

REVERSIONS: Donating Unfilled Positions From One Program to Another

The NRMP's R3 system offers institutions the option to revert, or donate, unfilled positions in one program to another during the matching process. If a donor program does not fill its quota, a designated number (equal to, or less than, the quota) of its unfilled positions can be added automatically to the quota of a receiver program. The reversion process offers some degree of protection against the possibility that positions at an institution will go unfilled and is available for all Matches.

Who can create a reversion?

Any program can create a reversion in the R3 system, although reversions typically are formed between

- categorical and preliminary programs
- traditional and primary care tracks
- clinical and research tracks

Only the donor program can create the reversion and ALL reversions must be approved by the NRMP Institutional Official!

How does a reversion work?

- Donor program reverts a specific number of its **unfilled** positions to a receiver program.
 - **Note:** The number of positions reverted may **NOT** exceed the donor program's quota.
- The matching process first attempts to fill all positions in the donor program so that positions revert to the receiver program **only** if they do not fill during the donor's matching process.
- Receiver program accepts a designated number of unfilled positions from a donor program, and reverted positions are added to the receiver program's quota **only** if the donor program is unable to fill its positions during the matching process.

The donor program can revert positions to multiple receiver programs either at the same or at a different institution.

How do I create a reversion in the R3 system?

A **Program Director** can:

1. [Log in to the R3](#) system with username and password
2. Click **My Programs** from left menu bar on the *Match Home Page*. If multiple program tracks are listed, click **Program Description** of the donor program
3. Click the **Reversions** tab from the *View Program Details* page
 - Click **Find & Add Programs** to search for the appropriate receiver program
 - Select the appropriate program and enter number of positions to revert
5. Click **Add Reversion**
6. Click **Save** to retain the reversion

Repeat steps as necessary to create reversions with multiple programs. To cancel a reversion, click **Remove** next to the appropriate receiver program. Click **Save** every time a change is made. [Review the example](#) before creating your own reversion.

Remember...



- Programs **CANNOT** revert more positions than the current program quota
- The NRMP Institutional Official **MUST** approve all reversions.
- Reversions can be added, changed, or deleted but they **MUST** be finalized and approved by the Rank Order List Deadline.
- **NO Circular Reversions!** Circular reversions in which two programs both donate and receive positions from each other cannot be accommodated in the R3 system.

REVERSION EXAMPLE: INTERNAL MEDICINE AT MEMORIAL HOSPITAL




The Internal Medicine (IM) program at Memorial Hospital has 40 positions in the Match:

- **20 Internal Medicine – categorical program positions**
- **10 Internal Medicine – Primary Care program positions**
- **10 Internal Medicine – Preliminary program positions**

The program director opts to revert, or donate, the following positions if they do not fill when the algorithm is processed and enters the information on the *View Program Details* page:

- 10 IM – categorical program positions  to the IM – Primary Care program
- 10 IM – Primary Care program positions  to the IM – Preliminary program

When the algorithm is processed:

- **IM – categorical program fills 15 of its 20 positions**
 The remaining 5 unfilled positions revert to the IM – Primary Care program
- Only **13 of the new quota of 15 positions in the IM – Primary Care program fill**
 The remaining 2 unfilled IM – Primary Care program positions revert to the IM – Preliminary program
- Only **11 of the new quota of 12 positions in the IM-Preliminary program fill**
 The Hospital obtains 39 matches and the one vacant position in the IM-Preliminary program will be listed as unfilled in the *List of Unfilled Programs*

Both the IM – categorical and IM – Primary Care programs are considered "filled."