

# MD ELECTIVES PROGRAM COLLABORATION

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# MD PROGRAM ELECTIVES COURSE

- Course Objectives
  - To gain experience in aspects of medicine beyond the core curriculum
  - To develop knowledge and skills in greater depth in areas of medicine selected by students
  - To provide students with *opportunities for career exploration*
- September – December of 4<sup>th</sup> year
  - 13 weeks of mandatory elective time
    - Must be a minimum of 2 weeks in duration
  - 50% of elective time completed at other Universities
  - Registration: UofT electives 10 mos in advance

Visiting elective 7 mos in advance through AFMC portal

# ISSUES AFFECTING MD PROGRAM ELECTIVES

- Increasing emphasis on electives for CaRMS applications
  - Increased unmatched rate
  - Student dissatisfaction with elective counselling
  - Conflicting assumptions on electives required for successful program application
- AFMC Portal
  - Application period 28 -16 weeks in advance
  - Confirmations require 4-12 weeks
  - Little flexibility for changes to applications

# ISSUES AFFECTING MD PROGRAM ELECTIVES

## Access to first choice specialty AFMC Portal

Ophthalmology 46%

Dermatology 46%

Anesthesiology 46%

ObGyn 48%

Family Medicine 49%

Internal Medicine 61%

Pediatrics 61%

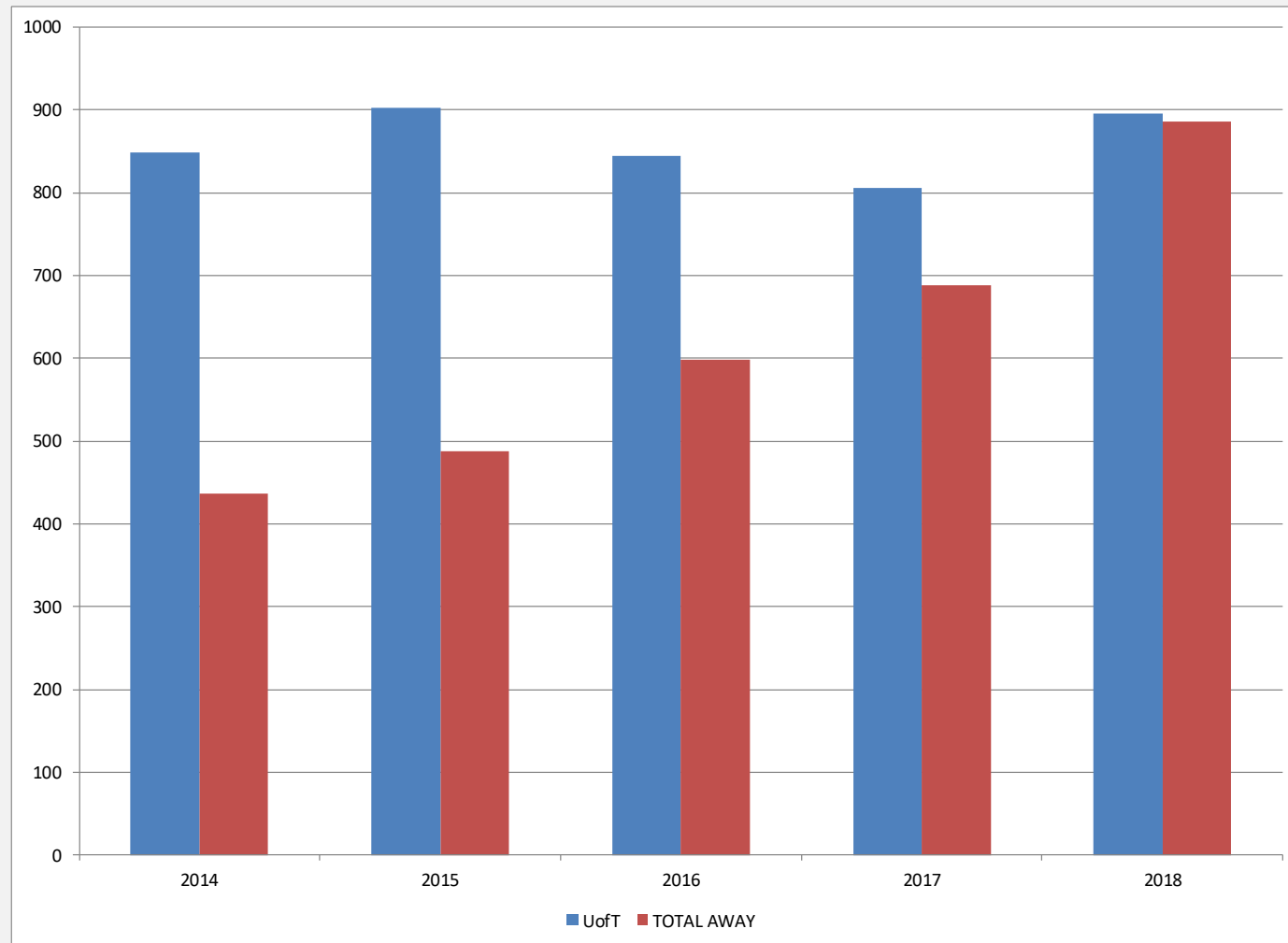
Psychiatry 66%

General Surgery 74%

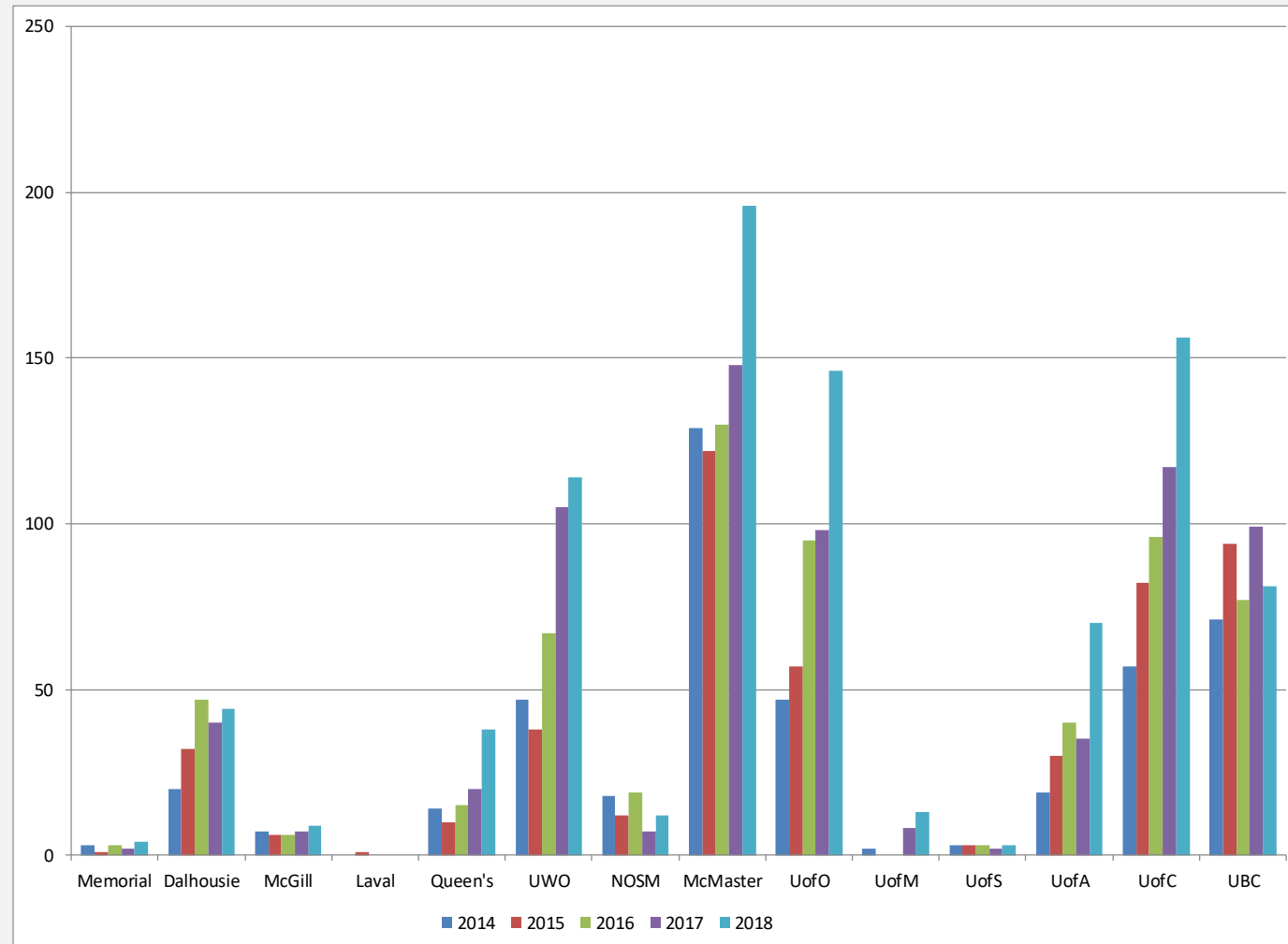


- Increased applications to improve success rate
- 25-30% cancellation rate
- Elective Application Fees  
\$ 200-700/student

# NUMBER OF UOFT ELECTIVES VS VISITING ELECTIVES



# VISITING ELECTIVES BY UNIVERSITY



# MD PROGRAM ACTIONS TAKEN

- National Elective Cap
  - Students allowed to complete a maximum of 8 weeks in any one specialty (2021)
- National MSPR Committee
  - Enhancing the MSPR to better inform PG on applicant performance
- Enhancing MD Program Career Development and CaRMS Readiness
  - Implementing a 4 year integrated curriculum
  - Clerkship Core Days – Electives counselling & CaRMS preparation

# COLLABORATION WITH PGME

- Objective:
  - To provide MD students with up to date and accurate information on PG selection process
  - To provide MD students with consistent information on electives and their role in PG selection process
- Potential Collaboration:
  - Survey on electives to PG Program Directors
  - Forum for discussion with students



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