



INTERNAL MEDICINE
Boise Track, University of Washington

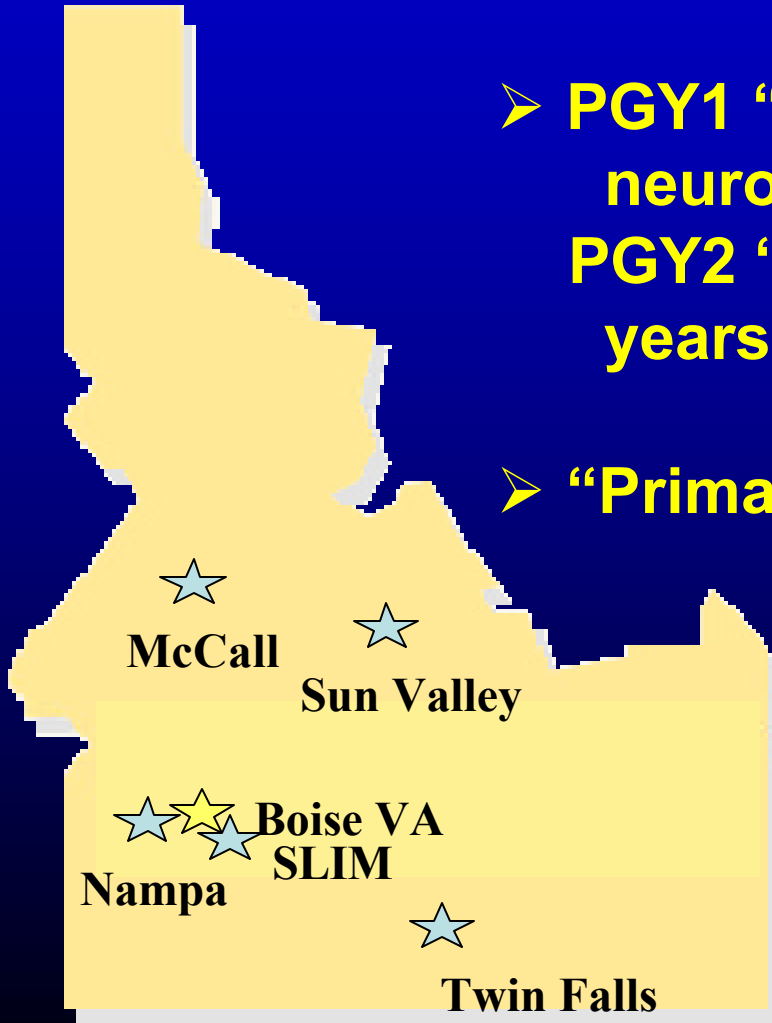


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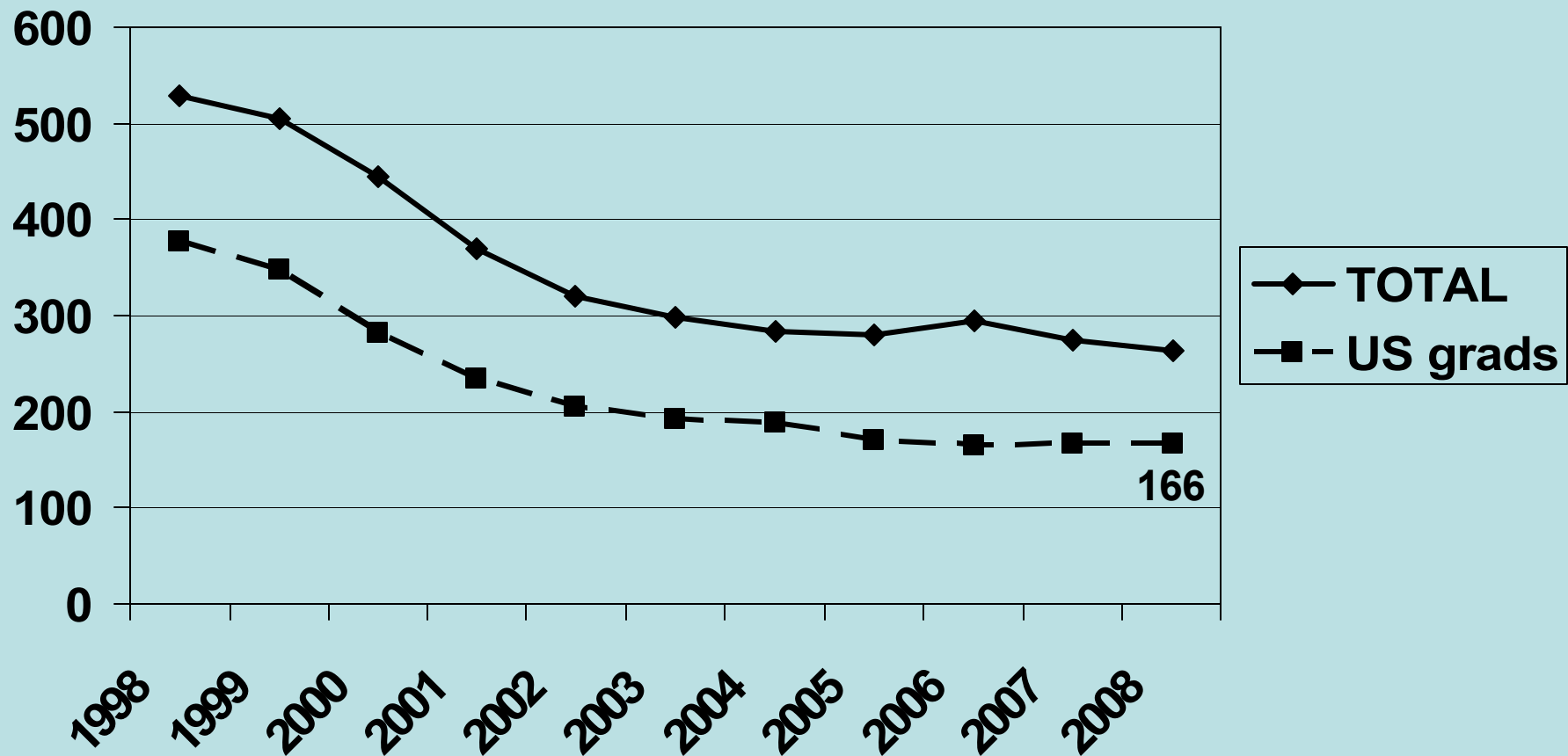
- **3 years of training after medical school**
- **Many go on to fellowships in subspecialties (cardiology, oncology, rheumatology, etc)**
- **Others do “hospitalist” medicine or office practice**
- **Unlike Family Medicine**
 - **Certified to apply to these subspecialties**
 - **Broad exposure to subspecialties is mandated (limits the number of communities that could support this training)**

BOISE V.A. PROGRAM

- Established in 1977 as one of the nation's first primary care internal medicine tracks
- PGY1 “interns” 6 (going into radiology, neurology, dermatology, etc.)
PGY2 “residents” 10 (spend their 1st and 3rd years in Seattle)
- “Primary care” designation dropped 2007



Positions filled by all applicants and US seniors for Primary Care Internal Medicine 1998-2008



BOISE V.A. PROGRAM

➤ Recruitment

1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
10/10	10/10	10/10	10/10	10/10	10/10	8/10	9/10	10/10	8/10

➤ Funding

- \$2M explicitly from VA
- Another ~ \$ 1M cost shifted
- \$85K from St. Luke's (educational fund and CBT)

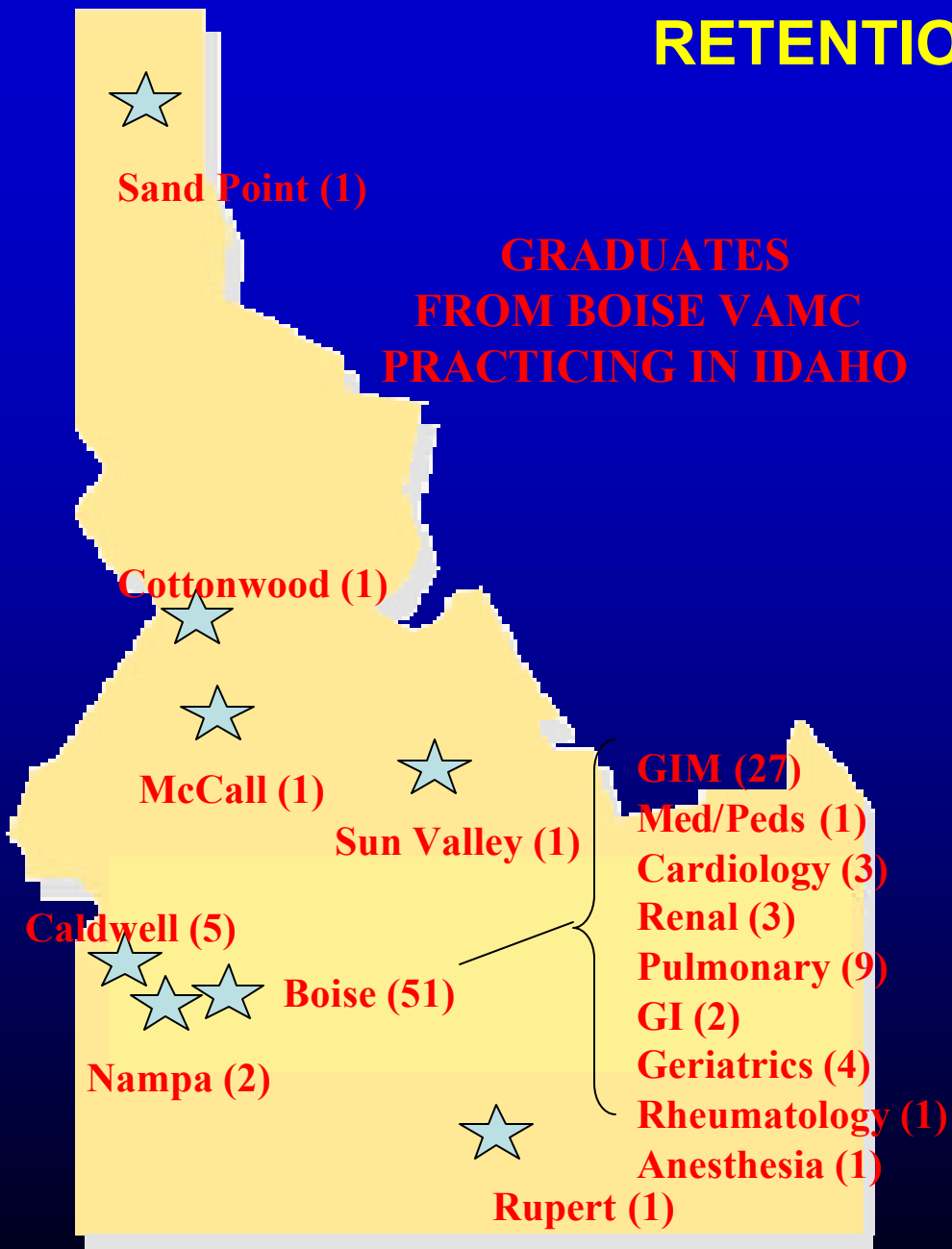
RETENTION

**GRADUATES
FROM BOISE VAMC
PRACTICING IN IDAHO**

**AFTER ONE YEAR OF
EXPOSURE**

31% stay in Idaho

71% stay in WWAMI



POTENTIAL EXPANSION

- **In talks with St. Luke's and St. Al's regarding expansion**
- **10/10/10 program spending first six months in Seattle and then next 30 months based in Boise**
- **Cost additional \$2-2.5M**
- **Requires significant voluntary faculty time from local sub-specialists**
- **More attractive program??**