Information about sample of three cohorts included in study:  
Total sample: 47,315 students, 97.6 percent of eventual 48,468 matriculants. Sample included only students who entered between July 1 and October 31 in each year. The three cohorts (1987, 1992, and 1995) comprised 0.7 percent American Indian/Alaska Native, 14.7 percent Asian, 6.8 percent Black/African-American, 6.1 percent Hispanic/Latino, 68.7 percent White, and 3.0 percent other students.

References for national postgraduate time-to-degree rates:  


Categories of medical student withdrawal and dismissal:  

To calculate attrition due to academic reasons in our study, we counted only students with either the “Withdrawal-Academic Reasons” or “Dismissed-Academic Reasons” status.