



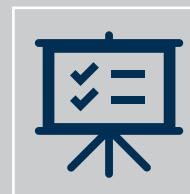
Q&A for Pediatrics

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Voluntary Locking Functionality for Program Rank Order Lists (ROL)



Programs announce their intention to participate in the pilot: September 5 for Internal Medicine and Vascular Surgery; October 3 for pediatrics.



Lock could be implemented voluntarily by a program anytime after ranking opens and either before the first post-interview or by Feb.9

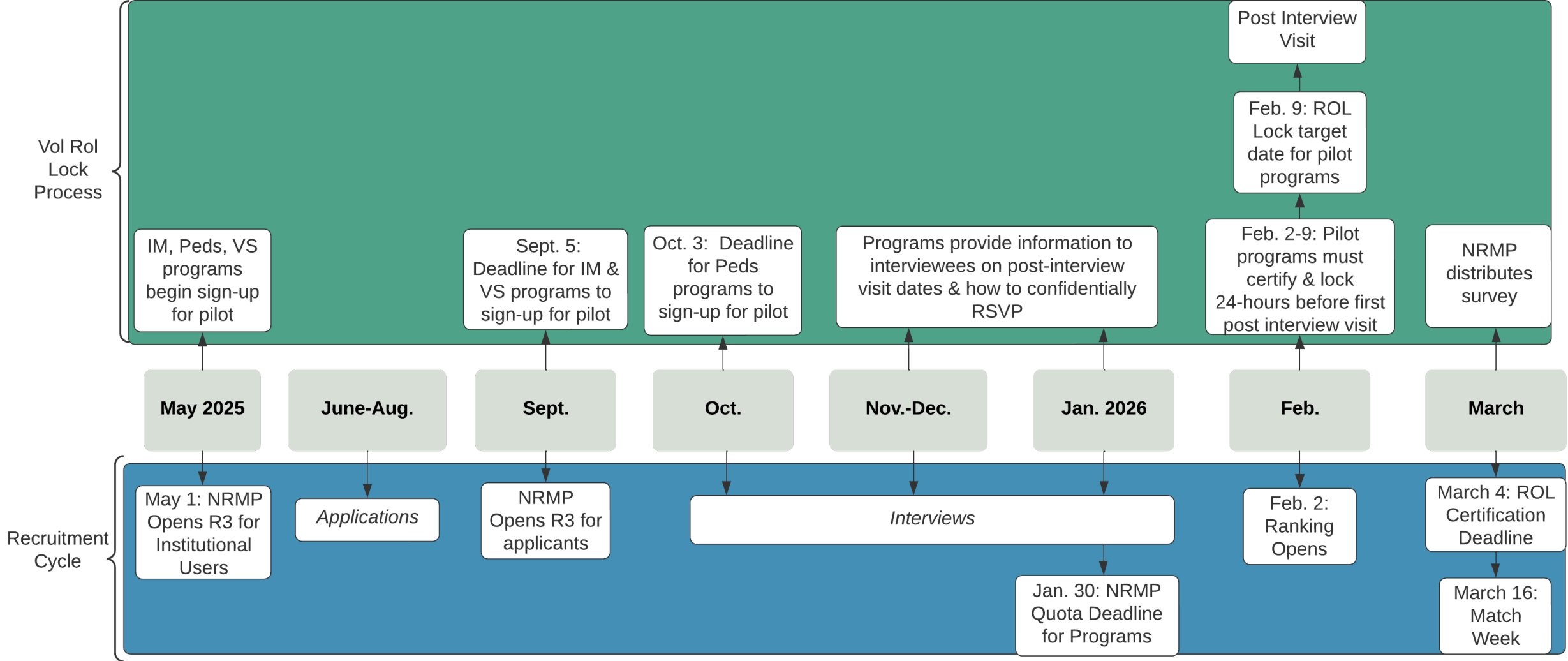


Program's participation and lock status will be indicated to applicants and medical schools in the NRMP's R3 system



ROL must be certified before being locked and once locked, the ROL cannot be changed. Locking is irreversible.

Timeline of the Vol ROL Lock Process



How to Sign-Up:

Program Status: ACTIVE

Status

Quota

SOAP Participation

Voluntary ROL Lock Participation

Participation in the voluntary rank order list (ROL) lock is optional. The criteria around the framework have been set in collaboration with the specialty organization. Participation does not exempt the program from adherence to the Match Participation Agreement and all relevant NRMP policies. By participating in the ROL Lock, programs agree to:

- Adhere to the timelines of the Voluntary ROL Lock, including participation sign-up deadlines and locking the ROL by the targeted date;
- Communicate on the program's binding process to collect applicant visit RSVPs; provide dates of post-interview visits to all interviewees; and refrain from asking during the interview if students plan to attend the post-interview visit;
- Ensure interviewees are aware that attending post-interview visits is optional and will not impact ranking by the program;
- Recognize that once the certified ROL is locked by the program that the ROL cannot be unlocked for any reason;
- Complete the survey distributed by NRMP to provide information related to the pilot.

[Additional information on the Voluntary ROL Lock](#)

Will this program participate in the Voluntary ROL Lock?

☒ Yes, this program will participate in the Voluntary ROL Lock

☐ No, this program will not participate in the Voluntary ROL Lock

Cancel

Save Voluntary ROL Lock Participation

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Voluntary Rank Order List (ROL) Lock Status

 Program ROL is Locked and cannot be changed

 Program is participating in the [ROL Lock](#)

Check out the website for additional resources and contact pilot@nrmp.org with questions



NRMP's Voluntary Program Rank Order List (ROL) Lock

FAQs

This document addresses commonly asked questions regarding the NRMP's Voluntary Rank Order List (ROL) Lock for Programs, with the partnership of the Internal Medicine, Pediatrics, and Vascular Surgery specialties. Programs in those three specialties will have the opportunity to participate beginning with the 2026 Main Residency Match® cycle.

This pilot will make it possible for the NRMP, and participating programs, to explore the merits of a voluntary functionality that would allow programs to “lock” their rank order lists in the NRMP's Registration, Ranking, and Results® (R3®) system. If a program voluntarily locks its ROL prior to the certification deadline, this allows the program to establish a window when interviewees could visit—or not—the program without concern that the program might alter its ranking preferences afterward.

For more information regarding the background and rationale for this initiative, please see the report from the NRMP's [Match Summit Meeting](#).

For information regarding the process and timeline, resources are available on the [Voluntary ROL Lock webpage](#).

Click on any of the below to jump directly to the FAQs developed for that user type:

Applicants

Program
Directors

Designated
Institutional
Officials (DIOs)

Medical School
Officials



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