
Developments in ADR & Pro Bono Representations

OSM'S SPECIAL PROCESSING UNIT ("SPU")



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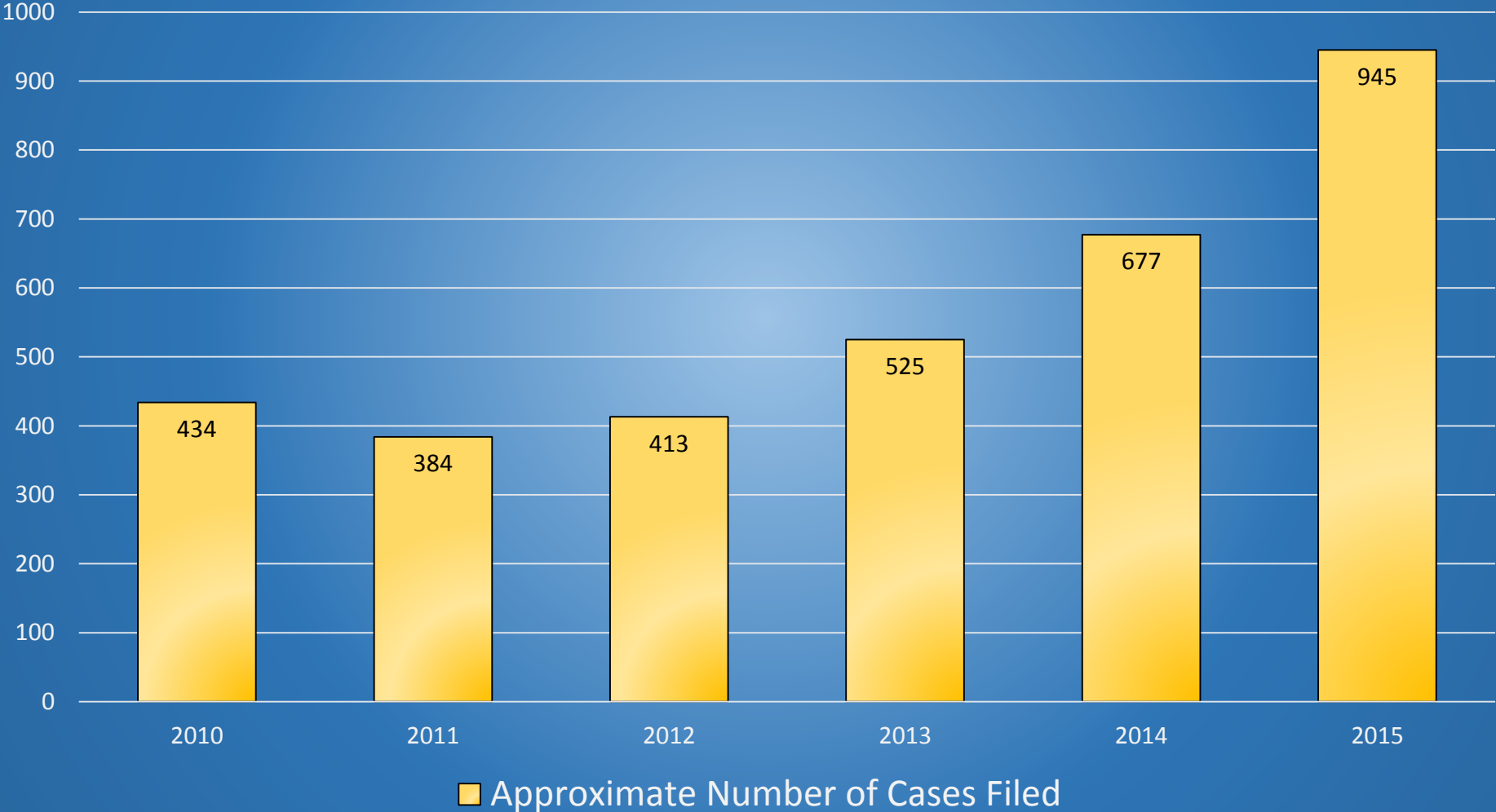
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Special Processing Unit – SPU

Added to the *Guidelines for Practice Under the National Vaccine Injury Compensation Program*. Available at:

<http://www.uscfc.uscourts.gov/sites/default/files/GUIDLINES-FOR-PRACTICE-4212016.pdf>

SPU ARISES FROM A NEED TO MANAGE AN INCREASING CASE LOAD



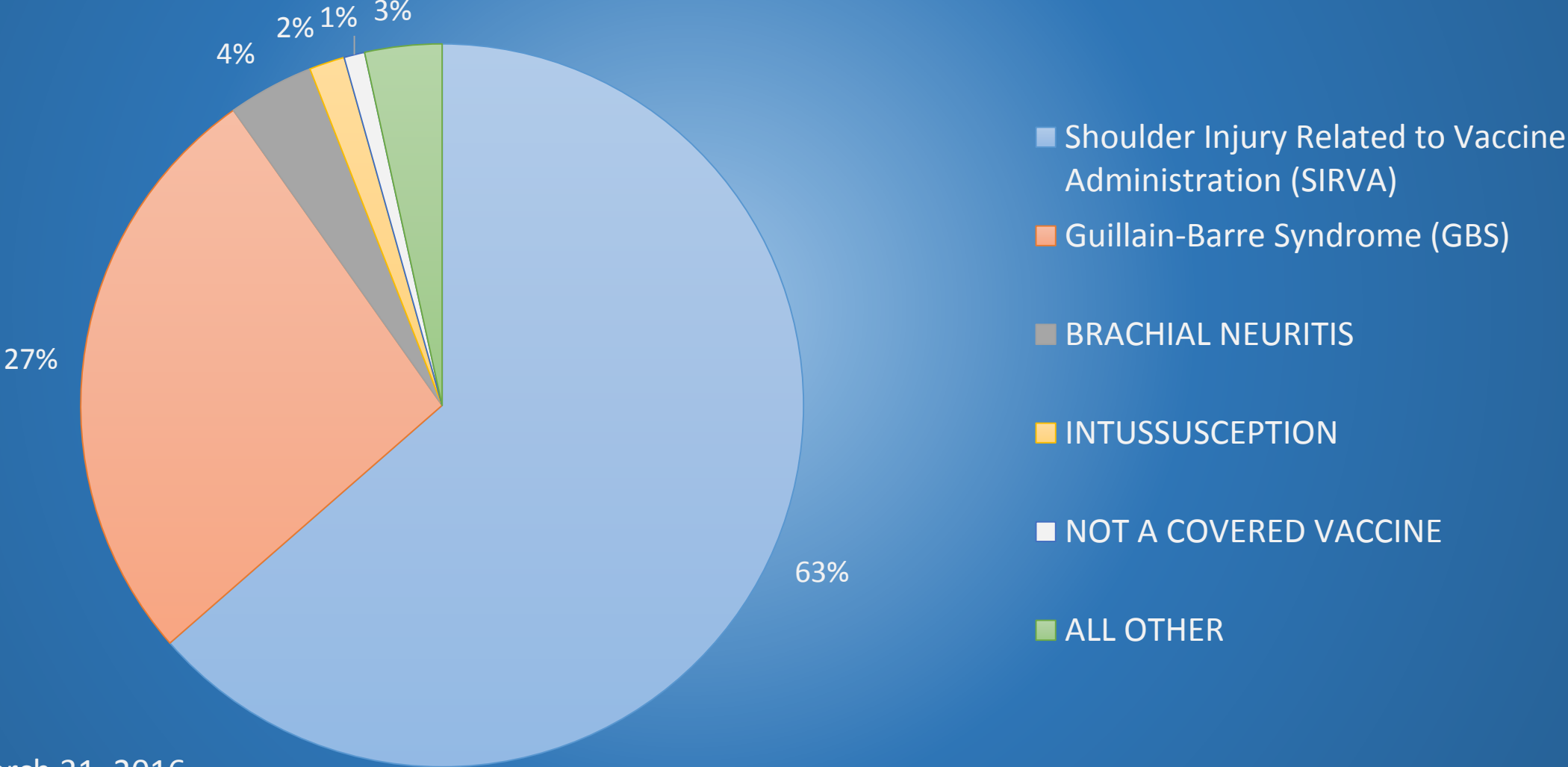
CRITERIA FOR SPU INCLUSION

- Table cases
- Quasi-Table cases
- Other cases likely to settle
- Cases that must be dismissed

SPU PROCESS

- All new petitions reviewed by Chief Special Master
- Cases meeting criteria assigned to Chief Special Master's docket
- Other cases assigned on the wheel
- Staff attorney case management (now 6 staff attorneys)
- Chief Special Master supervision

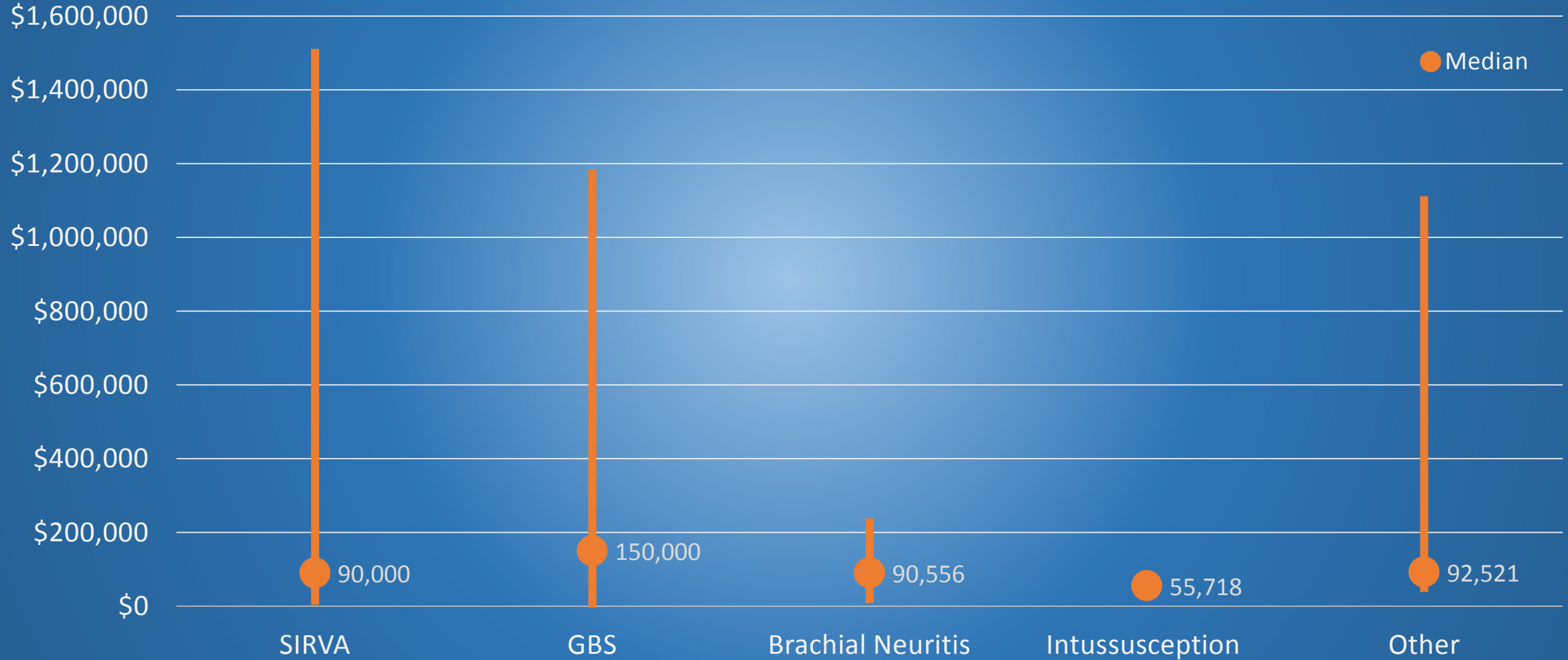
TYPES OF CASES IN SPU



As of March 31, 2016
(% are approximate)

SPU Awards by Injury Type

Among cases compensated as of March 31, 2016



SPU OUTCOMES

Among 761 total SPU cases, 299 have resolved, with 172 cases resolved in less than 240 days.

SPU OUTCOMES

- Of the 299 cases resolved
 - 282 compensated (94%)
 - 17 dismissed (6%)
- 13 cases transferred to another special master (less than 2% of cases assigned to SPU)