



# Supplemental Offer and Acceptance Program® (SOAP®) 101

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## What is SOAP®

- Supplemental Offer and Acceptance Program<sup>®</sup> (SOAP<sup>®</sup>)
- Programs review applications in ERAS®, contact applicants, and express preferences with lists created in the NRMP's R3® system.
- Unfilled positions are offered to eligible unmatched applicants on the program's preference list in a series of four rounds.
- It is NOT another Match and applicants do NOT enter a rank list.
- Positions offered and accepted constitute a binding commitment under the Match Participation Agreement.



# **SOAP Eligibility Requirements**

There is no separate SOAP registration

Applicants must have been registered in the NRMP by February 28<sup>th</sup> to participate in the Match and SOAP

- To participate in SOAP, applicants must have been registered with the NRMP for the 2024 Main Residency Match by February 28, have been verified as eligible to enter GME on July 1, and be fully or partially unmatched.
- How an applicant is verified depends on applicant type:
  - ✓ The ECFMG® verified credentials of IMGs
  - ✓ Medical Schools verified eligibility for US MD and DO Seniors and Graduates
- Either the school or the NRMP withdraws applicants whose credentials were not verified by the Rank Order List (ROL) Deadline.

# **Communication During SOAP**

### **SOAP-eligible applicants:**

- Can access the List of Unfilled Programs in NRMP only for positions for which they are eligible.
- Can apply only to unfilled Match-participating programs that are participating in SOAP.
- Are prohibited from using any means other than the application designated by the program to apply to and contact programs.



No contacting programs until the program initiates contact with you!

# **SOAP Participation Exception**

Fully unmatched SOAP-eligible applicants who want to pursue interests other than clinical residency training may do so provided:

- The position sought is not affiliated with a Match- or SOAPparticipating residency program;
- The position does not qualify for training credit in an ACGMEaccredited residency program; and
- The applicant does not submit any applications to SOAPparticipating programs during Match Week.

# **SOAP Begins**



Learn if you matched on Monday, March 11 at 10:00 a.m. ET via NRMP's R3 system and email.



Partially-unmatched applicants and couple applicants whose partner did not match will have the city, state, and zip code of their matched program provided in the R3 system.

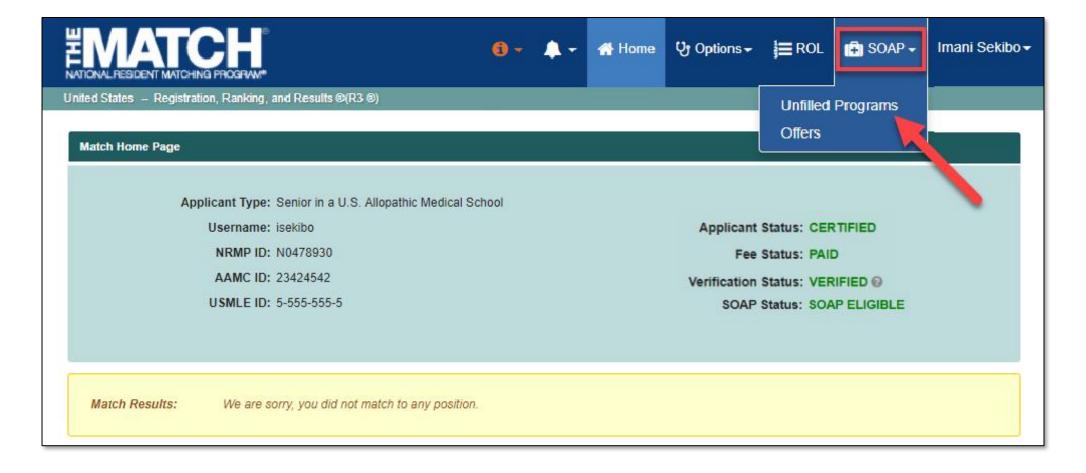


Unmatched or partially unmatched applicants will have access to the *List of Unfilled Programs* under the SOAP tab in **NRMP**.



Begin applying to programs in MyERAS at 11:00 a.m., ET.

# **SOAP Unfilled Programs List**



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Specialty	Unfilled Programs	Unfilled Positions	Specialty	Unfilled Programs	Unfilled Position
Anesthesiology - R	2	4	Pathology-Anatomic and Clinical - C	8	10
Child Neurology - A	1	1	Pediatrics - C	27	80
Child Neurology - C	12	14	Pediatrics - M	1	1
Child Neurology - R	8	8	Pediatrics - P	2	2
Dermatology - A	2	3	Pediatrics/Medical Genetics - C	1	1
<u> Dermatology - C</u>	1	2	Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation - A	1	2
<u>Dermatology - R</u>	3	3	Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation - R	2	6
Emergency Medicine - C	67	217	Psychiatry - C	9	14
Family Medicine - C	176	468	Radiation Oncology - A	20	26
Internal Medicine - C	88	451	Radiation Oncology - C	1	1
Internal Medicine - M	3	10	Radiation Oncology - R	2	2
Internal Medicine - P	46	140	Radiology-Diagnostic - A	1	1
Neurology - C	7	11	Radiology-Diagnostic - C	1	1
Neurology - R	5	5	Radiology-Diagnostic - R	1	1
Obstetrics and Gynecology - C	3	4	Surgery-General - C	3	3
Obstetrics and Gynecology - P	7	10	Surgery-General - P	145	537
Osteopathic Neuromusculoskeletal Medicine - C	2	3	Transitional Year - P	44	218
Osteopathic Neuromusculoskeletal Medicine - R	1	2			
	3	5 specialties fou	ind.		

# Electronic Residency Application Service (ERAS) in NRMP SOAP®

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**ERAS Training Specialist** 





# Electronic Residency Application Service (ERAS®)

The Electronic Residency Application Service (ERAS) streamlines the residency application process for applicants, their Designated Dean's Offices, Letter of Recommendation (LoR) authors and program directors. By providing applicants the ability to build and deliver their application and supporting materials individually or as a package to programs, ERAS provides a centralized, but flexible solution to the residency application and documents distribution process.





### **Preparing for SOAP in MyERAS**

Prior to Match Week, ERAS recommends that applicants:

Log into their AAMC account and confirm access.

• Use the *Forgot username/password* options or contact ERAS Client Technical Support for assistance with any login issues.

Certify and submit their MyERAS application, if not already completed this season.

• Except for the Personal Information section, the application cannot be edited once it has been certified and submitted.

Keep Personal Information section (e.g. NRMP ID) updated in MyERAS.





### **Preparing for SOAP in MyERAS**

Ahead of Match Week, ERAS recommends applicants:

Upload any new or updated supporting documents

- Medical School Transcript, Medical Student Performance Evaluation (MSPE), Letters of Recommendation (LoRs)
- USMLE and/or COMLEX-USA Transcript release
  - NBME, NBOME, and the ECFMG understand the need for expediency during this time and work to resolve these requests as quickly as possible before and throughout SOAP
- Personal statement(s) or photo





### Requirements in MyERAS during SOAP

### In order to apply to programs in ERAS during SOAP:

- Applicants must be SOAP-eligible (eligibility is determined by NRMP).
  - Applicants may refer to the NRMP Registration, Ranking, and Results (R3) system for their match status.
- The MyERAS Application must be Certified & Submitted
  - For those who submitted an application during ERAS 2024, this step is complete.
  - For those who did not complete this as part of the regular ERAS 2024 season, go to the MyERAS application and certify and submit prior to Match week.





### **ERAS Fees during SOAP**

If an applicant applied to at least one residency program by **7:30** a.m. ET Monday March **11, 2024**, there is no fee to participate.

 Non-SOAP ERAS Application fees can be found on the ERAS for Applicants website.

If an applicant has not applied to at least one residency program before Monday, March 11 at 7:30a.m. ET and is SOAP-eligible, they will pay the ERAS base fee of \$99 to participate.

If an applicant has not sent their USMLE or COMLEX-USA transcripts during the ERAS 2024 season, a fee of \$80 per transcript type will apply.





### **ERAS Applications during SOAP**

- Applicants can apply to a total of 45 ERAS service-participating programs for the entire SOAP process.
  - The 45-application limit includes new and previous programs that the applicant applied to during the 2024 ERAS application season.
- Applicants cannot withdraw an application after it has been submitted. All applications will count toward the 45-application limit.

# Applying to Programs in MyERAS during SOAP

1. Review the NRMP's List of Unfilled Programs

- 2. Navigate to MyERAS; login with your AAMC account
- 3. Search for programs in the Programs tab
- 4. Select desired training track(s) and save your programs
- 5. Select the programs you would like to apply to and choose the Apply/Preview Invoice option
- 6. Assign documents





<sup>\*</sup>Keep in mind the 45-application maximum for the entire SOAP process\*

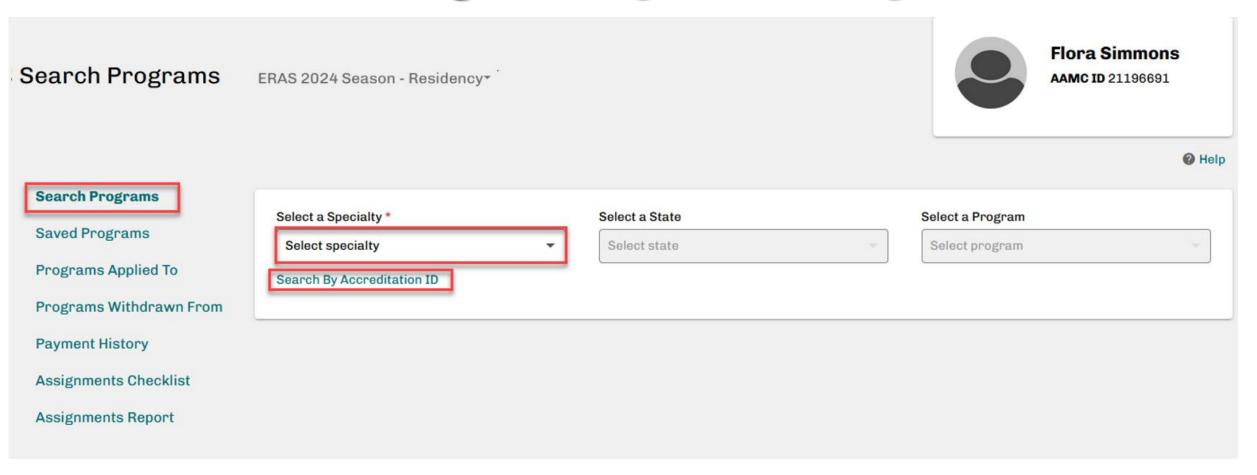
# Logging into the MyERAS Application during SOAP

Dashboard Application v Documents v Programs A Message Center (59) Interviews v History Search Programs Christina Saved Programs Dashboard AAMC ID 145 ERAS 2024 Season - Residency-Programs Applied To Reapply To Programs Payment History Assignments Checklist SOAP Assignments Checklist Assignments Report Supplemental Offer and Acceptance Program® (SOAP®) - Eligible You are eligible for SOAP. During Match Week, unmatched and partially matched applicants who are deemed eligible may participate in SOAP (Supplemental Offer and Acceptance Program) to try and obtain an ACGMEaccredited residency position. To participate in SOAP applicants must: Be registered for the NRMP Main Residency Match®. Be eligible to enter GME on July 1st of the Main Residency Match Year as verified by your medical school or ECFMG. Have been partially matched or fully unmatched during the NRMP Main Residency Match





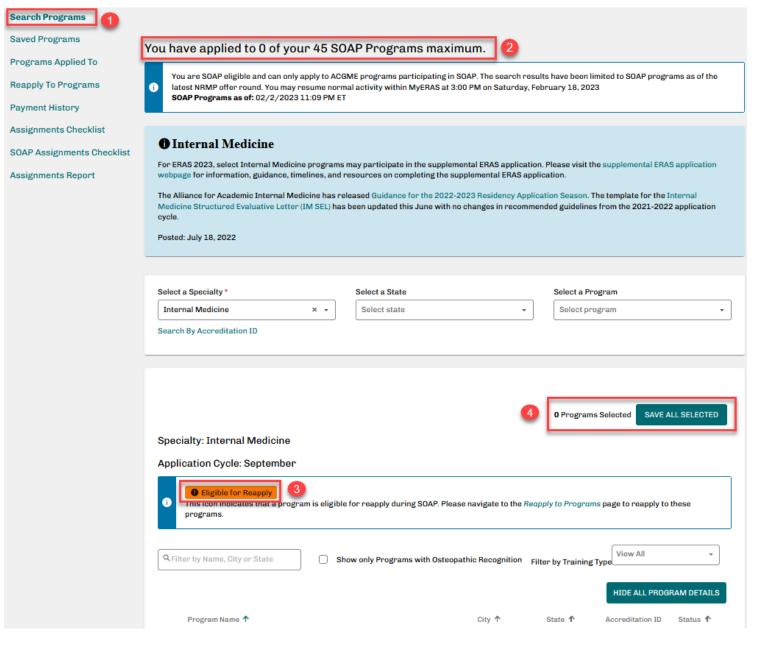
### **Searching for Programs during SOAP**







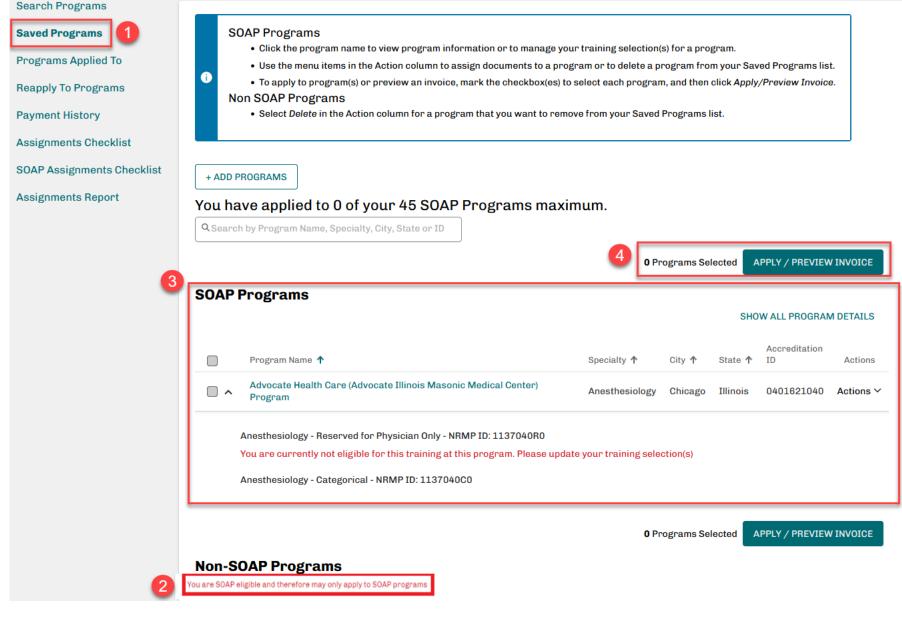
# Saving Programs in MyERAS during SOAP







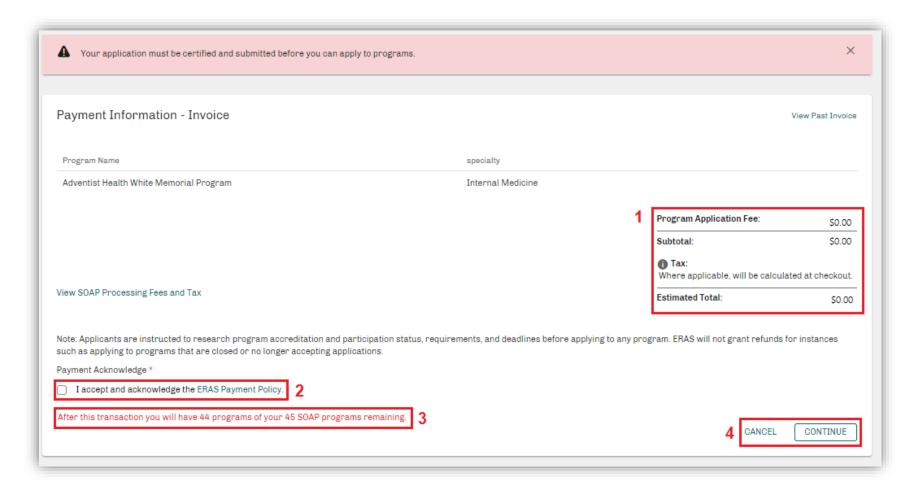
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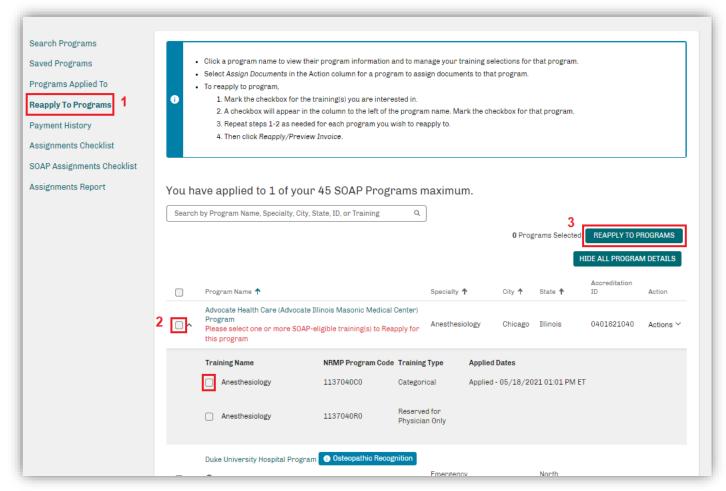
# Viewing Payment Information in MyERAS during SOAP







# Re-applying to Programs in MyERAS during SOAP







# Assigning and Sending Documents in MyERAS during SOAP

Just like during the regular season, applicants will need to assign documents to programs they apply to.

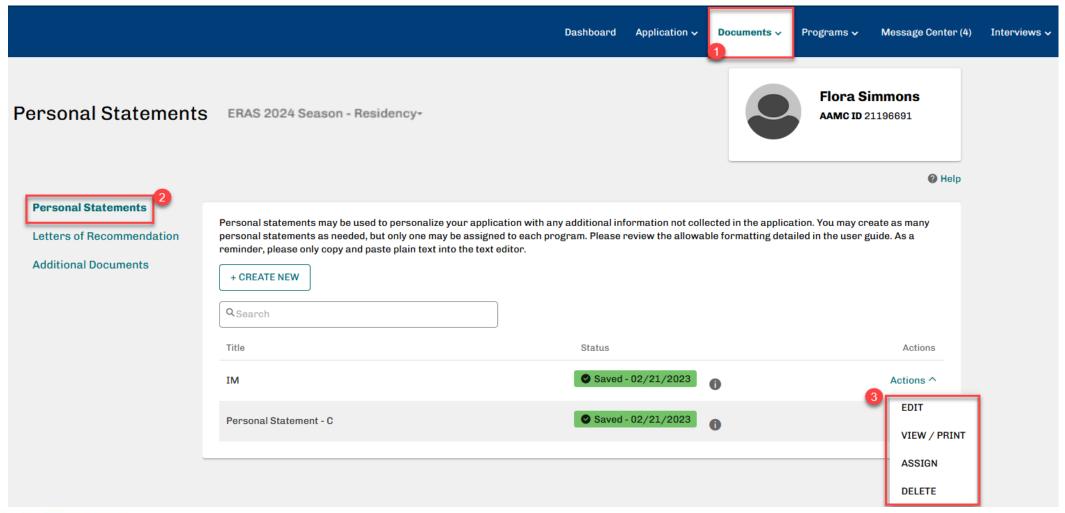
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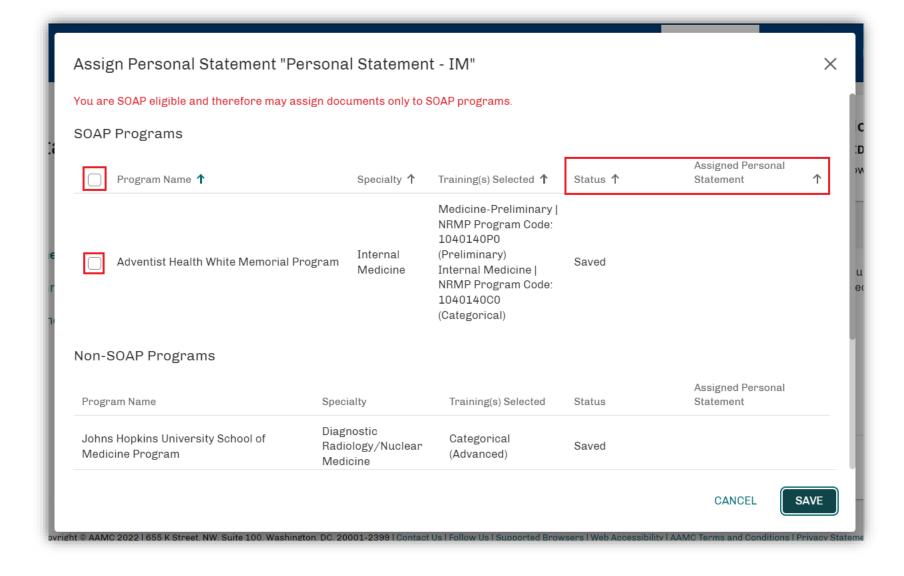
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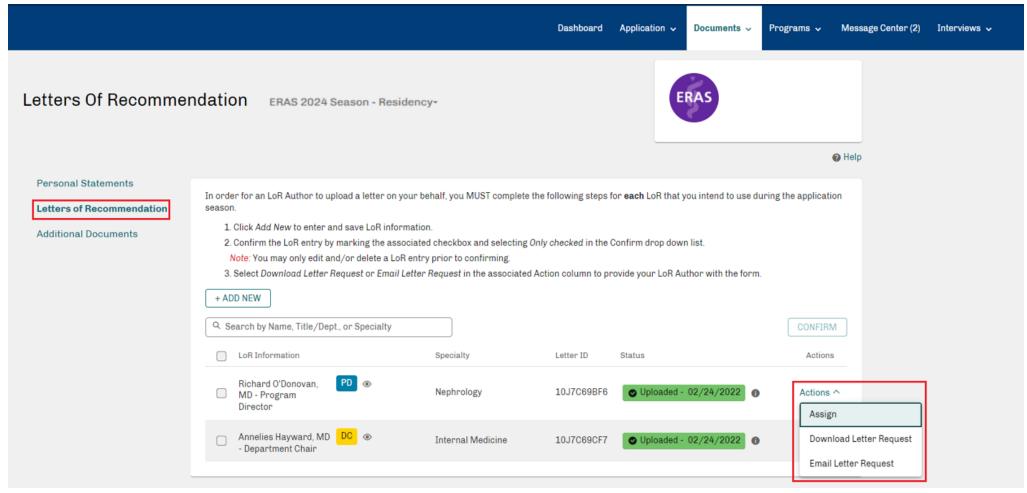
# Assigning Personal Statements in MyERAS during SOAP







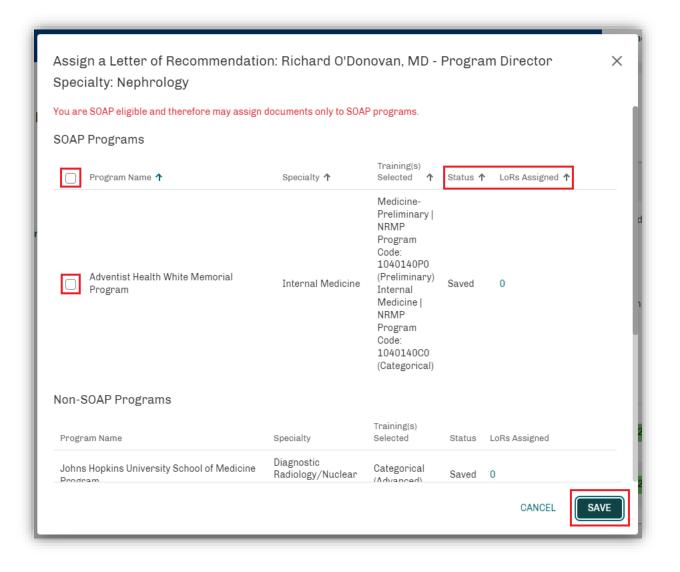
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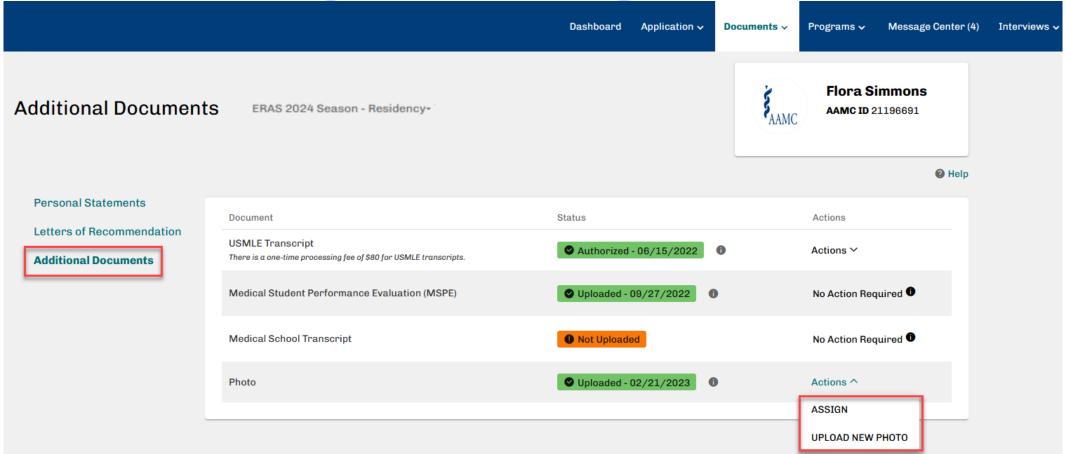
# Assigning Letters of Recommendation in MyERAS during SOAP







# Assigning and Sending Documents in MyERAS during SOAP







### **Match Week & SOAP Schedule**

### Monday

#### March 11

#### 7:30 a.m. ET

Applicants: MyERAS closes Programs: PDWS closes Schools: DWS closes

#### 11 a.m. ET

Applicants: MyERAS opens for SOAP (SOAP applicants have 45 applications starting now through Thursday 9 p.m. ET) Schools: DWS opens

### Tuesday

#### March 12

#### 8 a.m. ET

Programs: PDWS opens (Except ACGME Residency programs that filled in the Main Match or elected to not participate in SOAP)

#### 11:30 a.m. ET

Programs: Can begin creating preference list in NRMP® R3 system

### Wednesday

#### March 13

### All Day

Applicants continue to apply to programs.

Programs continue to review applications in the PDWS and update preference lists in the NRMP R3 system.

### Thursday

#### March 14

### 9-11 a.m. ET

NRMP SOAP Round 1

#### 12-2 p.m. ET

NRMP SOAP Round 2

### 3-5 p.m. ET

NRMP SOAP Round 3

### 6-8 p.m. ET

NRMP SOAP Round 4

### 9 p.m. ET

SOAP Ends; ERAS resumes nor-

mal operations

Programs: PDWS is opened for all programs

NRMP Releases unfilled program list to applicants

NRMP Releases Confidential Roster of Matched Applicants to Programs

### Friday

#### Match Day-March 15

### 12 p.m. ET

School ceremonies begin

#### 12 p.m. ET

Applicants: Find out where they matched through the NRMP R3 system and email

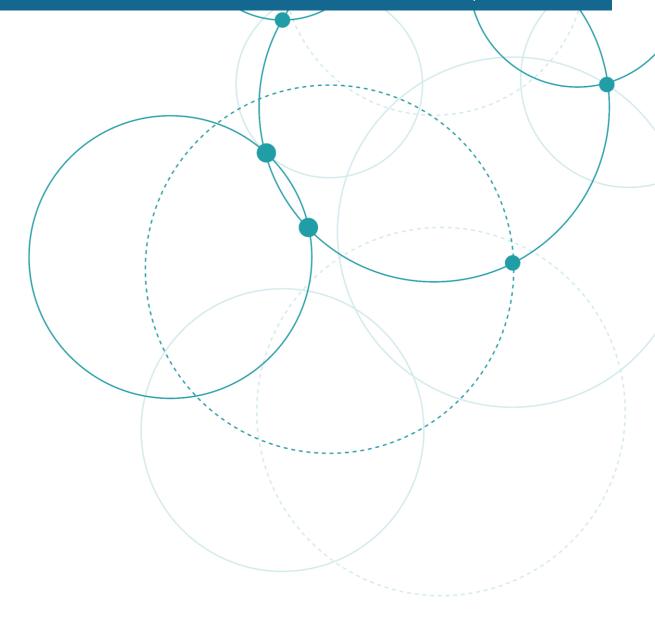
Note: Fully matched programs participating in the Main Residency Match® will not have access to the PDWS until after SOAP (Thursday, March 14, 9 pm ET).





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# **After Applying**

- Programs receive ERAS applications on Tuesday and can begin contacting applicants, usually via phone or email.
- Applicants cannot contact programs until a program contacts them in response to their application.
- Tuesday, March 12 and Wednesday, March 13 applicants should be available for communication and interviews.
  - How programs review applications, contact applicants, and conduct interviews is up to the programs.
- Programs begin creating preference lists in the NRMP R3 system in preparation for Offer Rounds on Thursday, March 14.

# **SOAP Offer Rounds Thursday, March 14**



9:00 – 11:00 a.m. ET



12:00 – 2:00

p.m. ET



3:00 – 5:00

p.m. ET



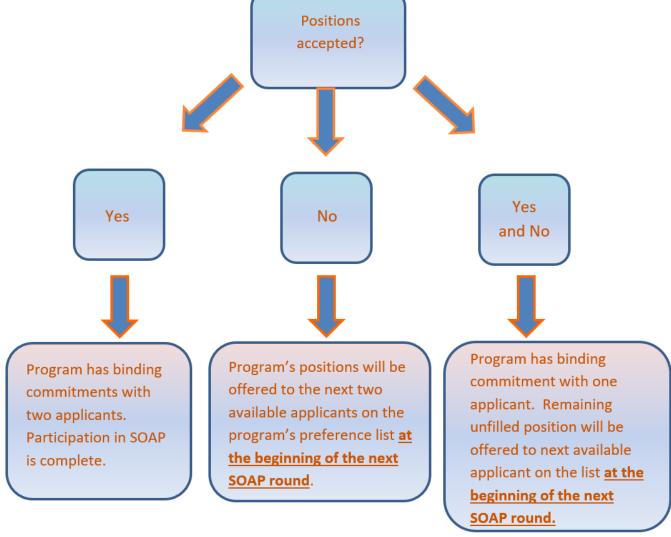
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p.m. ET

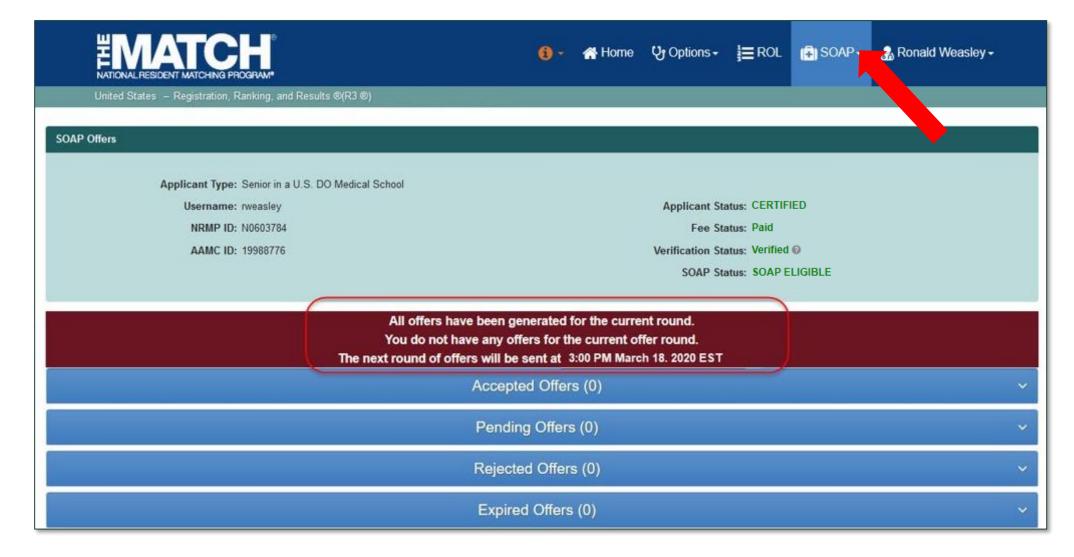
### **How SOAP Rounds Work**



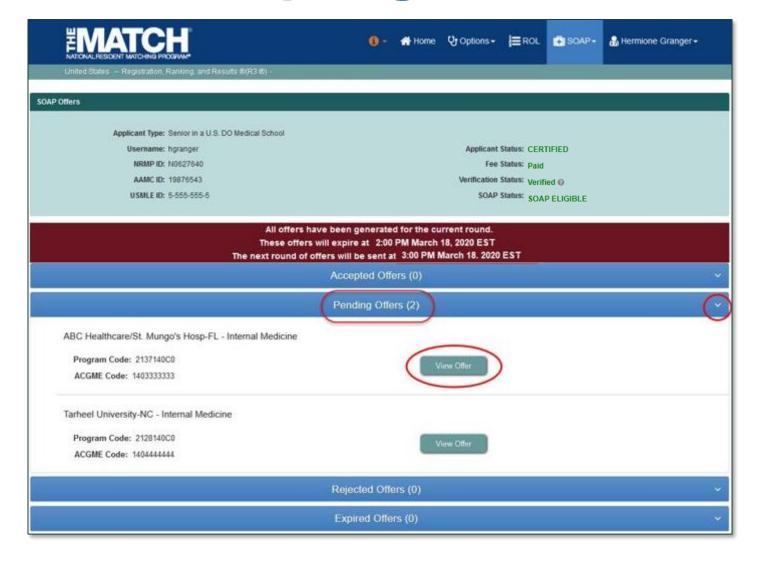
### **How SOAP Rounds Work**



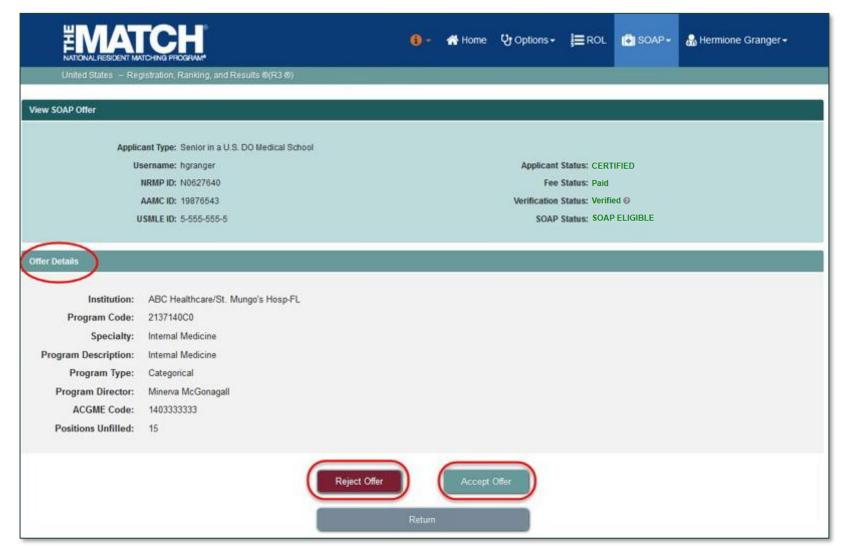
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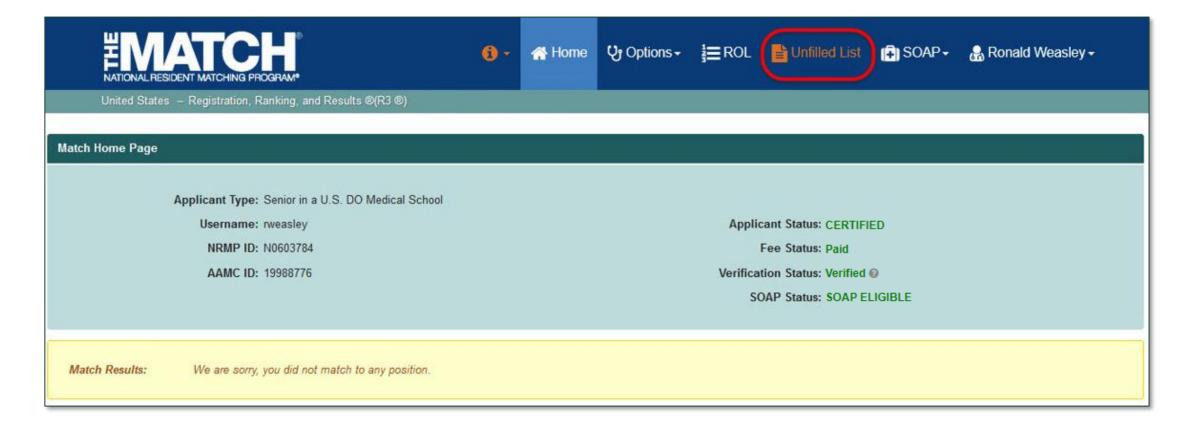
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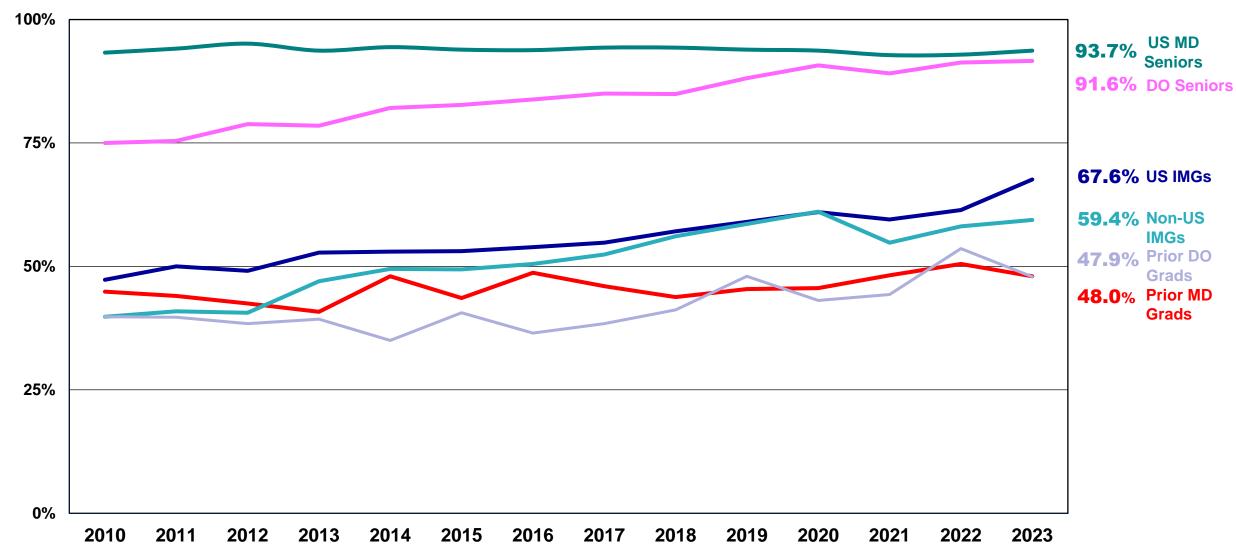
- SOAP concludes at 9:00 p.m. ET on Thursday, March 14. Applicants can begin contacting programs.
- All applicants who remain unmatched or partially unmatched will have access to the List of Unfilled Programs, updated with programs who chose not to participate in SOAP.
- The List of Unfilled Programs is dynamic, and programs can update the number of remaining unfilled positions.
- Applicants apply to remaining unfilled programs through ERAS or other means.

## **Post-SOAP Unfilled Programs List**

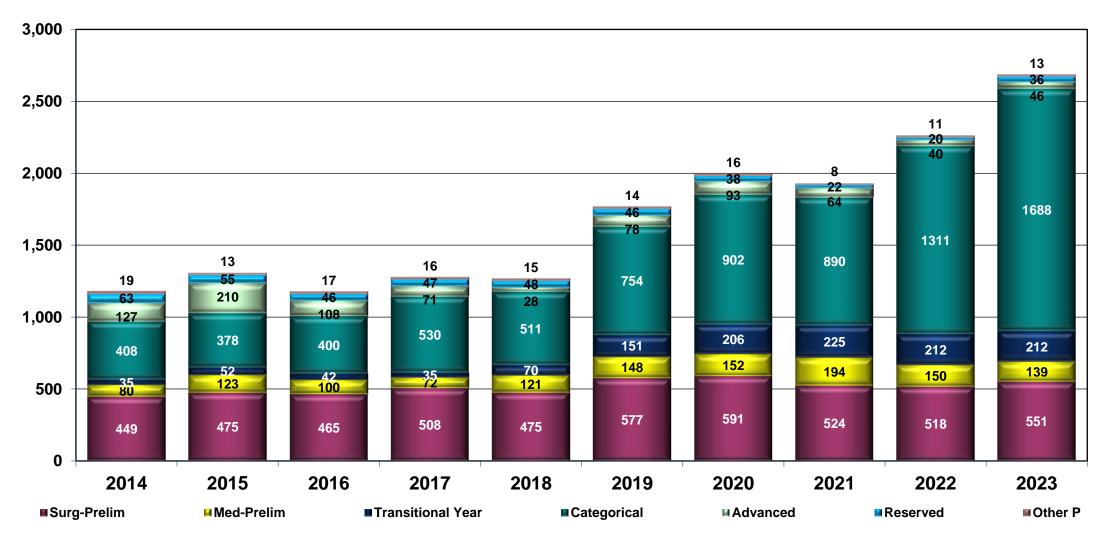


### 2023 Match: PGY-1 Match Rate by Applicant Type

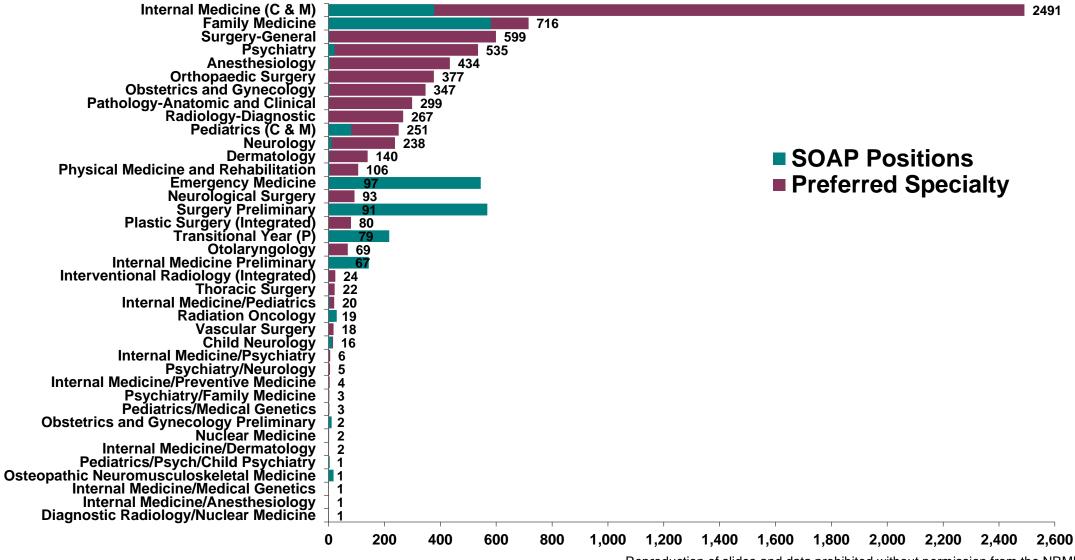
Overall Match rate = 81.1%



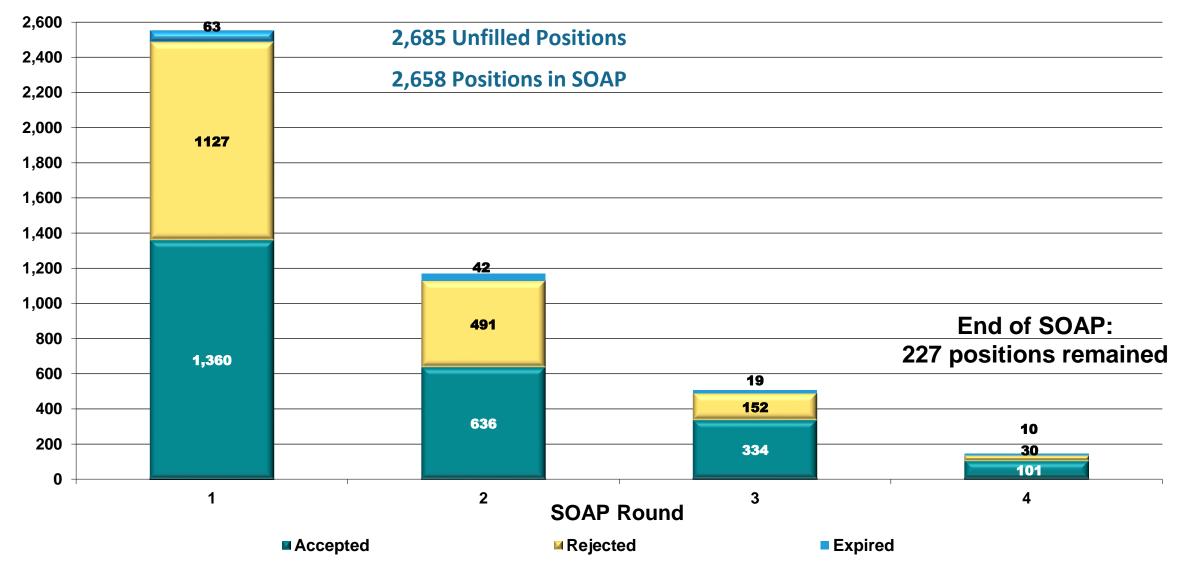
# **2023 Main Match Unfilled Positions (all)** 2,685 Unfilled Positions



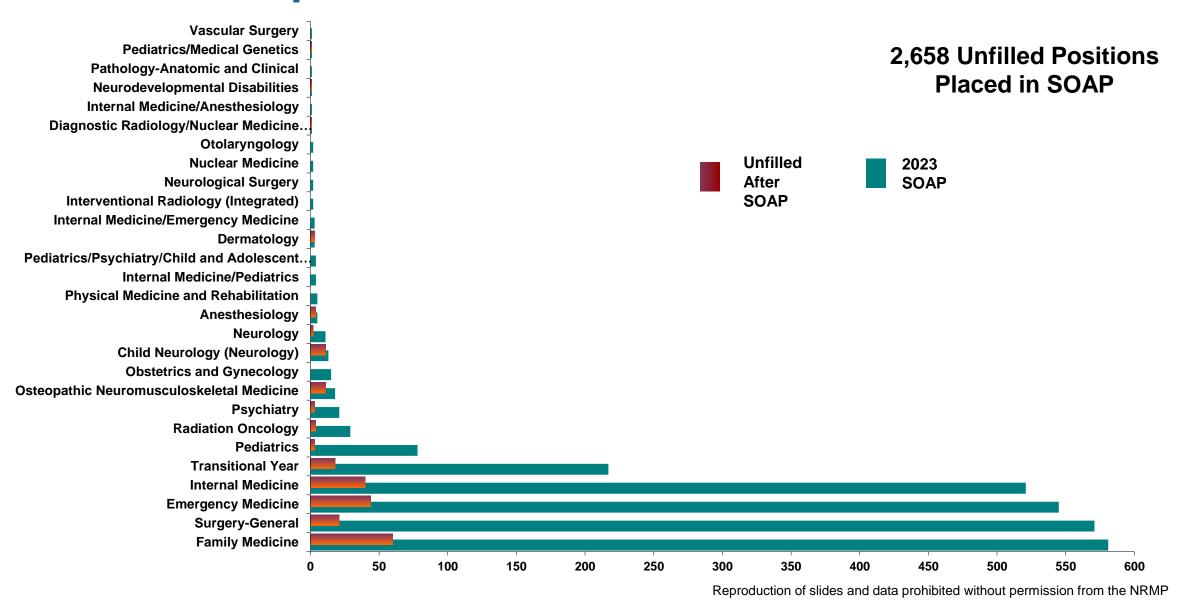
## Preference All Unmatched Applicants: Available SOAP Positions



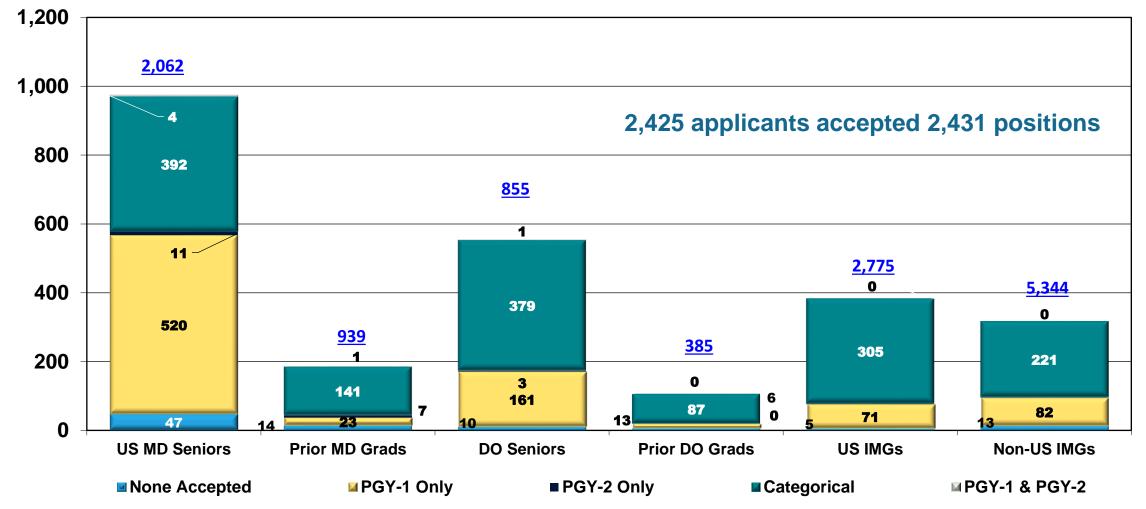
#### 2023 SOAP Positions: Offered and Accepted by Round



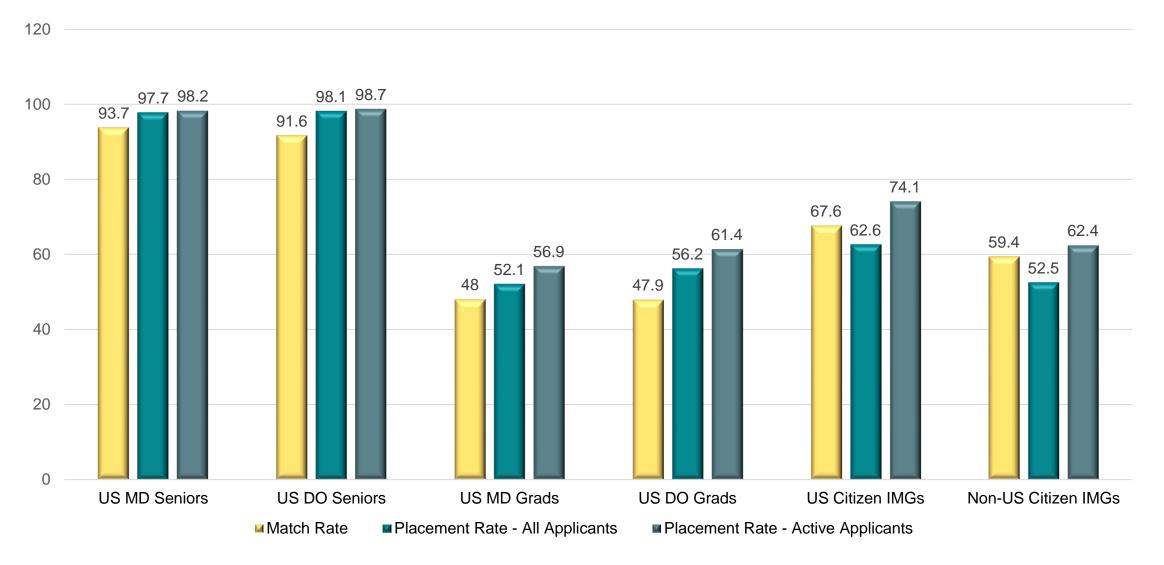
#### 2023 SOAP positions: Unfilled After SOAP



# 2023 SOAP Positions Offered and Accepted by Applicant and Position Type



#### 2023 Match PGY-1 Match and Placement Rates



### **NRMP Support Resources**

#### **Videos:**

- The Match Process for Applicants
- How the Matching Algorithm Works
- IMGs and the Main Residency Match Process
- SOAP for Applicants
- Policy Highlights
- Policy Pitfalls for SOAP

#### **Support Guides:**

- SOAP: Viewing Unfilled Programs
- SOAP: Viewing/Responding to Offers



Other videos and guides available at www.nrmp.org

## Questions?



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Please submit your questions in the Q&A Panel.

This session is being recorded and will be shared with applicants.





## Thank you for joining us!



