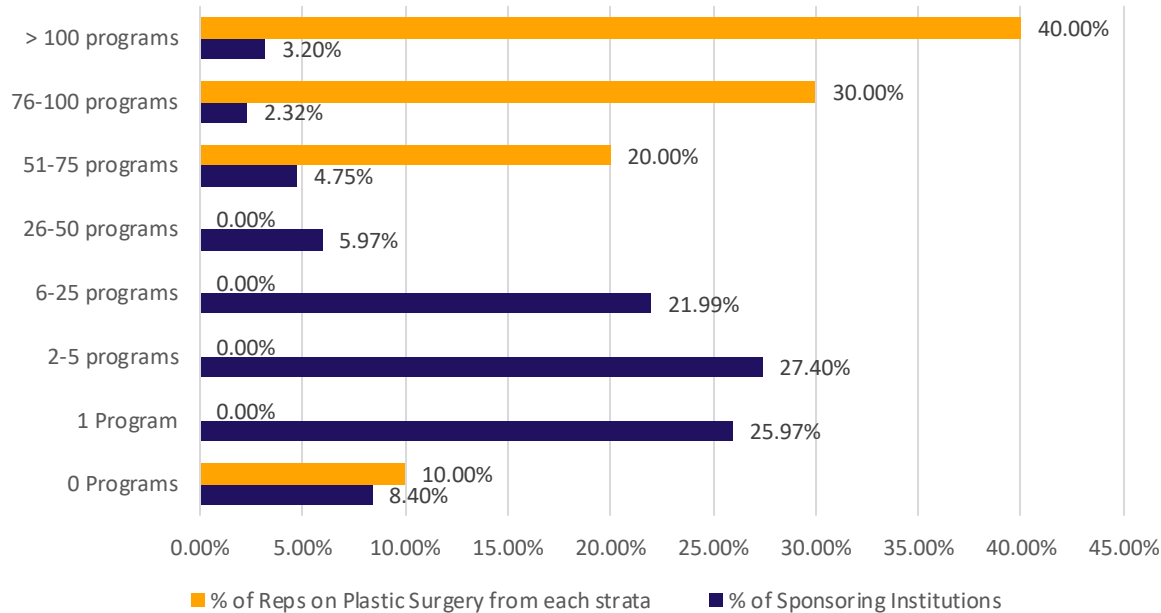
Neurological Surgery RC Representation by Number of Programs in SI



- Although **SI** with over **50 programs** make up **10.3%** of all SI, they account for **75%** of ACGME's Neurological Surgery Review Committee with **highest representation (62.5%)** from **>100 programs**.

Plastic Surgery

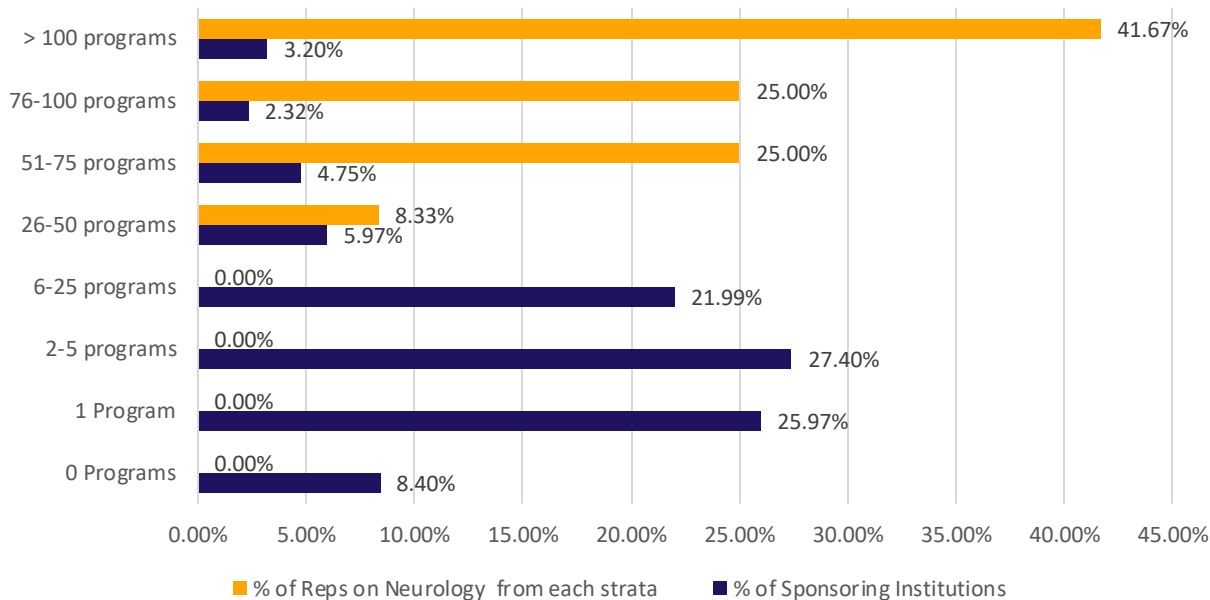
Plastic Surgery RC Representation by Number of Programs in SI



- Although **SI** with over **50 programs** make up **10.3%** of all SI, they account for **90%** of ACGME's Plastic Surgery Review Committee with **highest representation (40%)** from **>100 programs**.

Neurology

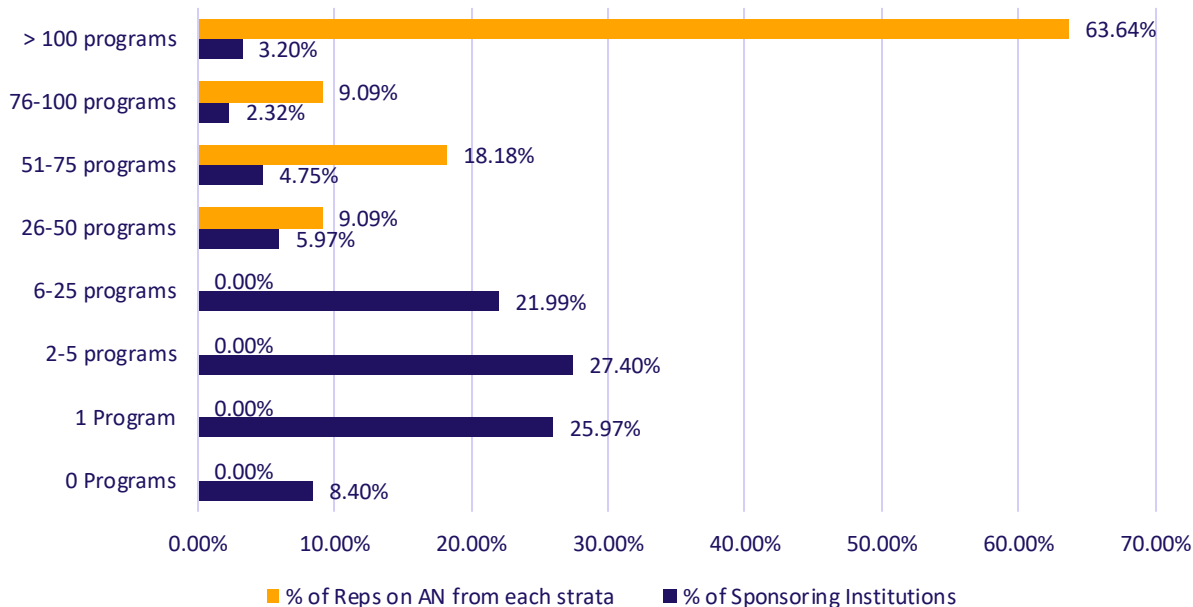
Neurology RC Representation by Number of Programs in SI



- Although **SI** with over **50 programs** make up **10.3%** of all SI, they account for **91.7%** of ACGME's Neurology Review Committee with **highest representation (41.7%)** from **>100 programs**.

Anesthesiology

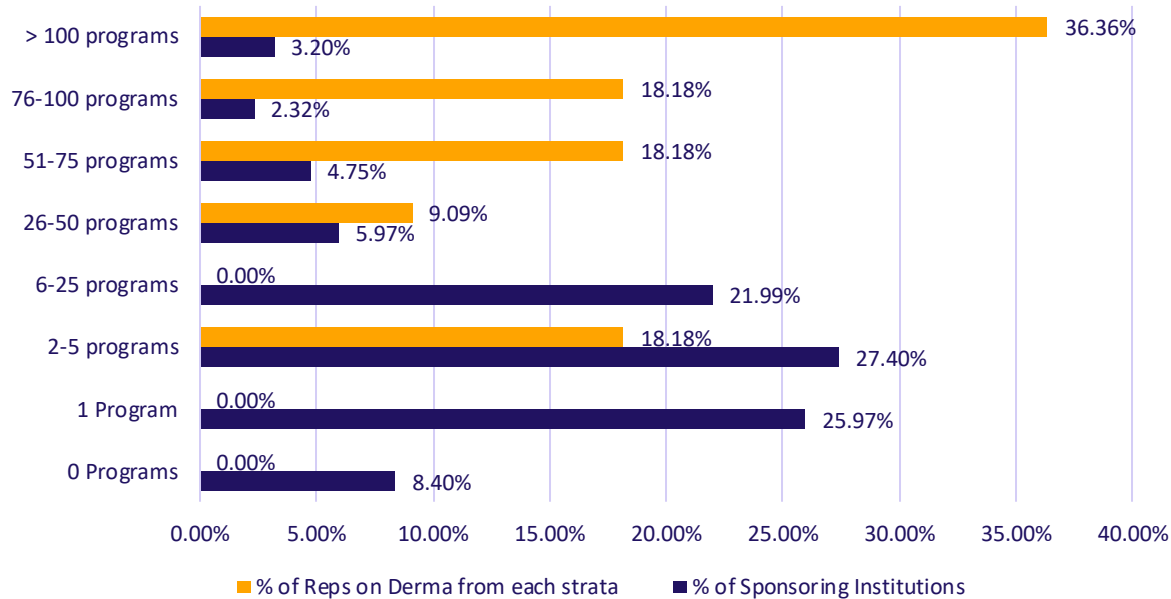
Anesthesiology RC Representation by Number of Programs in SI



- Although **SI** with over **50 programs** make up **10.3%** of all SI, they account for **91%** of ACGME's Anesthesiology Review Committee with **highest representation (63.6%)** from **>100 programs**.

Dermatology

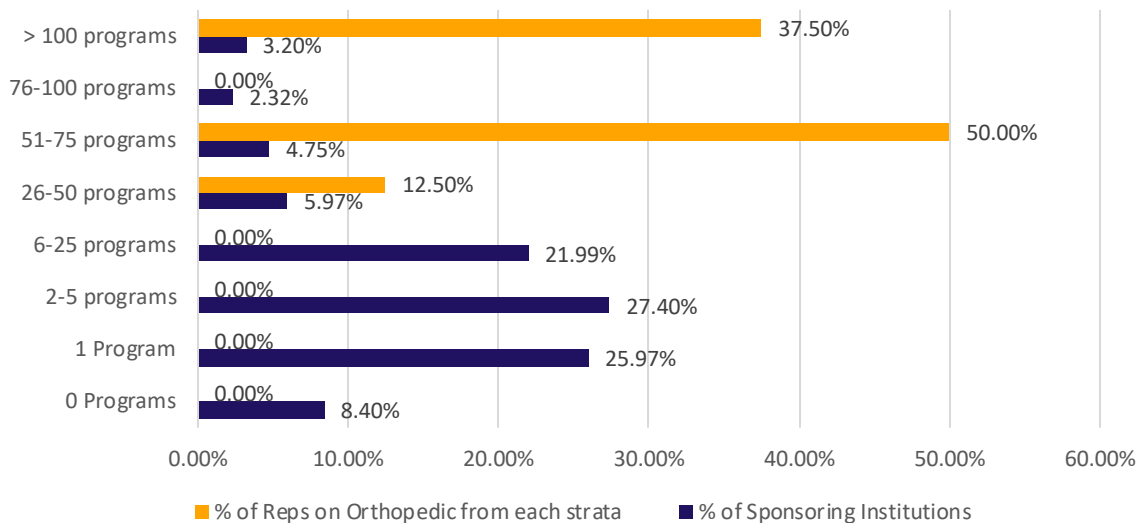
Dermatology RC Representation By Number of Programs in SI



- Although **Sponsoring Institutions (SI)** with **over 50 programs** make up **10.3%** of all SI, they account for **72.7%** of ACGME's Dermatology Review Committee with **highest representation (36.4%)** from **>100 programs**.

Orthopedic Surgery

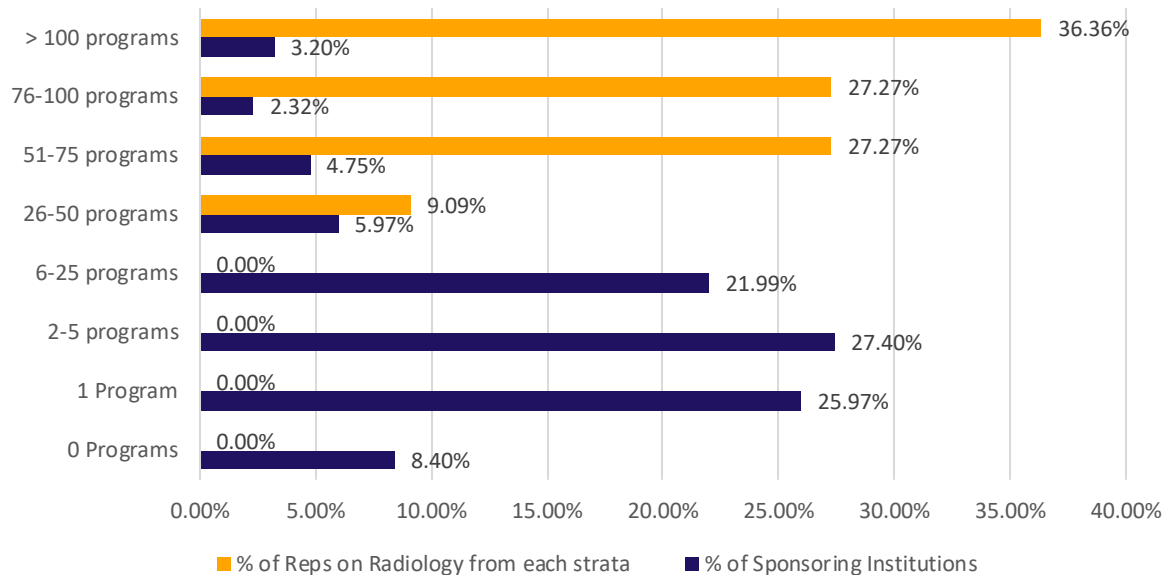
Orthopedic RC Representation by Number of Programs in SI



- Although **SI** with over **50 programs** make up **10.3%** of all SI, they account for **87.5%** of all SI, they account for **87.5%** of ACGME's Orthopedic Review Committee with **highest representation (50%)** from **51-75 programs**.

Radiology

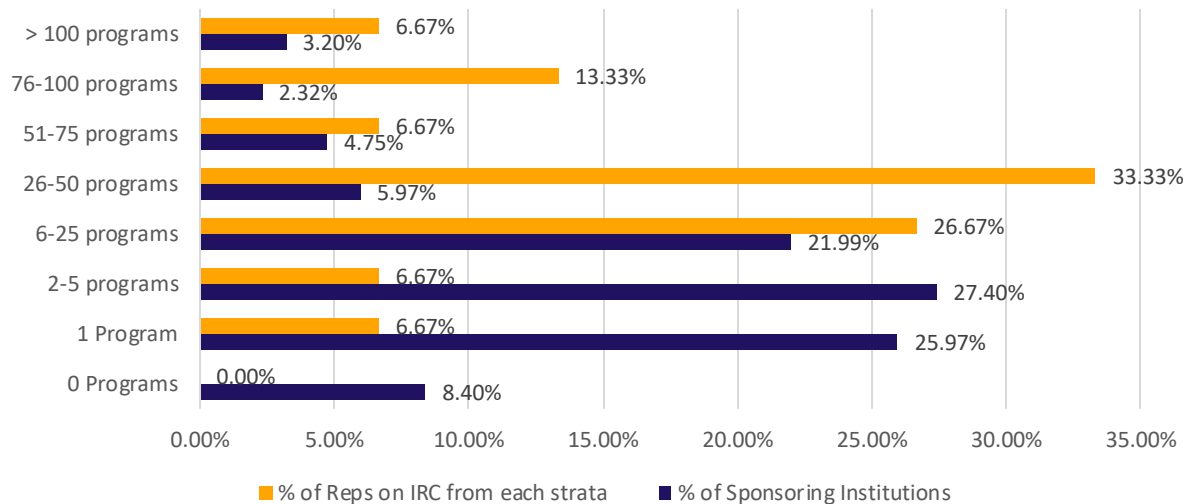
Radiology RC Representation by Number of Programs in SI



- Although **SI** with over **50 programs** make up **10.3%** of all SI, they account for **91%** of ACGME's Radiology Review Committee with **highest representation (36.4%)** from **>100 programs**.

Institutional Review Committee Member

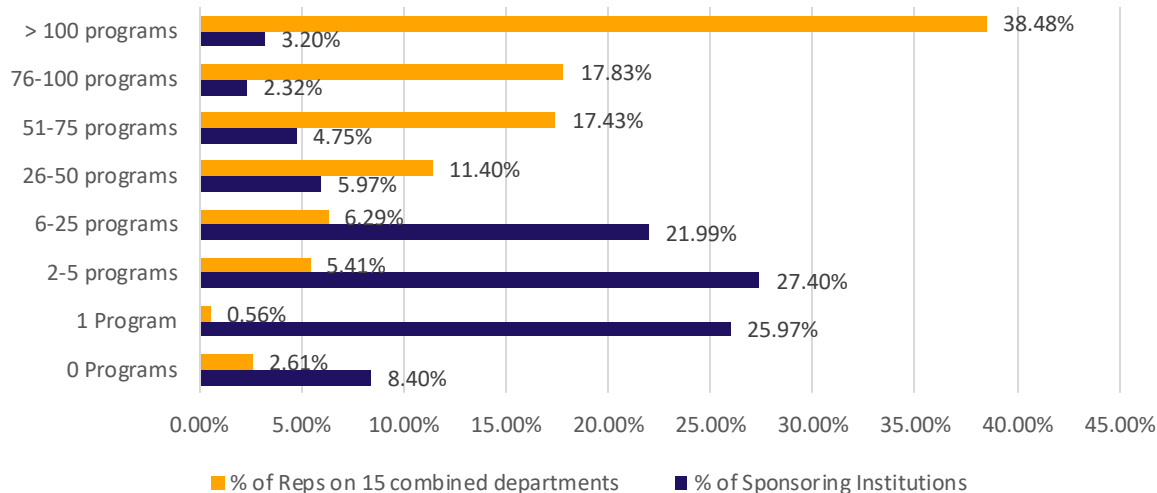
Institutional RC representation by Number of Programs in SI



- Although **SI** with over **50 programs** make up **10.3%** of all SI, they account for **26.7%** of ACGME's Institutional Review Committee with **highest representation (33.3%)** from **26-50 programs**.

Combined Data From 15 Specialties on RC Representation

Combined (15 Department) RC Representation by Number of programs in SI



- Although **Sponsoring Institutions (SI)** with **over 50 programs** make up **10.3%** of all SI, they account for **73.7%** of ACGME's Review Committee (for 15 combined department) with **highest representation (38.5%)** from **>100 programs**.

Summary of Findings

- Although Sponsoring Institutions (SI) with over 50 programs make up 10.3% of all SI, they account for 73.7% of ACGME's Review Committee composition (for 15 specialties) with highest representation (38.5%) from >100 programs
- Overall, RC members from sponsoring institutions with less than 26 programs make up less than 15% of RC membership
- 60% of formerly AOA-affiliated institutional sponsors (now within the ACGME) have between 1 and 5 programs, 93% have under 26 programs
- The underrepresentation of small and mid-size institutions is consistent across specialties including primary and nonprimary care specialties
- Structure and function are interrelated: **Does the overrepresentation of RC composition in SIs with over 50 programs and underrepresentation of SIs with 5 or less programs impact decision making and the functioning of ACGME RCs?**

Call to Action!

- ACGME should consider:
 - Increasing representation of RC members from sponsoring institution size of 5 or less programs
 - Prioritizing sponsoring institution size in the criteria for selecting RC members
- OME and broader community should consider:
 - Understanding the challenges in composition of ACGME RCs
 - Promote applicants for RC member vacancies among sponsoring institutions of small and mid-size institutions and other types of sponsoring institutions



Thank You

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