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NRMP Announces Record High Number of Positions Offered and Filled with Release of 2016 Main Residency Match Report

Final data results show 30,750 positions offered and 30,594 filled for a 99.5 percent fill rate.

Washington, D.C., May 2, 2016 –The National Resident Matching Program® (NRMP®) has released the *Results and Data Book* for the 2016 Main Residency Match® ("the Match"), the system through which U.S. and international medical school students and graduates obtain residency positions in United States teaching institutions. A record-high 30,750 positions were placed in the 2016 Match, and 29,572 were filled when the matching algorithm was processed. During Match Week, 1,097 of the 1,178 unfilled positions were offered through the Supplemental Offer and Acceptance Program® (SOAP®), and of those, 1,022 were filled. **Only 156 positions remained unfilled at the conclusion of SOAP, resulting in an overall fill rate of 99.5 percent.**

"The information contained in the *Results and Data Book* shows that the Main Residency Match continues to be the primary vehicle for furthering the careers of young physicians," said NRMP President and CEO Mona M. Signer. "We are delighted at the continued success of our Matching Program."

The *Results and Data Book* is widely recognized as the most comprehensive data and analysis resource about the Match. The report documents matches by specialty and applicant type, applicant preferred specialty, trends in specialty competitiveness, and positions per active applicant.

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The Match Process
The Main Residency Match process begins in the fall for applicants, usually in the final year of medical school, when they apply to residency programs at which they would like to train. Program directors review applications and conduct candidate interviews in the fall and early winter. From mid-January to late February, applicants submit to the NRMP their rank order lists of preferred programs, and program directors rank applicants in order of preference for training. The NRMP uses a computerized mathematical algorithm to match applicants with programs using the preferences expressed on their ranked lists. Research on the NRMP algorithm was a basis for awarding The Sveriges Riksbank Prize in Economic Sciences in Memory of Alfred Nobel in 2012. During Match Week, applicants who did not match to a residency position when the algorithm was processed may participate in the Supplemental Offer and Acceptance Program (SOAP) to try to obtain an unfilled residency position.

About NRMP

The National Resident Matching Program® (NRMP®) is a private, non-profit organization established in 1952 at the request of medical students to provide an orderly and fair mechanism for matching the preferences of applicants for U.S. residency positions with the preferences of residency program directors. In addition to the annual Main Residency Match® for more than 42,000 registrants, the NRMP conducts Fellowship Matches for more than 60 subspecialties through its Specialties Matching Service® (SMS®).